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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 256

**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO BE A CO-ORGANIZER IN THE PHILIPPINE  
COFFEE QUALITY COMPETITION 2023**

In the interest of the service, the Department of Agriculture, through Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS), in partnership with the ACDI VOCA, Department of Trade and Industry, Barista Coffee Academy of Asia and the Philippine Coffee Guild is hereby authorized to be a co-organizer of the Philippine Coffee Quality Competition (PCQC) 2023 to be held in April-May 2023 in Manila.

The PCQC which is one of the identified strategies to advance the industry per Philippine Coffee Roadmap 2021-2025, aims to:

1. Ensure that Philippine Specialty Coffee is recognized by the global coffee industry as a result of a competition that maintains the highest standards of quality and integrity and by performing evaluations aligned with globally accepted grading and profiling protocols and standards of the Coffee Quality Institute (CQI)
2. Make Philippine specialty coffee known in the domestic and global market actors including farmers

Expenses relative to the conduct of this activity which include meals, accommodation for the resource persons (green graders, roasters, local and international judges, documenter), rental of coffee cupping laboratory and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the 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 event.

All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 6th day of March, 2023.

**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary