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**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
**Resolution No. 020**  
**Series of 2022**

**APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 2023 ORGANIC  
ASIA CONGRESS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAUSWAGAN,  
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of Republic Act 10068 (RA 10068), otherwise known as “The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010” established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

**WHEREAS**, RA 10068 has been amended by RA 11511 and Section 2 thereof states to the effect, that the State reaffirms its policy to promote, propagat, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA 10068, as amended, to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the NOAP;

**WHEREAS**, the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) - Asia, which is based in Seoul, South Korea, and established as a regional group of IFOAM Organics International in 2012, is the only regional umbrella organization of the organic movements in Asia. It has more than 270 members in 22 countries and is officially registered as a legal entity in South Korea as a non-profit organization;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Kauswagan in the Province of Lanao del Norte, is the leading organic municipality in the Philippines. Led by the Honorable Rommel Arnado and with the support of the local Sangguniang Bayan of Kauswagan, an ordinance was enacted declaring the municipality as a purely “organic” town which prohibits the sale and use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in its farms;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities, and Provinces in the Philippines (LOAMCP-Ph) likewise recognized Mayor Arnado’s advocacy and leadership in organic agriculture, by electing him as its current President. The IFOAM Organics Asia likewise recognizes his achievements, such that Mayor Arnado represented the Philippines as a delegate in the annual Organic Asia Congress organized by IFOAM Organics Asia;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Mayor Arnado’s active advocacy in promoting organic agriculture by showcasing the Municipality of Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte as a model town for organic agriculture, IFOAM Organics Asia has considered conducting the Organic Asia Congress 2023 in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte, Philippines, and has awarded to the municipality the hosting of the event;

**WHEREAS**, the Organic Asia Congress (OAC) is one of the major events of IFOAM-Organic Asia and brings forth local governments and the organic sector together in different countries in Asia to discuss the major trends in organic agriculture. The 6th OAC in 2023 will take on a more regional and international scope; and the event will include other major events such as, the



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**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Kauswagan presented its proposal (*Annex A - Activity Design for the 6th Organic Asia Congress*) for the conduct of the 2023 Organic Asia Congress in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte to the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB), for the latter's consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it now **RESOLVES**, approving the proposal of the Municipality of Kauswagan for the conduct of the 2023 Organic Asia Congress and further approving financial support in the amount of Eight Million Pesos (Php8,000,000.00), subject to submission of a detailed breakdown of the budgetary requirements and approval of concerned Infantry Division assuring the security of the event.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and to all NOAB member agencies for their reference and information.

**APPROVED** by majority of the following members of the NOAB present in its 70th Regular Meeting held face-to-face and via teleconference on October 27, 2022, in Tayabas City, Quezon, Philippines.

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