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MISSION

To develop and promote agricultural and fishery standards, and enforce organic agriculture regulations ensuring consumers' safety and product quality, contributing to environmental protection, worker's welfare and enhanced market access.

VISION

By 2025, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards is the trusted agency for the development of agricultural and fishery standards within ASEAN, and in the enforcement of the organic agriculture regulations.



A close-up photograph of a green fern frond, showing the intricate details of its pinnules. The frond is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its stem extending from the upper left towards the lower right. The background is a deep, dark green, creating a strong contrast with the vibrant green of the fern. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the leaves.

CORE VALUES



DISCIPLINE

- We uphold the code of Civil Service and office regulations.
- We recognize exemplary behavior.

INTEGRITY

- We are transparent in all our transactions.
- We condone bribery.
- We speak against corruption.

RESPECT

- We observe the line of authority.
- We welcome ideas and opinions from all.
- We are mindful of time and space of other people.

EMPATHY

- We listen and recognize the emotions of other people.
- We make necessary adjustments base on situations.

COMMITMENT

- We persevere and hold ourselves accountable in the performance of our duties.
- We continually improve our quality management system to deliver services efficiently.
- We strive for personal growth and career development.

TEAMWORK

- We practice consensus decision making.
- We encourage leadership regardless of rank.
- We complement each other in the performance of our duties.
- We always look on the positive note.

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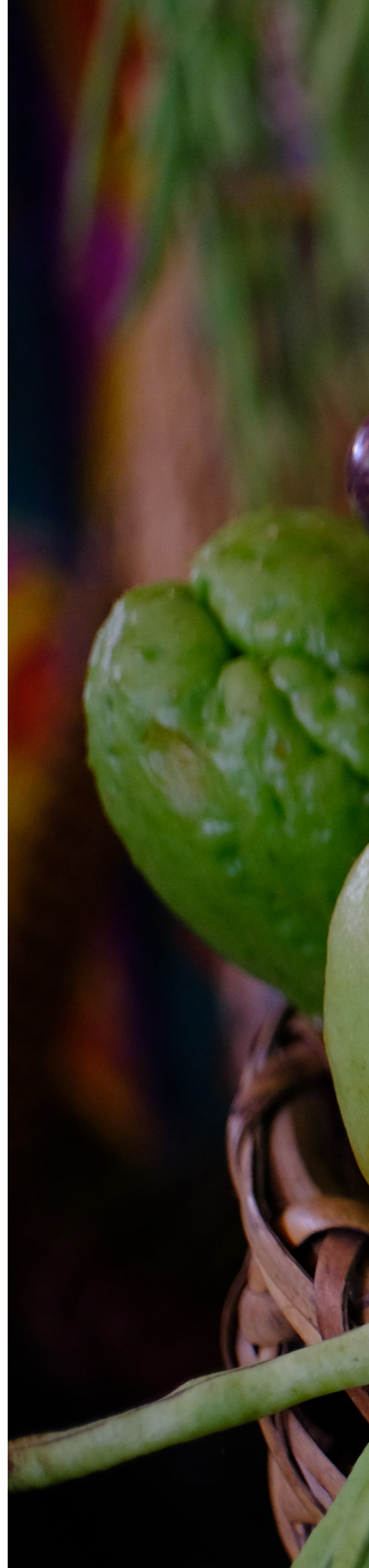
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

VIVENCIO R. MAMARIL, Ph.D.

The Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) has developed more than 290 Philippine National Standards (PNS). These standards cover various agricultural and fishery products namely crops, livestock and poultry, fisheries and aquaculture, and machineries and structures including organic agriculture and halal.

Our very mission is to ensure consumers' safety and product quality contributing to the environmental protection, and enhanced market access of our agricultural and fishery products. And one of the means of achieving this is through the adoption of these standards. Our agri-fishery standards are compliant with international standards on matters of food safety. We are certain that when these standards are enforced through regulations, it will result to an increased level of food safety, which is at par with highly-developed countries.

As we celebrate our twenty-first year, we are proud to be working with a wide range of dedicated individuals and organizations. We want to recognize and thank all our partners – selfless individuals, government agencies, and private organizations who helped us in attaining our targets.

This Annual Report summarizes our accomplishments for the FY 2019. This is also a reminder for all of us to always strive for the best. With unceasing support from our partners, BAFS is ready for the challenges of 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) is mandated to develop and promote standards to ensure consumer safety and global competitiveness of Philippine agriculture and fishery products. The Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Law of 2013 and Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Act of 2016 directed BAFS to develop standards on agri-fishery machineries, tools and equipment, and primary and postharvest Halal products, respectively.

Since its creation, the BAFS has already developed 291 Philippine National Standards (PNS) covering various agricultural and fishery products, namely crops, livestock and poultry, fisheries and aquaculture, machineries and structures, organic agriculture, and halal. This year 2019, the Bureau has developed 30 PNS.

