

Republic of the Philippines  
**TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
East Service Road, South Luzon Expressway, Taguig City

**145<sup>th</sup> TESDA BOARD MEETING**  
13 November 2024, Wednesday, 1:00 P.M.  
TESDA Board Room, 7th Floor,  
TESDA Main Building, East Service Road,  
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**PRIORITIZATION OF COCONUT PRODUCTION FOR TRAINING REGULATIONS (TR)  
DEVELOPMENT**

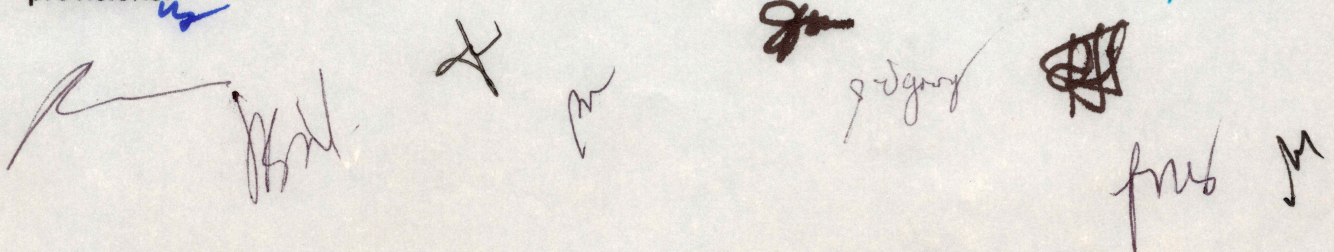
**WHEREAS**, Item (B), Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7796 mandates that TESDA shall develop and establish a national system of skills standardization, testing and certification and conduct research and development on various occupational areas in order to recommend policies, rules and regulations for effective and efficient skills standardization, testing and certification system in the country;

**WHEREAS**, TESDA shall focus its efforts and resources on priority qualifications/skills identified by partner-industry bodies and associations on the basis of the following:

1. Priority needs of the industry-sector;
2. Nationwide application in terms of public interest/welfare;
3. Employment generation and investment opportunities; and
4. The criteria for skills standardization and certification, to wit:
  - Requiring relatively long period of education or training;
  - Performance of the competency affecting and endangering people's lives and limbs; and
  - Competency involving the handling of complex equipment, tools and supplies.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the abovementioned criteria, support for the development of skills/qualifications shall also be prioritized based on existing laws of the sector/industry governing the promotion on the competitiveness and promoting Filipino workers and the development thrusts of the government, among others;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11524 or An Act Creating the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund, Providing for Its Management and Utilization, Reconstituting for the Purpose the Philippine Coconut Authority Board, and for Other Purposes, stipulates the following provisions:

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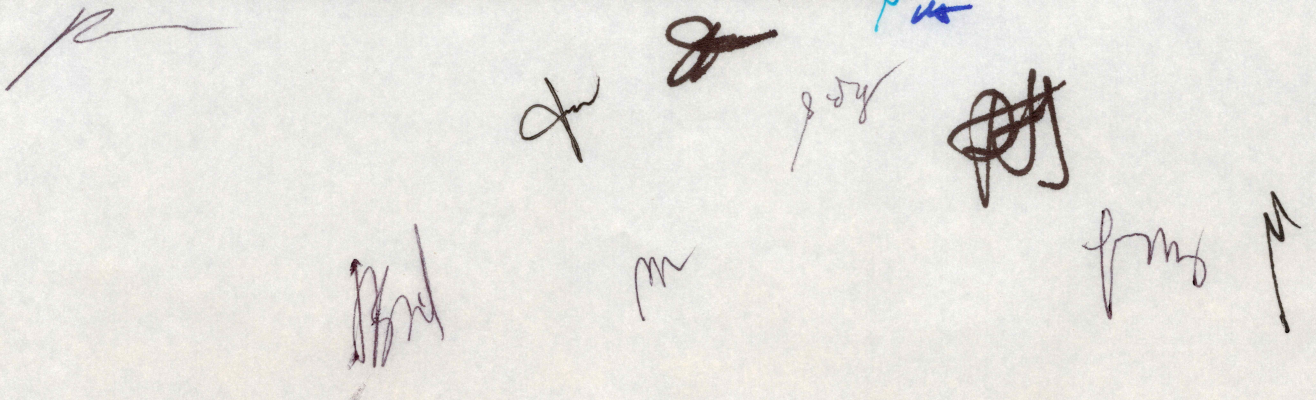
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- Under Section 4 par 7(b): Training of farmers and their families, as listed in the coconut farmers registry, in farm schools, the training shall be on coconut production and processing technologies, value addition of coconut products, diversification and sustainable farming methods, including organic farming, financial literacy, and farm business schools programs among others through the TESDA and the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), eight percent (8%), to be shared equally;
- Under Section 4(k): The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Board shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with partner agencies to ensure a coordinated implementation of the programs under the Development Plan, proper utilization of the allocations provided in this section, and submission of periodic accomplishment report of these implementing agencies to the PCA Board.

