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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 1391
Series of 2024

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AND ATTEND THE 10TH ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (OA) MONTH OPENING CEREMONY AND EXHIBIT

In the exigency of service, and pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation No. 1030, issued on May 15, 2015, which designates November as Organic Agriculture (OA) Month to highlight the importance of organic agriculture and encourage its adoption as an effective tool for development, environmental conservation, and health protection of farmers, consumers, as well as the general public, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the DA-National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP), is hereby authorized to conduct the **10th Organic Agriculture Month Opening Ceremony** with the theme "**Kabuhayang OA, Kinabukasang Ok!: PGS Pinalakas Para Sa Bagong Pilipinas**" on **November 4-8, 2024**, at the **DA Main Lobby, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City**.

The said opening ceremony aims to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the organic agriculture program, particularly its initiatives related to the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS). Specifically, it aims to:

1. Raise awareness and provide information about the Participatory Guarantee System;
2. Highlight success stories of existing PGS certified farmers and farmer groups in the country; and
3. Promote organic and naturally grown produce and products.

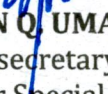
As such, the officials and staff of the Department, particularly the NOAP Implementing Units, including the Regional Field Offices (RFOs) and their exhibitors, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB), and invited guests from the organic agriculture industry, are hereby authorized to attend and participate in the activity.

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the activity, including food, exhibit materials, transportation, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the DA-NOAP funds, while travelling expenses and per diem of exhibitors and participants from the DA-RFOs are chargeable against their respective offices' funds, subject to the availability of funds and the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 20th day of September, 2024.

For and By the Authority of the Secretary


ALLAN Q. UMALI
Undersecretary for Administration
(as per Special Order No. 618, Series of 2024)



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