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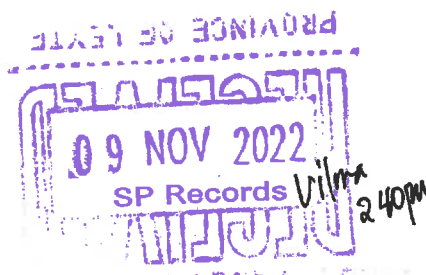


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MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte, Tacloban City



Dear **Ms. Uyvico**:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Resolution No. 2022-402 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte.

We received the said Resolution on 31 August 2022 at 5:51PM. We shall inform you of the action/s taken in a subsequent correspondence.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CLEMENCIA A. CABUGAYAN
Assistant Secretary
Presidential Management Staff
Tracking ID No. PMS-202208-2081

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14 September 2022

Undersecretary DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Department of Agriculture (DA)
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Undersecretary Panganiban**:

May we respectfully refer, for evaluation and/or appropriate action, the request of the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* of Leyte to make the Registry System for the Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) accessible to the public, research institutions, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and local government units (LGUs), prioritizing agriculture and fisheries provinces such as Leyte and its municipalities and cities.

Kindly evaluate the merits of the request, *in accordance with your existing guidelines and applicable laws, rules and regulations.*

Your Office may provide updates to Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico, Secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* of Leyte, copy furnished the Presidential Management Staff, citing Tracking ID no. PMS-202208-2081 as reference.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


Atty. RODOLFO JOHN ROBERT C. PALATTAO IV
Undersecretary
Presidential Management Staff
Tracking ID No. PMS-202208-2081

cc: **Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte, Tacloban City

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 7th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON AUGUST 09, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-402

A RESOLUTION HUMBLY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONCURRENT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FERDINAND "BONGBONG" MARCOS JR., TO MAKE THE REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR THE BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA) ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, PRIORITIZING AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PROVINCES LIKE LEYTE AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES.

WHEREAS, the Registry System for the Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) is a compilation of basic data of farmers and fisherfolks, farmer organizations, cooperatives, irrigators' associations, and people's organizations across the country and that registry system stores pertinent information about data, subjects that aid decision-makers in arriving at inclusive interventions and policies;

WHEREAS, public funds and local government units (LGUs) particularly municipal and city agriculture offices have been utilized and tapped in gathering RSBSA data every so often by the regional offices of the Department of Agriculture (DA) but these data simply remain with the DA's Regional Offices and are inaccessible to LGUs that helped gather the information;

WHEREAS, while RSBSA is primarily used as basis for qualification to the programs and activities of the DA, and other government interventions, with the Mandanas Ruling and the concomitant devolution of various functions and agriculture services to LGUs, it becomes imperative for the general public, research institutions, SUCs that provide agriculture and fisheries research and extension work, and LGUs to have access to the RSBSA data;

WHEREAS, some research institutions that provide technical assistance to LGUs and CSOs to use data and evidence-based approaches to drive policy, like Action for Economic Reforms, has made several representations with the Department of Agriculture's Central and Regional Offices to access RSBSA but were met with a lot of hesitancy citing data security and privacy issues;

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¹ "Getting the RSBSA Over the Hump," Action for Economic Reforms Policy Paper No. 2021-01, July 2021.

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WHEREAS, while some cities and municipalities are able to partially access RSBSA, data based on the kind of programs and assistance that the Department of Agriculture intends to download, for instance, data on rice farmers to access assistance from the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, access should be, as far as practicable, full. Further, provinces should seriously consider having access to all municipalities and cities within their jurisdiction in order to design programs that optimize the use of provincial funds by having clustered municipalities and cities to have, for instance, shared facilities like re-circulating batch dryers, irrigation systems or food processing facilities;

WHEREAS, Section Sec. 7, Art. III, 1987 Constitution states that "It is the right of every citizen to access official records, documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development;

WHEREAS, on 23 July 2016, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order No. 2 entitled "Operationalizing in the Executive Branch the People's Right to Information and the State Policies to Full Public Disclosure and Transparency in the Public Service and Providing Guidelines Therefor;"

WHEREAS, on 30 June 2022, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr's inaugural address emphasized, "(T)he role of agriculture cries for urgent attention that its neglect and misdirection now demands. xxx Food self-sufficiency must get the preferential treatment;"

WHEREAS, the province of Leyte has a lot of agriculture and fisheries potential waiting to be tapped but access to relevant agriculture and fisheries statistics especially with regard to farmers and fisherfolks simply remain with the Department of Agriculture and as such, local policy makers remain partially blind because of its inability to access and utilize RSBSA data;

WHEREAS on 31 March 2022, the Regional Development Council of Region 8 unanimously passed **RDC VIII Resolution No. 09, Series of 2022** entitled "SUPPORTING THE ACTION FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS' (AER) ADVOCACY OF A DATA-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IN REGION VIII"

NOW THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, duly seconded by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto and the Honorable Vincent L. Rama, be it

RESOLVED, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte duly assembled humbly request the President and Concurrent Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. to make the Registry System for the Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) accessible to the public, research institutions, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and local government units, prioritizing agriculture and fisheries in provinces like Leyte and its municipalities and cities;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, to request that the release of the raw RSBSA data be modified to initially anonymize the datasets to make it compliant with data privacy and security laws and address the hesitancy of the Department of Agriculture and its regional offices to release this important dataset for planning and policy making;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that the appropriate directive be issued by the President and concurrent DA Secretary to all DA Regional Offices to put this into immediate effect;

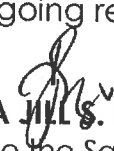
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all the LGU Leagues, DA Region 8 Office and all the cities and municipalities covered by the Province of Leyte;

Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:


MICHAEL L. CARI
Acting Vice-Governor
Temporary Presiding Officer


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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