



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF RUEL C. GESMUNDO AS THE NATIONAL SEED COORDINATOR AND ASTHER V. PAGLINAWAN AS THE ALTERNATE NATIONAL SEED COORDINATOR

In the interest of service and in recognition of the need for immediate efforts to address the low production and sufficiency level of seeds, the following personnel from the **Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)** are hereby designated in concurrent capacity with their regular functions, duties and responsibilities and other designations:

NATIONAL SEED COORDINATOR : Mr. RUEL C. GESMUNDO
Chief, National Seed Quality Control Services
Division

ALTERNATE NATIONAL SEED COORDINATOR : Ms. ASTHER V. PAGLINAWAN
Supervising Agriculturist

The National Seed Coordinator shall have the following terms of reference:

1. Coordinate the planning, implementation and monitoring of the seed component of DA Programs with the Heads of concerned DA Agencies, Banner Programs, Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) and DA-Regional Field Offices;
2. Coordinate with the Seed Networks, Accredited Seed Growers(e.g. National Rice Seed Growers Federation) and other private seed institutions on the inbred seed requirements and its availability for the seed component of the DA Programs, including demand under the RCEF, and seed buffer stocking for calamities/disaster response; and
3. Prepare and submit periodic report to the Office of the Secretary through the BPI Director on the physical accomplishments on seed component of the DA Programs.

The Alternate National Seed Coordinator shall have the following terms of reference:

1. Assist the National Seed Coordinator in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the seed component of DA Programs with the Heads of concerned DA Agencies, Banner Programs, Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) and DA-Regional Field Offices;
2. Assist in coordinating with the Seed Networks, Accredited Seed Growers and other private seed institutions on the inbred seed requirements and its availability for the seed component of the DA Programs, including demand under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF); and
3. Support the initiatives of the National Seed Coordinator and perform the tasks of the National Seed Coordinator in his absence.

Expenses for the meetings and other related activities such as food, venue, accommodation, travelling expense, per diem and other incidental expenses shall be chargeable against the Bureau of Plant Industry, subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officers and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporation, DA-Service Units , Regional Field Offices and Program Directors are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the above mentioned Coordinators in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

The Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 14th day of March 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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