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SPECIAL ORDER

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Subject : **ENGAGEMENT OF EXPERTS AS JUDGES, DISCUSSANTS, AND MODERATORS FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE 17TH NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK**

The DA Biotech Program Office (DA BPO) will conduct its lined-up activities in celebration of the 17th National Biotechnology Week. Specifically, this Office will hold the Biotech Digital Arts Competition which aims to engage the general public in promoting Golden Rice in artistic and creative ways using digital applications. This will be conducted online via Facebook on October 6 – November 26, 2021.

A three-part thematic session titled “Biotechnology for Green Recovery” will also be conducted. The activity aims to prime critical discussions towards the creation of a policy environment that will further promote the development of bio-based industries. These activities will be conducted online via Zoom Platform and Facebook on November 22-24, 2021.

The following experts are hereby invited as contest judges, discussants, and moderators:

NAME	DESIGNATION	INSTITUTION	TITLE AND DATE OF THE ACTIVITY
JUDGES			
MR. NOEL O. REYES	Assistant Secretary, Strategic Communications	Department of Agriculture	Biotech Digital Arts Competition October 6 – November 26, 2021
DR. REYNANTE L. ORDONIO	Senior Science Research Specialist	Philippine Rice Research Institute	
MS. MA. AILEEN A. GARCIA	Manager, Stakeholder Advocacy	International Rice Research Institute	
MS. PRINCESS JOY T. ALVAREZ	Segment Producer and News Writer	Eagle Broadcasting Corporation	
SPEAKERS			
DR. SEGFREDO R. SERRANO	Former Undersecretary for Policy and Planning	Department of Agriculture	Thematic Session 1: Biotechnology in Achieving a Resilient and Progressive Food System



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DR. WILLIAM G. PADOLINA	Academician	National Academy of Science and Technology	2021 at 1:30 PM Thematic Session 3: The Scientific Infrastructure for Biotechnology November 24, 2021 at 9:00AM
DISCUSSANTS FOR THE BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR GREEN RECOVERY			
DR. GLENN B. GREGORIO	Director	Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)	Thematic Session 1: Biotechnology in Achieving a Resilient and Progressive Food System November 22, 2021 at 1:30 PM
DR. BENIGNO D. PECZON	Member	Coalition for Agriculture Modernization in the Philippines, Inc. (CAMP, Inc.)	
DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN	President	Visayas State University (VSU)	
DR. ROLANDO T. DY	Executive Director	Center for Food and Agribusiness, University of Asia and the Pacific	Thematic Session 2: Biotechnology and Bioeconomy November 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM
DR. FRANCISCO B. ELEGADO	Professor	National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of the Philippines-Los Baños	
DR. RAMON L. CLARETE	Professor	University of the Philippines-Diliman	
MS. MARIA ANTONIA ODELIA G. ARROYO	Founder and Principal	Ignite Impact Fund	Thematic Session 3: The Scientific Infrastructure for Biotechnology November 24, 2021 at 9:00AM
DR. GISELA P. CONCEPCION	Academician	National Academy of Science and Technology	
DR. RHODORA V. AZANZA	President	National Academy of Science and Technology	
MODERATORS FOR THE BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR GREEN RECOVERY			
DR. GABRIEL O. ROMERO	Executive Director	Philippine Seed Industry Council (PSIA)	Thematic Session 1: Biotechnology in Achieving a Resilient and Progressive Food System November 22, 2021 at 1:30 PM
DR. RHODORA R. ALDEMITA	Director	Southeast Asia Center, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA)	Thematic Session 2: Biotechnology and Bioeconomy November 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM



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DR. ERNELEA P. CAO	Professor 12	University of the Philippines-Diliman	Thematic Session 3: The Scientific Infrastructure for Biotechnology November 24, 2021 at 9:00AM
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The above-mentioned experts shall be entitled to receive honoraria charged against the DA Biotech Program funds. Honorarium rates shall be based on the DA-BAR Special Order No. 94, series of 2016, dated: September 4, 2016 re: Prescribed Rates of Honoraria for the External Pool of Experts.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until revoked.

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ANNEX

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	MODE	VENUE
Biotech Digital Arts Competition			
Submission of entries	October 6 – November 14, 2021	Online	Facebook and Google
Evaluation of entries	November 15-22, 2021	Online	Facebook and Google
Announcement of Winners	November 26, 2021	Online	Facebook and SMS
Biotechnology for Green Recovery			
Thematic Session 1: Biotechnology in Achieving a Resilient and Progressive Food System	November 22, 2021 at 1:30 PM	Online	Zoom and Facebook
Thematic Session 2: Biotechnology and Bioeconomy	November 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM	Online	Zoom and Facebook
Thematic Session 3: The Scientific Infrastructure for Biotechnology	November 24, 2021 at 9:00AM	Online	Zoom and Facebook



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