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## SPECIAL ORDER

No. 13

Series of 2024

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARNEL V. DE MESA AS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SPOKESPERSON**

In the exigency of service, **ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARNEL V. DE MESA** is hereby designated as the **DA SPOKESPERSON** on full-time capacity.

As DA Spokesperson, he shall perform the following:

1. Review and clear the official statements and press releases crafted for the Department, ensuring that information is relevant and timely;
2. Appear at press conferences on behalf of the Secretary, deliver prepared remarks, answer press questions, and provide updates regarding key areas of concern;
3. Handle media concerns and speak to the public to clear up confusion and false or misleading coverage;
4. Enhance the relation of the Department with the media; and
5. Perform other tasks that may be assigned by the Secretary.

He is entitled to RATA, traveling expense, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against DA-OSEC funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to Assistant Secretary de Mesa in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as DA Spokesperson.

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2024.

**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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