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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF MR. LEO P. CAÑEDA AS THE FOCAL PERSON OF THE VISAYAS CLUSTER FOR THE MASAGANA RICE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MRIDP)

In the exigency of service, **Mr. LEO P. CAÑEDA**, is hereby designated as **FOCAL PERSON OF THE VISAYAS CLUSTER FOR THE MRIDP**.

As such, **Mr. Cañeda** shall be working closely with the REDs and RTDs on the following:

1. Assist the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development in project development and program management in the DA Visayas Cluster;
2. Provide guidance to Rice Focal Persons with regard to policies and directives issued by the President of the Philippines and Secretary of Agriculture, as delegated to the Undersecretary of Rice Industry Development;
3. Monitor the implementation of plans, budgets, policies, programs, and projects addressing the challenges and issues of the Rice Industry;
4. Establish linkages with stakeholders, LGUs, relevant government offices, private sector partners, and allied sectors in the industrialization and modernization of the Rice Industry;
5. Assist the Provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Bohol, and Capiz in developing Provincial Rice Plans;
6. Represent the DA on engagements related to credit support of the Rice Industry;
7. Provide overall guidance to personnel involved in the day-to-day operations of the DA Visayas Cluster (Region 6, 7, & 8); and
8. Provide periodic reports to the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development on the status of Rice Industry in the area of assignment.

He is entitled to travel expenses, per diems, and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties, and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against NRP 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 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 19 day of July 2023.


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Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development



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