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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 1412  
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**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT "WORKSHOP ON SCALING OF RICE TECHNOLOGIES FOR 2024"**

The Masagana Rice Program is anchored on its four key strategies: (1) increasing rice productivity by optimizing yields, reducing risk, and increasing resilience through climate change adaptation measures; (2) achieving economies of scale, more efficient operations, and agribusiness through farm clustering and consolidation; (3) quickly implementing digital transformation for rice agriculture; and (4) reorienting the rice program towards a comprehensive "Triple A" approach (i.e., agricultural production, agribusiness, and agritourism).

In order to prepare for the implementation and scaling up of rice technologies in 2024, the DA-National Rice Program (DA-NRP) is hereby authorized to conduct the Workshop "Scaling of Rice Technologies for 2024" on **21-24 November 2023** at **Iloilo Gateway Hotel, Pavia, Iloilo**.

The authorized participants of this activity are from the Office of the Undersecretary for Rice Industry Development, National Rice Program, Regional Field Offices in Visayas and Mindanao, Local Government Units, and concerned Private Sector individuals. In support to this activity, the DA-National Rice Program has invited the following Resource Speakers to share their expertise and provide technical inputs during the workshop:

**Dr. Teodoro Mendoza**

*Retired UPLB Professor*

**Mr. Virgilio Jimenez Jr.**

*Integrated Rural Development Foundation*

**Mr. Victoriano Tagupa**

*SAFEGCC INC. - BREAD LIFE Family Farm  
Entrepreneurial School*

**Ms. Jennifer Batan**

*Federation of Free Farmers*

**Mr. Renato Pamintuan**

*Tuko Distribution Inc.*

**Ms. Jean Lugasip**

*Rice Watch Action Network*

**Mr. Venancio Jun Garde**

*SRI Pilipinas*

**Mr. Jesus Las Marias**

*Central Luzon Organic Rice Producers Association*

**Mr. Joselito Tambalo**

*Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement*



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Expenses to be incurred in relation to the event which includes payment of food, venue, accommodation and traveling expenses (including plane ticket) of the participants and resource speakers, honoraria, seminar kits, supplies and materials, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against National Rice Program funds and RFO-Rice Program Funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 20th day of November 2023.

  
**FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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