



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD
Resolution No. 14
Series of 2020

RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIK KONEK (ORGANIC AGRICULTURE HUB)

WHEREAS, Section No. 05 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the “Organic Agriculture Act of 2010” established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, the Honorable Board is the policy-making body mandated under Section 6 of RA No. 10068 to provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the Program;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10068 (RA 10068) or the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 states that nationwide educational and promotional campaign for the use and processing, as well as the adoption of organic agricultural system as a viable alternative is essential in achieving the over-all objective of the Act to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Rule 4.3. of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10068 states that a strategic and sustainable organic agriculture investment plan for support facilities, equipment and processing plants shall be formulated based on the need of such facilities in local communities.

WHEREAS, Rule 5.5 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10068 states that the implementation of the NOAP shall be focused on areas where delivery of support services is not adequately responded to, especially to farmers in marginal farm and coastal lands, in ancestral domains and agrarian reform areas;

WHEREAS, the NOAP was entrenched in 2012, and although the Program have impacted the livelihood of organic farmers for nearly 8 years, the industry is still continuously hampered due to lack of organic inputs, limited on-farm staff and laborers, as well as difficulty and challenges in value-adding and marketing. It proves for a need of a coordinated approach on the provision of the interventions;

WHEREAS, the NOAP-National Program Coordinating Office (NPCO) proposed for the establishment of Organik Konek, also known as the Organic Agriculture Hub, that shall serve as one-stop shop for organic agriculture acting as the integrator for existing organic trading posts and organic farms; source of organic inputs; access of organic agriculture (OA) practitioners to production, processing and marketing facilities, equipment and machinery; learning site on organic agriculture, agri-machinery operation and maintenance, and hospitality services; facility to gather and monitor OA production data;



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facility for experimentation, learning, and exchanges of services among stakeholders including an office for the operation of PGS; facility for non-formal education on organic agriculture and allied courses including agri-tourism services; and a training ground for future operators of provincial and municipal OA hubs;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recommend the approval of the concept of establishing Organik Konek as one stop shop for organic agriculture.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the NOAP-NPCO shall develop a guidelines relative to instruction of the Honorable Board, subject to the review of the Legal Service of the Department of Agriculture.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that should this recommendations be adhered to, the NOAP-NPCO shall immediately endorse the guidelines to the Office of the Secretary for the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

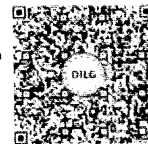
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