



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CO-ORGANIZE THE PHILIPPINE CACAO QUALITY AWARDS (PCQA) 2022 WITH PHILIPPINE CACAO INDUSTRY COUNCIL (PCIC)

In the exigency of service, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the **Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)** is hereby authorized to be a **co-organizer** of the Philippine Cacao Quality Awards (PCQA) 2022 alongside the Philippine Cacao Industry Council (PCIC), Philippine Cacao Industry Association, Inc. (PCIA, Inc.), and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) slated on October 25-28 2022 in Butuan City. The PCQA aims to:

1. Provide financial assistance in the conduct of Philippine Cacao Quality Awards 2022
2. Increase awareness and promote education along the cacao supply on the opportunity to produce high-quality cocoa beans;
3. Facilitate communication and linkages between cacao farmers, cocoa processors, and the whole supply chain; and
4. Document and share the outstanding initiatives and good agricultural practices of our outstanding cacao farmers to other farmers throughout the country;
5. Determine the top six (6) entries that will represent the Philippines at the 2023 International Cocoa Awards (ICA) of the Cocoa of Excellence Program (CEP) – the most prestigious global competition that recognizes the work of cocoa farmers and promotes quality, flavor, and diversity of cocoas produced around the world.

Expenses relative to the conduct of the activity such as food and accommodation, plane fare and transportation expenses, freight cost for product shipment for ICA PH participation, honorarium for the PCQA judges, other supplies and materials and other incidental expenses with a total amount of Six hundred thousand pesos (**Php 600,000.00**) shall be charged against the DA-AMAS Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 29th day of September 2022.

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Senior Undersecretary

