



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CO-ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK (NBW) ON NOVEMBER 21-25, 2022

In the interest of service and in observance of Presidential Proclamation No. 1414, s. 2007, the DA Biotech Program Office (DA BPO) will co-organize and conduct activities in celebration of the **18th National Biotechnology Week** with the theme, *“Responding to the Challenges: Business Opportunities in Biotechnology”*, on November 21-25, 2022 at the Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC), Pasay City.

The annual celebration is organized by the Departments of Agriculture (through DA BPO), Education, Environment and Natural Resources, Health, Interior and Local Government, Trade and Industry, Science and Technology, and Commission on Higher Education. The Department’s commitment is to ensure that meaningful activities are conducted to promote the safe and responsible use of modern biotechnology and its products as one of the several means to achieve and sustain food security, equitable access to health services, a sustainable and safe environment, and industry development.

In view thereof, DA BPO, Bureau of Agricultural Research, Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) - Livestock Biotechnology Center, Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) – Crop Biotechnology Center, National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) - Fisheries Biotechnology Center are hereby authorized to conduct and participate in relevant activities for the week-long celebration. The DA-led and co-organized activities are as follows:

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| <p>Technology Exhibit Organized by DA BPO in partnership with PCC, PhilRice, NFRDI, UP Los Baños, and Visayas State University</p> <p><i>The exhibit will focus on showcasing technologies to stimulate private sector investments in local biotechnology industry, along with increasing public awareness and appreciation of biotechnology.</i></p> | <p>November 21-25, 2022 09:00 am – 5:00 pm PTTC, Pasay City</p> |
| <p>Forum on Philippine Biotech Regulation Organized by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)</p> | <p>November 21, 2022 01:00 – 3:00 pm PTTC, Pasay City</p> |

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| <p>in partnership with DA BPO, PhilRice, Biotechnology Coalition of the Philippines (BCP), Crop Life Philippines, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications</p> <p><i>The forum will cover regulation of GM which are covered under JDC 01, s. 2021 and products derived from genome-editing as per NCBP Resolution No. 01, s. 2020.</i></p> | |
| <p>Technical and Investor's Forum on Agricultural Biotechnologies</p> <p>Organized by DA BPO in partnership with BCP, IRRI, PhilRice, and SEARCA</p> <p><i>The forum aims to showcase the industry potential of agricultural biotechnology products, and introduce locally and internationally developed products of agricultural biotechnology that are ready for adoption and possible commercialization.</i></p> | <p>November 22, 2022 09:00 am – 5:00 pm PTTC, Pasay City</p> |
| <p>Filipino Faces of Biotechnology (FOB)</p> <p>Organized by DA BPO</p> <p><i>The FOB aims to recognize and honor biotechnology champions, scientists/researchers, educators, farmers, and relevant stakeholders for their painstaking and solid strides in advancing biotechnology in the country and making it work for the people towards the realization of our vision for a food-secure and resilient Philippine agriculture.</i></p> | <p>TBA</p> |

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the conclusion of the event.

All expenditures related to co-organizing and conducting activities relevant to the 2022 National Biotechnology Week shall be charged against the DA Biotech Program funds.

Done this 10th day of November 2022.

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