



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Elliptical Road, Diliman
1100 Quezon City

SPECIAL ORDER

No. 553

Series of 2023

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR JUNEL B. SORIANO AS FOCAL PERSON FOR CONVERGENCE INITIATIVES OF MASAGANA RICE PROGRAM (National Rice Program)

In the exigency of service, **DR. JUNEL B. SORIANO**, Director IV, is hereby designated as **FOCAL PERSON FOR CONVERGENCE INITIATIVES OF MASAGANA RICE PROGRAM (National Rice Program)**, in concurrent capacity with his regular functions, duties, and responsibilities as DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) Director.

As such, he shall be responsible in providing technical support in the convergence activities of the DA-Regional Field Offices and NIA in support of the Masagana Rice Program; represent the Undersigned in the NIA pre-board meeting; and such others as instructed by the Undersigned.

He is entitled to travel expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties, and responsibilities as designated, and chargeable against NRP funds with DA-BAR, 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 Focal Person 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 04 day of May 2023.


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