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## SPECIAL ORDER

No. 751

Series of 2025

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF JOELL H. LALES AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (OIC, DIR., BAR)**

In the exigency of service and in view of the transfer of Mr. Junel B. Soriano, Ph.D. to the International Rice Research Institute, **MR. JOELL H. LALES**, Assistant Director, is hereby designated as **OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (OIC, DIR., BAR)**.

As such, he shall perform the functions, duties and responsibilities inherent to the designation and such others as directed by the Secretary.

He is entitled to RATA, traveling expenses, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against BAR funds and other available funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations and DA- Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give their full support and cooperation to OIC, Dir. Lales in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect on May 19, 2025 and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

  
**FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.**  
Secretary



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