**WHEREAS**, the signed Memorandum of Agreement between the PCA Board and TESDA prescribes the following agreements:

- Under Article III Section A, 5: PCA shall coordinate with the Partner Agencies to provide experts in the development of training regulations, guidelines, standards, protocols, and procedures on coconut-related training component initiatives.
- Under Article III Section B, 1: TESDA shall facilitate the development of Training Regulations (TRs), Competency Standards (CS) and Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) on coconut.

**WHEREAS**, during the 44<sup>th</sup> Direction Setting Committee meeting on 28 May 2024, the Coconut Production requirements have been favorably endorsed to the TESDA Board for prioritization for TR development. This prioritization shall cover all related programs that will be identified within the value chain of Coconut Production vis-à-vis the Philippine Qualification Levels I-V, which will address the requirement of the Law;

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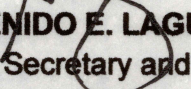
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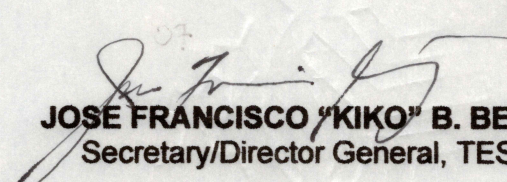
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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the TESDA Board in its meeting today, 13 November 2024, at 1:00 P.M. approves the prioritization of Coconut Production Qualification for TR development;

**BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this Resolution be disseminated to all concerned offices for their information and guidance.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

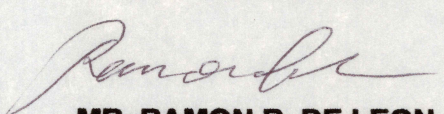
  
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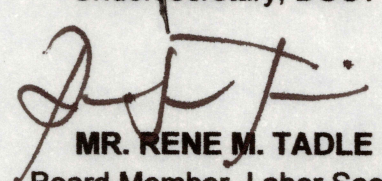
  
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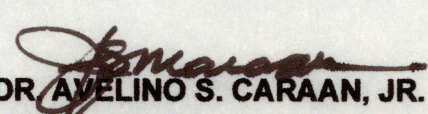


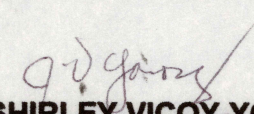
  
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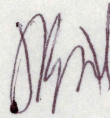




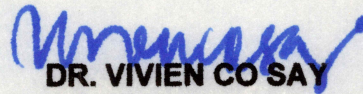
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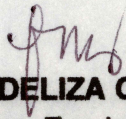
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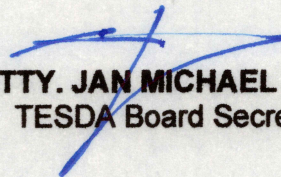


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