

"EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND RDC-I FULL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 26 AUGUST 2020"

RDC 1 Resolution No. 80, s. 2020

ENCOURAGING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES TO ADOPT AND PROMOTE THE USE OF CARRAGEENAN PLANT GROWTH PROMOTER IN REGION 1 AND ENJOINING OTHER RDCS TO ENDORSE THE SAME IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the llocos Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022 aims to harness the contribution of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) towards competitive and inclusive knowledge economy;

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council 1 (RDC 1) recognizes the importance of science and technology to steer economic development, and the need to promote and adopt innovative projects and ideas that will help solve the multifarious problems of development;

WHEREAS, the Regional Research, Development and Innovation Committee 1 (RRDIC 1), as the research and innovation coordinating arm of the RDC 1, has established mechanism to bridge development challenges and gaps through the promotion and adoption of results of government-funded researches, innovations and other Science and Technology (S&T)-based projects;

WHEREAS, the said process of the RRDIC was approved by the RDC 1 through RDC-1 Resolution No. 72, s. 2018, "Institutionalizing Mechanisms to Promote the Use of Products of Accredited Filipino Inventors and Science-Based Organizations," last November 29, 2018;

WHEREAS, the RRDIC, during its Second Regular Meeting on July 17, 2020, assessed the relevance of the Carrageenan Plant Growth Promoter to the attainment of thrusts and priorities of the region as contained in the llocos RDP;

WHEREAS, the Carrageenan Plant Growth Promoter developed by the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) in cooperation with the National Crop Protection Center of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños and the Philippine Rice Research Institute is a plant growth promoter extracted from red edible seaweed that help increase yield in rice as much as 30 percent and has the ability to induce pest and disease resistance;

WHEREAS, the Carrageenan Plant Growth Promoter can help improve the productivity of rice industry in the region which is a priority under the agriculture sector as stated in the llocos RDP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to encourage all concerned government instrumentalities to adopt and promote the use of Carrageenan Plant Growth Promoter in Region 1 and to enjoin other RDCs to endorse the same in their respective areas;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to endorse to the Department of Agriculture Central Office the invention for consideration, as part of production support services of the Rice Banner Program;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that interested government agencies, local government units and government and private entities may coordinate with DOST Region 1 as the Chair of the RRDIC 1 in partnering with National Crop Protection Center of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños for possible adoption of the invention;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to provide a copy of this resolution to all concerned entities for their appropriate action and request them to provide feedback to the RDC 1 on actions taken;

APPROVED, this 26th day of August 2020 in San Fernando City, La Union.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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ATTESTED:

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