To date, BAFS has granted official accreditation to three (3) organic certifying bodies, namely: Negros Island Certification Services, Inc. (NICERT), OCCP-Inspection and Certification Services, Inc. (ICSI), and Control Union Philippines, Inc. (CUPI), and has registered fifty-eight (58) organic operators.

Moreover, the Bureau commissioned the service of a third-party organization to conduct an impact assessment on standard implementation. The impact assessment was carried out to assess the implementation of Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) standard and identify strategies to improve the current impact of GAqP to its adopters.

To ensure uniform understanding and interpretation of PNS for the purpose of its efficient adoption and implementation, the Bureau published Illustrative Guides on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Rice, Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP), and GAP for Fruits and Vegetables.

The Bureau also embarked on explaining several food safety issues through the use of Audio Visual Presentations (AVPs) and issuance of Technical Bulletins. The food safety issues included are buklok in rice, formalin in galunggong and African Swine Fever (ASF).



2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Laboratory Services Division (LSD)
- Organic Agriculture Division (OAD)
- Standards Development Division (SDD)
- Technical Services Division (TSD)
- Administrative Services

LABORATORY SERVICES DIVISION

The Bureau, in collaboration with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), and Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE), conducted monitoring and validation of the Integrated Laboratories of RFOs 4A, 5, 8, and 11 in January to July 2019.

Moreover, the Bureau served as the lead coordinating agency of the Department of Agriculture in the implementation of the **“Enhancement of the Biosafety and Biosecurity Capabilities at the Department of Agriculture Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories”** in partnership with United States Defense Threat Reduction Agency (US-DTRA). Through BAFS initiatives, the BSS Project was expanded to include support for the development DA Integrated Laboratory Engineering Master Plan, and the development of Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

Provide technical and backstopping support for the accreditation and certification of DA laboratories





Develop policy recommendations and enforce technical regulations that ensure the integrity of organic agriculture and fishery products

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DIVISION

For FY 2019, the Bureau has

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OFFICIALLY ACCREDITED ORGANIC CERTIFYING BODIES

1. Control Union Philippines, Inc. (CUPI)
2. Negros Island Certification Services, Inc. (NICERT)
3. OCCP-Inspection and Certification Services, Inc. (OCCP-ICSI)

Details of the officially accredited OCBs are found here:



<https://bit.ly/AccreditedOCBinPH>

The list of certified operators is found here:



<http://bit.ly/CertifiedOrganicPH>

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REGISTERED ORGANIC OPERATORS

The list of registered operators is found here:



<https://bit.ly/RegisteredOperatorsinPH>

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VALIDATION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Registered Organic Farms, products, and facilities are subjected to validation and monitoring activities to ensure continued compliance with the organic agriculture regulations.

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NOAB RESOLUTIONS ENDORSED FOR APPROVAL

NOAB Resolutions are usually translated into program policy and technical regulations for organic agriculture.

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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CROPS



4

LIVESTOCK & POULTRY



3

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE



14

MACHINERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE



30

TOTAL

DEVELOPED PNS FOR FY 2019

All PNS developed by DA-BAFS are free and downloadable in our website:



<http://www.bafs.da.gov.ph>

Develop science-based and internationally harmonized standards for primary and post-harvest agriculture and fishery products





Organize and maintain the DA pool of experts, support the development of standards and technical regulations that are consistent with international commitments, and to conduct information dissemination on adopted standards

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION

With its commitment to deliver high quality products and services to its clientele, BAFS implements a Quality Management System (QMS) aligned with international standards. In 2016, the Bureau satisfied all the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 and received its initial certification from TÜV SÜD PSB Philippines. The following year, the Bureau successfully upgraded its QMS to the 2015 version of the standard and added more processes in its scope of certification.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF GOOD AQUACULTURE PRACTICES (GAQP) STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

The Bureau, through its Technical Services Division, commissioned a third-party service provider to conduct an impact assessment on Good Aquaculture Practices (GAQP) standard implementation. The impact assessment was carried out to assess the implementation of GAQP standard and identify strategies to improve the current impact of GAQP to its adopters.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION STRATEGIES ON ADOPTED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS AND SELECT FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

With the main objective to facilitate uniform understanding and interpretation of PNS for the purpose of its efficient adoption and implementation, the Bureau published Illustrative Guides on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Rice, Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP), and GAP for Fruits and Vegetables. The Bureau also embarked on explaining several food safety issues through the use of Audio Visual Presentations (AVPs) and issuance of Technical Bulletins. The food safety issues explained include: bukbok in rice, formalin in galunggong and African Swine Fever. Likewise, the Bureau disseminated 13,000 copies of printed Philippine National Standards covering 24 commodities to various regions of the country.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



Execute support office operations including human resource management, planning and budget, procurement, information management and general services which are critical to the effective and efficient operation of the Bureau



BAFS@21 Opening / Quiz Show




BAFS@21: Gabi ng Parangal 2019



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