



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Elizalde Road, Diliman  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. **538**

Series of 2023

**SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF DR. ANDREW B. VILLACORTA AS HEAD DIRECTORATE OF THE MASAGANA RICE PROGRAM (NATIONAL RICE PROGRAM)**

In the exigency of service, **DR. ANDREW B. VILLACORTA**, Consultant to the Office of the Rice Industry Development, is hereby designated as **HEAD DIRECTORATE OF THE MASAGANA RICE PROGRAM**.

As such, he shall perform the functions, duties, and responsibilities inherent to the designation and such others as instructed by the Undersigned.

He is entitled to traveling expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties, and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against National Rice Program funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department including the Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, Service Units, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to the Head Directorate in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

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

Done this 4th day of May 2023.

  
**LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN, Ph.D., CESO I**  
Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development



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