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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE 16th NATIONAL RICE TECHNOLOGY FORUM (NRTF)

In the exigency of service and in line with the directives of the President and Department of Agriculture Secretary to address food security in the country through the Masagana Rice Industry Program Development (MRIDP) and the initiatives to Converge, Cooperate and Coordinate with the rice industry stakeholders, the DA-National Rice Program (DA-NRP) and the DA-Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) are hereby authorized to conduct the 16th National Rice Technology Forum in Hagonoy, Davao Del Sur on September 18-22, 2023.

The NRTF is a product of the combined efforts of the National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), local farmers, private sector, and stakeholders. It aims to promote the adoption of yield-boosting rice technologies by demonstrating high-yielding hybrid and inbred rice seed varieties, rice machinery, and other evidence-based rice-based practices. It also serves as a venue for rice industry stakeholders to establish networks and collaboration with other institutions. This initiative complements the DA's strategy to increase farm productivity, and farmers' income as well as ensure food security.

Expenses incurred in relation to the event which includes payment of food and accommodation of the personnel, local speakers, honoraria of non-DA resource persons, hiring of event organizer, photo-video documentation services, seminar kits, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against ATI-Rice Program funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. However, per diems of the working committee members from the DA Central Office, ATI Central Office, DA-RFO, ATI-RTC and other involved offices shall be charged against their respective offices.

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 7th day of August 2023.


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