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SPECIAL ORDER

No. <u>/34/</u> Series of 2023

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NUPAP

CONFERENCE 2023: SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR CROP PEST

MANAGEMENT

In the interest of service and to ensure that the programs and projects of the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP) are aligned with the directives of the Department, the DA-NUPAP is hereby authorized to conduct "NUPAP Conference 2023: Sustainable Strategies for Crop Pest Management" on December 4, 2023 to December 7, 2023 in the National Capital Region.

The activity aims to:

- 1. To educate urban and peri-urban farmers, growers and plant enthusiasts for the crops arthropod pests and diseases and its management;
- 2. To identify market opportunities that will alleviate small to large scale urban and peri-urban farmers; and
- 3. To promote and adopt the biological control-based technologies for pest management.

The following are the authorized number of participants:

Agency/Offices	Number of Participants
Department of Agriculture - Central Office	6
Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office (RFO)	21
Bureau of Plant Industry	39
Department of Agriculture - NUPAP	15
Local Government Units (LGUs) - Luzon Cluster	34
Other Government Agencies	25
Farmers/Growers/Private Stakeholders	50
Resource Speakers	10
TOTAL	200

Expenses in the conduct of the activity such as venue, food, accommodation and vehicle rental shall be charged to NUPAP funds while the travel expense per diem of participants are chargeable against their respective offices' funds subject to existing government 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 3rd day of November 2023.

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