

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and among:

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL**, hereinafter referred to as "DA";

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon city, represented herein by Secretary **JOHN R. CASTRICIONES**, hereinafter referred to as "DAR";

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary ROY A. CIMATU**, hereinafter referred to as "DENR";

The **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at DILG-NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA cor. Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary EDUARDO M. AÑO**, hereinafter referred to as "DILG";

and

The **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE**, a national government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Camp General Emilio F. Aguinaldo, Quezon City, represented herein by **Secretary DELFIN N. LORENZANA**, hereinafter referred to as "DND";

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, DA, DAR, and DENR, pursuant to Joint Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2011, have adopted the National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) to integrate and strengthen development framework between and among national government agencies, local government agencies and other stakeholders, wherein complementary human, physical and financial resources are efficiently and effectively deployed;



WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 26 series of 2011 has mandated the DA-DAR-DENR Convergence Initiative to develop a National Greening Program in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Budget Management (DBM), private sector and other concerned agencies and institution.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 193 series of 2015 or the Expanded National Greening Program (eNGP) from 2017 to 2028 includes, among others, the development of forestlands (production and protection), mangrove areas and protected areas, ancestral domain, civil and military reservations, urban areas under the greening plan of the LGU's inactive and abandoned mine sites and riverbanks, stream banks, and other suitable public lands;

WHEREAS, the DND and NCI-SRD have jointly signified its intention and willingness to develop selected military reservations for productive use in support of the National Greening Program and poverty reduction efforts of the national government; Hence, a memorandum of agreement was executed on 30 June 2013;

WHEREAS, the DENR and DND are in a productive partnership and have already initiated bamboo plantation activities inside Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation (FMMR) in Nueva Ecija covering 609 hectares out of the total 3,000 hectare target;

WHEREAS, DENR downloaded PhP 25,900,000 to DND intended for the bamboo plantation project in FMMR and PhP13,000,000 of which has been utilized in project implementation with an unutilized balance of PhP 12,900,000;

WHEREAS, DND desires to be a partner of the NCI-SRD adopted by DA, DAR, DENR and DILG pursuant to Joint Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2015, which was adopted by the Duterte administration through NCI-SRD Resolution No. 01 series of 2016;

WHEREAS, DND binds itself to the provisions of the above-stated DA, DAR, DENR and DILG Joint Administrative Order except section 6.2 which pertains to the implementation Mechanisms and Organizational structure at the Sub-National Level;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement between and among the NCI-SRD DA-DAR-DENR-DILG and DND dated 30 June 2013 expired on 30 June 2016;

WHEREAS, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD National Steering Committee and DND do hereby agree to continue the initiatives under the expired Memorandum of Agreement up to December 31, 2028 in order to realize the objectives of the NCI-SRD;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the Parties mutually agree as follows:



ARTICLE I

NATURE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

Section 1. Title: The MOA shall be known as “**DA, DAR, DENR AND DILG NATIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NCI-SRD) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DND**”

Section 2. Objective. The MOA aims to forge a partnership between the Convergence Initiative adopted by DA, DAR, DENR and DILG and the DND for the purpose of developing a bamboo plantation inside FMMR in accordance with the policy of the state to pursue sustainable development for poverty reduction, food security, biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation. Proceeds from the project shall be utilized for the maintenance of the existing plantation and continuity of the project and other purposes to be determined by the Secretary of DND subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

Section 3. Scope and Coverage. This Memorandum of Agreement provides the terms, conditions and roles of the parties in the implementation of a bamboo plantation project covering the remaining 2,391 hectares of the total 3,000 hectares of land inside FMMR through the NCI-SRD and maintenance and protection of the 609 hectares plantation initially developed by DENR and DND;

ARTICLE II

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

In addition to the pertinent provisions of the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Joint Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2015, the parties hereby agree to perform the following roles and responsibilities:

Section 4. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall:

- 4.1 Provide the essential information regarding the status of the land and recommend viable solutions to the existing issues affecting the project;
- 4.2 Provide PhpP24,100,000 (Twenty-Four Million One Hundred Thousand Pesos) funds and authorize the use of the PhP 12,900,000 unutilized amount released to DND intended for the project as per work and financial plan;
- 4.3 Provide the necessary technical assistance in nursery operation/procurement of planting materials, plantation establishment, and plantation maintenance and protection;
- 4.4 Designate focal person to coordinate with the DND, DA, DAR, DILG for the implementation of the project;



- 4.5 Assign a technical staff to hold office at the project site;
- 4.6 Assist the DND-7ID in the preparation of the development and management plan of the project;
- 4.7 Perform regular project monitoring and evaluation and submit report to NCI-SRD;

