

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 52, July 19, 2013]

**ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND
INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT,
INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)
AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (SUCs) TO SUPPORT
AND ALLOW THEIR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS TO ACTIVELY
PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST ASEAN CONFERENCE ON
AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING ON 24-26
SEPTEMBER 2013 IN MANILA HOTEL**

The Board of Agricultural Engineering of the Professional Regulation Commission, Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE) and the National Agricultural and Fishery Council-Agricultural and Fishery Mechanization Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association, and in coordination with the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services, shall conduct the First ASEAN Conference on Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering on 24-26 September 2013 in Manila Hotel, Manila.

With the theme "Integrating Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering in the ASEAN for Food Security, Climate Change Mitigation and Global Practice," the conference will lay the initial groundwork for the development of harmonized qualifications and standards necessary for the mobility of agricultural engineering services in ASEAN Region which will help achieve long-term competitiveness of ASEAN's food, agriculture and forestry products/commodities.

In this regard, all heads of departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including GOCCs, LGUs and SUCs, are hereby enjoined to extend full support and allow their agricultural engineers to participate in the said ASEAN Conference, subject to the approval of their respective heads of offices, and according to the regular procedures for leaves of absences and availability of funds.

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall extend assistance in coordinating with concerned officials and embassies of all ASEAN countries to encourage the participation/attendance of their agricultural engineers, agricultural and biosystems engineers and concerned officials to the said ASEAN conference.

DONE , in the City of Manila, this 19th of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President: