

PROJECT TITLE:	UGNAY PALAY: THE 33 <sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL RICE R4D CONFERENCE
PROPOSER:	Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute Maligaya, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija
DATE:	November 4-5, 2021
FORMAT AND VENUE	Hybrid Crop Biotechnology Center Auditorium (Physical, for PhilRice bubble) Online Platform/Website (Virtual)
PARTICIPANTS:	Rice R4D Stakeholders
<p><b>RATIONALE:</b></p> <p>Executive Order 1061 mandates PhilRice to develop and implement a national rice R4D program to improve and sustain rice production in the country. PhilRice, for the past 35 years, has succeeded in the implementation of rice R4D programs and projects on the ground with its vision of a rice-secure Philippines in mind. This was made possible through the partnerships and collaborations with the Department of Agriculture and its regional field offices and attached agencies, state colleges and universities, local government units, private sector, non-government and international organizations, and farmer groups.</p> <p>Despite this success, the Philippine rice sector continues to struggle with the incessant emergence of shocks to the system. These shocks include those that were unintended (i.e. COVID-19 pandemic), as well as the interventions and initiatives intended for the betterment of the rice sector. All of these events impose serious challenges and influences to the attainment of the Philippines' rice self-sufficiency and security.</p> <p>While the current situation is threatening as it breaks old rules and convention, this also creates opportunities for exploring new ways of doing and thinking, accelerating the forces of change, and challenging the status quo and mental models, leading us to rethink current rice R4D implementation towards rice security in the new normal. Hence, the theme "Game-Changing Rice R4D" came about.</p> <p>This conference will not only showcase our Rice R4D accomplishments but also translate evidence to action and answer questions about implementation that are often left unaddressed in our R4D efforts. Results of the implementation of national policies and rice R4D that changed or transformed the lives of its stakeholders will also be highlighted and featured.</p> <p>In line with the theme, the first plenary session will discuss recent national development programs and accomplishments that brought significant change in the rice industry. The second plenary session, on the other hand, will feature expected changes affecting rice R4D in the coming years. This will include the continuing implementation of the Rice Tariffication Law (RTL), and the upcoming grassroots-centric policies and programs such as the Mandanas-Garcia ruling and the Province-led Agriculture and Fishery Extension Systems (PAFES).</p> <p>A lean coffee (<i>kapihan</i>) discussion will be held for each plenary topic. Participants from the different sectors of the rice industry will gather, build and agenda, and talk about the rice industry. The free-flowing conversations will be moderated to come up with a directed and productive output towards the improvement of rice R4D.</p>	

The conference will be held at the CBC Auditorium where the speakers and minimal audience will be gathered, and through an online platform where the general audience can access the virtual features of the event.

#### OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize and appreciate the rice R4D accomplishments and implementation strategies of the different sectors in the rice industry;
2. To facilitate and hasten interaction among rice R4D stakeholders in identifying appropriate and efficient strategies for rice R4D; and
3. To gather feedback and advice from rice industry stakeholders on the relevant rice R4D thrust and initiatives and recommendation towards a game-changing rice R4D.

#### Tentative Program

Day 1: 4 November (Thursday)	
8:30 AM	<b>Online Virtual Exhibits and Tours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Field tour</li> <li>○ Facility tour</li> <li>○ Exhibits in 3D</li> <li>○ photo booth, etc.</li> </ul>
10:00	<b>Opening program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prayer and National Anthem</li> <li>○ Opening Message</li> <li>○ Welcome remarks and introduction of speaker</li> <li>○ Launching of new knowledge products</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 PM	<b><u>Plenary Session 1</u></b> <i>National programs contributing to the advancement of Rice R4D</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)</li> <li>○ National Rice Program (NRP)</li> <li>○ Lean coffee discussion among different rice stakeholders</li> </ul>
Day 2: 5 November (Friday)	
8:30 AM	<b><u>Plenary Session 2</u></b> <i>New challenges and opportunities in rice R4D</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandanas-Garcia Ruling</li> <li>○ Province-led Agriculture and Fishery Extension Systems (PAFES)</li> <li>○ Lean coffee discussion among different rice stakeholders</li> </ul>
11:30	<b>Closing program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Synthesis, Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks</li> </ul>

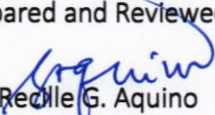


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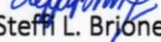
Item	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost (P)	Total Amount (P)	Source of Funds
<b>I. Maintenance and Operating Expenses (MOOE)</b>					
Communication	1	lot	8,000.00	8,000.00	CSD
Supplies					
tokens for guests and presenters				35,000.00	Anniv funds
tokens for working committees (bag or polo shirt)	20	pcs	500.00	10,000.00	CSD
office supplies (paper, batteries, tarpaulin, frame, toner, ink, etc.)			15,000.00	15,000.00	CSD
<b>II. Other MOOE</b>					
Food (snacks for series of meetings and during conference, bottled water)	1	lot	40,000.00	40,000.00	During conference – Anniv funds
Professional services/event coordinator*			900,000.00	900,000.00	CSD
<b>TOTAL (P)</b>				<b>1,008,000.00</b>	

\* Please see attached terms of reference for details


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