SUBJECT : Constituting The Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Extension, Research And Development.

In the interest of the service and consistent with the policy of the Department to further strengthen its research and development capabilities to include extension services, an office for extension, research and development is hereby constituted to be headed by an Assistant Secretary and shall have the following functions:

- 1. Formulate and recommend an integrated extension, research and development framework plan (ERD Framework Plan) for the Department relating to the Philippine ecosystems and natural resources, as holistic and interdisciplinary fields of inquiry;
- 2. Coordinate with the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and all attached agencies of the DENR, i.e., National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), and Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC) in the implementation of the ERD Framework Plan;
- 3. Coordinate, integrate and undertake, through ERDB, MGB, EMB, NAMRIA, LLDA, and NRDC all scientific and technical assistance including extension services in the research and development of technologies relevant to sustainable uses of the Philippine ecosystems and natural resources;
- 4. Develop a system of priorities for the allocation of resources to various technological research programs and in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of the integrated

research and development program and extension services of the Department;

- 5. Maintain a network of linkages with the various research organizations/institutions at the international, regional and local levels to promote the generation, development, use and exchange of innovative technologies and systems for the sustainable development and management of the country's environment and natural resources;
- 6. Review, formulate and recommend to the secretary, through the Undersecretary for Policy and Technical Services, policies on extension, research and development relating to improvements in R & D programs, extension. services, and information systems; and
- 7. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to implement the stipulations contained in this Order, or as may be assigned by the Secretary.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Extension, Research and Development shall be placed under the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy and Technical Services and shall, in the implementation of the ERD Framework Plan, empower to enjoin the support of any national government agencies and bodies and local government units including the academe and private institutions in the performance of its functions.

This Order takes effect immediately.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO H. CERILLES Secretary