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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Agricultural Modernization is the process of transforming the agricultural sector into one that is dynamic, technologically advanced, and competitive, yet centered on human resource development, guided by the sound principles of social justice (AGRICOM, 06 June 1996). In this light, the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) was enacted in 1997 to strengthen the Philippine agriculture research and development and extension system. With the primary goal of transforming Agriculture and Fisheries from resource-based into technology-based industries, an Integrated National Research and Development Program (INRDP) for each commodity or resource was formulated. Headed by the Department of Agriculture- Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR), INRDP embodies the integrated research, development and extension (RDE) program for the specific commodities or sectors. The formulated RDE network composed of the state colleges and universities (SCUs) and various institutions and agencies under DA handles the different commodities/program areas in line with the RDE thrust of AFMA.

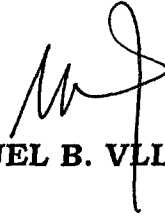
In response to the 1997 AFMA, the National Integrated Research, Development and Extension Program for Coffee (NIRDEPC) was drafted in 1999 with the Cavite State University designated as the lead institution for the program. The five-year- program aims to increase the national production of quality coffee beans for local consumption and international market and increase income of coffee growers with DA-BAR and the Philippine Council for Agricultural and Research and Resources Development (PCCARD) acting as coordinating agencies.

Now on its third year of implementation, the program seeks to pass an act creating the Coffee Research, Development and Extension Center (CoRDEC) based at the Cavite State University (CvSU). In complementation to the functions of the NIRDEPC for coffee, the Center shall educate and train all stakeholders of the coffee industry, conduct researches, and extend technologies, the powers and functions of which shall be in line with the RDE programs of DA-BAR, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and CvSU.

The creed for the establishment of the Center at CvSU has been made unbenumbed by the increasing demand for coffee, both internationally and locally, and by the problems encountered by the industry as defined by the existing NIRDEPC. Cavite State University, which is the premier academic institution in Cavite, would be a conducive venue for the Center since 40 percent of the coffee beans supply in the Philippines comes from the province. As of 2001, the production of green beans in the country is estimated at 36,000 metric tons, 40 per cent of which come from Cavite. Thus, the establishment of CoRDLC based at CvSU

shall very well help the responsible institutions catalyze the advancement of coffee research, development and extension to make the industry nationally productive and globally competitive.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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MANUEL B. VLLAR, JR.

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**AN ACT CREATING A COFFEE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND EXTENSION CENTER AT THE CAVITE STATE
UNIVERSITY, MUNICIPALITY OF INDANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE,
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. The Coffee Research, Development and Extension Center 17 (hereinafter referred to as CORDEC) based at the Cavite State University is (CVSU), in the Municipality of Indang, Province of Cavite is hereby established.

SECTION 2. The Center shall have the following general powers and functions in line with the research, development and extension programs of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA BAR), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Cavite State University (CvSU):

- a) educate and train all stakeholders of the coffee industry;
- b) conduct researches; and
- c) extend technologies.

SECTION 3. The Center shall have the specific powers and functions:

- a) develop productive, high yielding, good quality varieties/strains of coffee;
- b) develop efficient, economic and productive coffee production technologies;
- c) develop effective and sound coffee processing technologies for varieties "Exelsa" and "Liberica" coffee;
- d) develop effective production systems for all coffee varieties;
- e) establish and maintain germplasm collection and gene bank for coffee;
- f) develop effective and efficient marketing systems for coffee;
- g) evolve productive coffee-based farming systems;
- h) develop and implement appropriate and suitable technology packages and effective technology transfer schemes, especially the conduct of training programs;
- i) upgrade the skills of development facilitators, extensionists and through trainings, seminars and workshops on coffee production and post-harvest handling and processing;
- j) establish national and international linkages for coffee research, development, extension and production activities; and

k) coordinate with other government/non-governmental agencies involved in the development of the coffee industry.

SECTION 4. The Center shall be headed by a Director who shall be responsible for the planning, implementation, and supervision of the Center's program of activities. The Director shall be appointed by the Cavite State University Board of Regents upon recommendation of the University President. All other officers and employees of the Center shall be appointed by the Center Director in accordance with the University and the Civil Service Laws.

SECTION 5. The plans and programs of the Center shall be reviewed annually by the Advisory Board composed of:

- a) the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture as Chairman;
- b) the University President of the Cavite State University, as Vice Chairman;
- c) the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, as Member
- d) one (1) representative from a non-governmental organization (NGO) working on coffee production, research and development and processing;
- e) one (1) representative from the group of coffee traders;
- f) one (1) representative from the group of coffee processors; and
- g) one (1) representative from the group of coffee growers.

SECTION 6. The presence of at least five (5) members at the time of the meeting shall constitute the quorum: Provided, however, that the Chairman, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside.

SECTION 7. For the purpose of research, development, and extension activities of the Center, the researchers, extensionists and other personnel from related agencies may be detailed at the Center upon request of the Center Director and is subject to the approval of the University Board of Regents; Provided, that such personnel shall be paid honorarium for their services. I

SECTION 8. The Center is hereby authorized to plan, construct, develop, improve, acquire, or lease buildings, farms, fields, and other facilities, to purchase machineries, equipment, materials and supplies locally or abroad as maybe necessary to carry out its functions and objectives. Moreover, the Center shall enjoy exemption from taxes and other duties in the importation of such machineries, equipment, materials and supplies required in its research, development and extension programs, subject to the provisions of Section 105(s) of the Tariff and Customs Code, Section 103(f) of the National Internal Revenue Code and to provisions on Automatic Appropriations under the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. The main officers, experimental area and nursery of the Center shall be located at the Cavite State University campus in Indang, Cavite. The Center may hereafter establish similar facilities in its other service areas. In order to promote the development of the coffee industry.

SECTION 10. The amount of 50 million pesos (Php 50,000,000.00) for the 2005 fiscal year budget is authorized to be appropriated from the Special Activities fund of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, or from any other sources; and thereafter, the amounts required for its operation, maintenance, research, development and extension activities shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and the said amount to be is disbursed to the Cavite State University, in the Province of Cavite, exclusively for the capital and operational requirements of the Center, which shall include personnel services, maintenance and operating expenses, acquisition of equipment and laboratory facilities, development of experimental fields, and establishment of regional, provincial, and municipal coffee research and development, extension, production and processing projects as determined by the Center Director, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents of the said University.

SECTION 11. The Provincial Government of Cavite shall allocate ten million pesos (Php 10,000,000.00) annually as a form of assistance and support to the Center.

SECTION 12. The expenditures and disbursement of funds made by the Center in the conduct of its research, development and extension activities shall be subject to existing auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

SECTION 13. Any and all savings and income of the Center shall constitute a revolving fund which shall not be reverted to the General Fund and which shall be used by the Center to further pursue its goals and objectives.

SECTION 14. All existing laws, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly; Provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall amend, modify or repeal the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code.

SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days of its complete publications in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,