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Copying ASEAN neighbors may hold key to Ph's agricultural growth

Yvette Tan | Manila Bulletin Opinion-Editorial | 12 Aug 2022

This is the second part of last week's column titled "Seven systemic things the DA should consider reforming." In the first part, economist Cielito F. Habito outlined seven challenges that keep the Department of Agriculture (DA) from being truly practitioner and agribusiness-oriented. Now, he puts forth suggestions to help get the department on the right track.

His main premise for "the way forward" is "Copy our neighbors."

Look beyond the farm gate

Names are more important than we realize. A name can remind people of what an organization does. Habito cites Malaysia's Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries, which "looks into the food value chain as well," and Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, which

Marcos raises need to solve logistical issues in agri sector

Jel Santos | Manila Bulletin | 19 Aug 2022

To reduce the cost of food in the country, President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. stressed the need to solve logistical issues in the agricultural sector on Thursday, August 19.

This came after concerns regarding the transportation of agricultural products were discussed during a cabinet meeting in Malacañang last Wednesday, August 18.

"We cannot afford to do that anymore. The logistical challenge is clear, and we are not handling it," Marcos, who concurrently heads the agriculture department, said.

encompasses "all the other industries in rural areas" as examples of organizations whose names reflect the areas they cover. Contrast this to our Department of Agriculture, where "they'll tell you that anything beyond the farm gate is the problem of the Department of Trade and Industry," which wouldn't be a problem if "they can coordinate very well."

Cluster and consolidate farm management

The power of the agriculture cooperative, both for its members and for the country's agricultural output, should not be underestimated, given that a lot of the country's producers are smallholder farmers. Habito calls to mind Thailand's Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, "which reflects how the Thai regard cooperatives as central to developing their agricultural sector."



[Imee urges gov't to hold white onion inventory amid shortage](#)

Giselle Ombay | GMA News Online | 28 Aug 2022

Senator Imee Marcos on Sunday called on the government to conduct a comprehensive inventory of local white onions to determine the extent of its shortage and if they are being hoarded.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) confirmed that there was a lack of white onions in the market.

“Trace the traders who bought white onions from local farmers and find out if they are hoarding the crop in cold storage,” she said in a statement.



[ADB taps SEARCA for 10-year agriculture modernization plan](#)

Business Mirror | 17 Aug 2022

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has commissioned the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) for a 10-year plan that will enable the Philippines to become a top agricultural producer.

SEARCA Director Glenn B. Gregorio told a press orientation that the “National Agriculture and Fisheries Organization and Industrialization Plan” will be implemented until 2030.

The press orientation was in conjunction with the launch of the SEARCA Hub for Agriculture and Rural Innovation for the Young Generation (SHARING) Cafe.



[Recovery of Philippines swine sector seen](#)

Danessa Rivera | The Philippine Star | 15 Aug 2022

MANILA, Philippines – Stricter biosecurity measures, the availability of African swine fever (ASF) vaccines and supportive long-term policy are key in ensuring the recovery of the Philippine swine sector, according to industry stakeholders.

The local swine sector is expected to recover from ASF in 2024, five years after the outbreak in 2019, based on the latest forecast of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization (OECD-FAO).

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