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DEPARTMENT ORDER

No. 17
Series of 2024

SUBJECT : **AMENDMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 13, SERIES OF 2020 ON GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM’S FILIPINO FACES OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AWARDS**

In the exigency of service, Department Order (DO) No. 13, Series of 2020 is hereby amended to revise and update the guidelines for the conduct of the Department of Agriculture (DA) Biotechnology Program’s Filipino Faces of Biotechnology Awards. As such, the amended DO should now read as:

ARTICLE I. THE FILIPINO FACES OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AWARD

Section 1.3. The recognition aims to feature Filipino researchers, scientists, farmers, fisherfolks, communicators, advocates, journalists, students, **youth, civil servants, legislators, and administrators**, from all walks of life who made or continue to make a mark in the field of biotechnology.

Section 1.4. The recognition of the awardees of the Filipino Faces of Biotechnology may be held during the celebration of the National Biotechnology Week, which is held annually.

ARTICLE III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Section 1.3. Must be a scientist, researcher, farmer, fisherfolk, civil servant, communicator, journalist, advocate, legislator, administrator, and youth/students in the field of biotechnology.

Section 2.1. Nomination for the Award shall be made by heads of government or private institutions, academic and organizations, farmer-groups, or established student organizations. The DA Biotechnology Program Office (DA BPO) may also nominate qualified individual who may be identified thru desk research or other means.

Section 2.2. The accomplished nomination form shall be submitted to the DA BPO thru bpo@da.gov.ph, addressed to the Program Director.

Section 2.3. Nominations are accepted year-round, and the DA BPO shall select qualified nominees prior to the awarding date.





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ARTICLE IV. SCREENING AND SELECTION PROCESS

Section 2.3. The Committee shall select a minimum of one awardee for each of the following categories:

- **Research (Agriculture)** – *researchers and scientists on agricultural biotechnology*
- **Research (Health)** – *researchers and scientists on health biotechnology*
- **Research (Environment)** – *researchers and scientists on environmental biotechnology*
- **Advocacy** – *communicators, journalists, and advocates*
- **Policy** – *legislators and civil servants*
- **Youth** – *students/young ambassadors (must not be 41 years old or older on the date of the awarding)*
- **Farmer** – *farmers and fisherfolks*
- **Administration** – *administrators and managers*

Multiple awardees may be selected within the aforementioned categories, but the total number of honorees for the year must not exceed 10.

Section 3.1. *Ninety Percent (90%)* is provided for contributions to the advancement of biotechnology in the country through his/her efforts in R&D, policy, advocacy, communication, or management; and,

ARTICLE V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

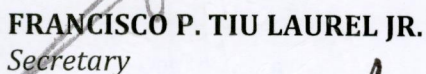
Section 1.2. Incentive worth of PhP15,000.00 and a trophy/plaque of recognition.

Provision of funds for the prize to the awardees shall be chargeable against the DA Biotech Program funds thru the Bureau of Agricultural Research, subject to availability and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All other provisions in DO No. 13, Series of 2020 shall remain in order. All orders and/or memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 1st day of OCTOBER 2024.


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Secretary



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