Section 5. The Department of Agriculture, through DA Regional Field Office III, shall:

- 5.1 Provide technical assistance, inputs and planting materials appropriate for intercropping;
- 5.2 Designate a focal person to coordinate with the DAR, DILG, DENR and DND for the implementation of the project;
- 5.3 Provide one-unit tractor with farm implements through the identified associations/cooperative for the project;
- 5.4 Perform regular project monitoring and evaluation and submit report to NCI-SRD;

Section 6. The Department of Agrarian Reform, through DAR Regional Office III, shall:

- 6.1 Provide necessary technical assistance related to agrarian reform;
- 6.2 Designate a focal person (DARCO, DARRO, & DARPO levels) for the project;
- 6.3 Provide all information to DND-7ID regarding the lands within the military reservation with issued CLOA, Emancipation Patents/Titles to farmers; and
- 6.4 Actively participate in the conduct of regular monitoring and evaluation and submit report to NCI-SRD;

Section 7. The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall:

- 7.1 Provide transportation, security and fire protection amenities such as fire trucks, fire extinguishers and among others pursuant to EO No. 26 series of 2011, through the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP);
- 7.2 Through the BFP, provide training on fire fighting among personnel of 7th Infantry Division, DENR and other agencies involved in project implementation;
- 7.3 Encourage local government to:
 - a) establish nurseries and produce planting materials;
 - b) tap the technical assistance and extension services of local government units as necessary;



- 7.4 Designate focal person to coordinate with DA, DAR, DENR and DND;
- 7.5 Perform regular project monitoring and evaluation and submit report to NCI-SRD;

Section 8. The Department of National Defense shall do the following:

- 8.1 DND through the 7th Infantry Division, Philippine Army shall be the implementing agency to develop with other parties the 2,391 hectares bamboo plantation inside FMMR;
- 8.2 Perform other functions as enumerated in Section 5.10 of EO No. 26 series of 2011, including nursery establishment and planting material production, plantation establishment and management, and the provision of transportation and security expenses of which will be charged to the funds allocated in the project;
- 8.3 Identify suitable areas to include location, land area and boundaries, terrain classification as well as inhabitants, for the project. However, implementation of MOA should not interfere with any of the camp's operations;
- 8.4 Submit monthly, quarterly, semestral, and annual physical and financial accomplishment/progress reports to NCI-SRD and financial/liquidation report to DENR-ERDB on time;
- 8.5 Maintain close coordination with NCI-SRD members and concerned agencies for the smooth implementation of the project;
- 8.6 Identify replacement areas allocated to the bamboo project should the DND-AFP re-claim the allocated area for military exigency/necessity and operational requirements;
- 8.7 Prioritize military personnel and their dependents in any agribusiness projects that may be established inside the military reservation;
- 8.8 Designate a cooperative/SEC registered association recognized by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) within the camp to assist in the implementation and maintenance of the project;
- 8.9 The DND shall always maintain the position that the military reservations are not covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) and the National Greening Program is not intended to convert the military reservation to agricultural lands for the purpose of the CARL;
- 8.10 Provide access and assist personnel from other parties in the conduct of monitoring and evaluation of the project activities.

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENTS

Section 9. This MOA maybe amended or modified in any respect by the mutual consent in writing of all the parties.



ARTICLE IV

EFFECTIVITY AND TERMINATION

Section 10. This AGREEMENT is valid and effective upon signing and accomplishments of its objective unless earlier revoked upon mutual agreement expressed in writing by all the parties hereto.


Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other commits a violation of the provisions of this Agreement by giving the other party/parties thirty (30) days prior notice of its intention to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands this ____ day of _____ 2018 at 7th Infantry Division, Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation, Nueva Ecija.


DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
By:


EMMANUEL R. PIÑOL
Secretary

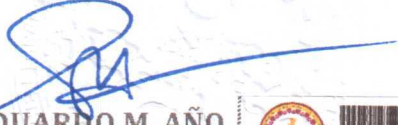
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BEFORE ME, this 17 APR 2019 day of 2018, in QUEZON CITY Philippines personally appeared the following:

Name	Complete Evidence of Identify	Date/Place of Issuance
EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL		
JOHN R. CASTRICIONES		
ROY A. CIMATU		
EDUARDO M. AÑO		
DELFIN N. LORENZANA		

Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed as well as the free and voluntary act and deed of the entities they respectively represent.

The foregoing instrument refers to a Memorandum of Agreement, which consists of nine (9) pages, including this wherein the acknowledgement is written, has been signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and at the place first written above.

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