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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the introduction of the palm oil plantation in the Philippines way back in the late 1960's its expected rapid growth still remains to be seen while local demands for palm oil rose at impressive pace because of the needs of the food and industrial manufacturing companies.

If given full government attention and support, palm oil production could play a significant role towards the country's economic development as an import substitute and as a major export worldwide. It is for this reason that this bill is being introduced seeking to establish a Palm oil Research and Development Institute.

One of this bill's most important roles is to develop new technologies that will help improve the lives of poor palm oil farmers and consumers. These technologies are then offered—public goods – to the Institute's partners in the palm oil producing regions and consuming nations of the world.

This bill also seeks to established a communication lines among scientist concerned with development of improved technology for palm oil farming systems and act as a mechanism to help scientists and researchers keep each other informed of current palm oil research findings which are meant to develop palm oil industry in the Philippines and transform the country from an import dependent on palm oil into a major world exporter of the industry.

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


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**"AN ACT
CREATING THE PALM OIL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE"**

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

SECTION 1. This Act Shall be known as "Palm Oil Research and Development Institute Act of 2007"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the declared policy of the state to promote sound agricultural development of the palm oil industry in order to find sustainable ways to improve the well being of present and future generations of palm oil farmers, consumers and industry player.

SECTION 3. There is hereby created the Palm Oil Research and Development Institute, herein after referred to as institute under the Department of Science and Technology.

SECTION 4. The Institute shall have the following objectives:

- a.* To conduct research on the palm oil and on all phases of palm oil production, related production system management, distribution and utilization, towards attaining nutritive and economic and ecological benefits for the people of palm oil consuming regions and countries and other major palm oil growing areas of the world, through improvement in the quality and quantity of palm oil;
- b.* To publish and disseminate research findings of the Institute and to promote the exchange and distribution of new technologies, research methods, tools and improved plant materials to research centers where they may be of significance to achieve the Institute's goal and objective;
- c.* To train promising young scientists in the field of research on palm oil production, post harvest technology, and other related subjects relevant to improve directly or indirectly the production of palm oil through resident and joint training programs;
- d.* To operate an information center, including a library, which will provide, among others, interested scientists and scholars everywhere access to an updated collection of the world's literature on palm oil;
- e.* To collaborate and foster cooperation and collaboration among different research institutions.