

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 140

ENJOINING ALL RICE RESEARCHERS AND EXTENSION OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES ENGAGED IN RICE R&D TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 17TH NATIONAL RICE R&D CONFERENCE TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE PHILIPPINE RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON APRIL 13-15, 2004 IN CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RICE 2004

The Philippine Rice R&D Network, led by the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and composed of government, non-government and private organizations engaged in rice research and development in various parts of the country, will hold the 17th National Rice R&D Conference on April 13-15, 2004 at PhilRice, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija. The focus of the conference is on researches and technologies developed that are environment-friendly and sustainable and can help increase the productivity of farmers engaged in rice farming and other rice-based production systems.

All heads of organizations engaged in rice R&D, are enjoined to authorize their respective researchers and extension officers to participate in the National Rice R&D Conference on official time. Expenses for transportation, per diems, and other necessary fees/expenses at rates prescribed in accordance with existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit and the Civil Service Commission shall be charged against the funds of their respective agencies/offices and subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

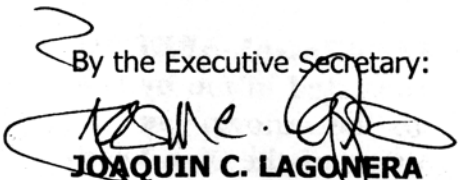
This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 13th day of **March**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

By Authority of the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:


JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary



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