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SPECIAL ORDER No. 1684 Series of 2024

SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF CHIEF OF THE DA CROP BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER

In the exigency of service and pursuant to Administrative Order No. 26, s. 2021, *Reorientation* and Strengthening of the Department of Agriculture Biotechnology Centers for the Advancement of Biotechnology Research for Development and Innovation, Amending DA Administrative Order No. 06, s. 2015, the designation of **ROEL R. SURALTA, PhD,** Career Scientist III, PhilRice as **Chief of the DA Crop Biotechnology Center is hereby renewed.**

As such, he shall perform the duties and responsibilities inherent to his designation pursuant to Administrative Order No. 26, s. of 2021, and such others as may be assigned by the Secretary, in concurrent capacity with his regular functions, duties, and responsibilities.

He is entitled to travelling expenses, per diems, and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against the DA Crop Biotechnology Centers' project funds and other available funds, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department including the Bureaus, and Attached Agencies and Corporations, Service Units, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give full support and cooperation to Dr. Suralta in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect retroactive October 14, 2024 and shall remain in force for three years or earlier revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent with are deemed revoked.

Done this 6th day of NOVEMBER 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR. Secretary

