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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) SUMMIT

In the interest of service and to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Global Participatory Guarantee System's inception, the Department of Agriculture – National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP) and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) are hereby authorized to conduct the **1st International Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Summit** on **November 25-29, 2024** in the National Capital Region.

The said activity aims to bring together PGS practitioners from the local and international arenas to exchange insights and practices that will enhance and strengthen the country's PGS framework.

The following are hereby authorized to participate in the activity:

OFFICE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	20
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)	30
VIPs and Department of Agriculture Officials	25
Regional Field Offices & PGS local	300
National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB)	30
National Organic Agriculture Program	4
Agricultural Training Institute (ATI)- Central Office	6
ATI Regional Training Centers	32
Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID)	2

Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)	4
Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)	4
Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)	4
Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)	4
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)	4
Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)	4
Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS)	4
Civil Society Organization	4
Press/ Media	15
Activity Management Team	45

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the abovementioned activity such as venue rental, food, accommodation of foreign and selected local delegates, vehicle rental, supplies and materials, and honoraria of the resource speakers shall be chargeable against the NOAP and ATI Organic Agriculture program fund. Furthermore, transportation expenses, accommodation, and per diems of other participants and support staff shall be chargeable against the funds of their respective offices. Moreover, expenses for the farm tour of foreign and selected local delegates shall be chargeable against the funds of RFOs 3 and CALABARZON. All aforementioned expenses are subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

Done this 24th day of June 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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