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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE AND ATTEND IN THE NATIONAL CACAO CONGRESS 2023

In the interest of service, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS) is hereby authorized to participate in National Cacao Congress 2023 and exhibition on November 16-17, 2023 at SMX Convention Center, Davao City.

The focus of the National Cacao Congress 2023 is Cacao 2.0 Sustainability, Productivity, Quality. The activity aims to:

1. discuss latest technologies to improve yield and enhance the quality of cacao beans using science-based approaches;
2. present the farming system integrating cacao and coconut will be tackled to help farmers improve their income; and
3. promote local and artisan cacao products of farmer enterprises.

The DA-AMAS and DA RFO-AMADs are authorized to attend and assist their invited farmers. The AMADs participation expenses shall be charged to their respective regional office's funds.

Further, the participation fee in the amount of P450,000 for the DA-AMAS Pavilion (booth space, booth system, panels, and curation; complimentary registration for invited exhibitors; and registration for DA-AMAS, including lunch and snack during congress) is hereby authorized, chargeable against DA-AMAS funds, while the travelling expense and per diem of participants shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be considered revoked upon completion of the activity. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 13th day of OCTOBER 2023.


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Senior Undersecretary