

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 219, June 23, 2003]

DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF THE PHILIPPINE RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1061, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60, S. 1986 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76 S. 2002

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize and unify the policy directions affecting the agriculture sector;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 76, S. 2002, the Philippine Rice Research Institute was made the primary Government agency responsible for the Hybrid Rice Program (Program) and the promotion of the utilization of hybrid rice technologies;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Rice Research Institute was established under the Department of Agriculture pursuant to Executive Order No. 1061 dated November 5, 1985, as amended by Executive Order No. 60, s. 1986, with the Secretary as the Ex-Officio Chairperson of its Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 76 amended Executive Order No. 1061 by placing the Philippine Rice Research Institute under the Office of the President for closer administrative supervision and making the Presidential Adviser for One Million Jobs as the *Ex-Officio* Chairperson of its Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, in order to unify the leadership in the Hybrid Rice Program and the Department of Agriculture, there is a need to revert the PhilRice to the Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 49, Chapter 6, Title IV, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987 (EO 292), the Secretary of Department of Agriculture shall serve as Chairperson of the governing boards of all its attached units or agencies;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book II of EO 292, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 76, amending Section 4 of Executive Order No. 1061, is hereby amended to read as follows: