



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
 Elliptical Road, Diliman 1100 Quezon City
 +63(2) 8928-8741 to 64 and +63(2) 8273-2474

SPECIAL ORDER

No. 527

Series of 2024

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 4TH NATIONAL FORUM ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS

The Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) are currently implementing a project entitled “Development of Innovation System for Climate Smart Pest Management in Rice” (CSPM). This four-year collaborative project is funded by the DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR).

In the interest of service and to ensure harmonized implementation of the project, the BPI, IRRI and PhilRice are hereby authorized to conduct the “4th National Forum on Biological Control Agents” on May 27-31, 2024 in Baguio City.

The activity aims to:

1. Share results, advances and challenges related to the different components of the BCA supply chain;
2. Identify and discuss best practices or strategies that can be used for the improvement of the different components of the BCA supply chain; and
3. Establish a collaborative mechanism among stakeholders.

Agency/Offices	Number of Participants
Office of the Secretary	3
Bureau of Plant Industry – Crop Pest Management Division	15
Bureau of Plant Industry – Research Station and Centers	5
Regional Crop Protection Centers (RCPC)	32
State Universities and Colleges (SUC)	10
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)	8
Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)	2
Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)	4
Private Companies (Nature Tech and BioSpark)	4
Others	2
TOTAL	85

Expenses in the conduct of the activity such as venue, food, accommodation and vehicle rental shall be charged to BPI funds while the travel expense and per diems 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 15th day of April 2024.


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

