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Introduced by **HON. ROGELIO NEIL P. ROQUE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

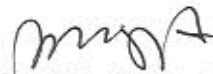
This bill seeks the establishment of a Palm Oil Research, Development and Extension center in Central Mindanao University.

Palm oil is present in a wide variety of household products, including cooking oil, baked goods, confectionery, canned goods (sardines), non-dairy creamers as well as in shampoos, cosmetics, cleaning agents and washing detergents.

The country shows an increasing trend in palm oil production volume. The establishment of Palm Oil Research, Development and Extension Center in Central Mindanao University will help improve the palm oil industry in the country especially so that Mindanao is accounted for 90% of the country's Palm Oil production.

The research, development and extension center will foster the knowledge of farmers, develop technology and increase the Country's production of palm oil. It will further the farmers' socio-economic life and livelihood conditions. It will provide assistance on the processing and marketing of palm oil and its by-products.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage this bill is hereby earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PALM OIL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND
EXTENSION CENTER IN CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall establish the Palm Oil Research, Development and Extension Center.

SECTION 2. The Palm Oil Research, Development and Extension Center shall be based in Central Mindanao University located at the Musuan Maramag Province of Bukidnon.

SECTION 3. The Palm Oil Research, Development and Extension Center shall coordinate with the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Agricultural Research, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, NEDA and the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research and Resources, Development in training stakeholders, conducting researches, extending technologies and analyzing demand and supply of palm oil in the domestic and international market.

SECTION 4. The Center shall have the following objectives:

- 1) To conduct agricultural, industrial and economic research and development of the palm oil industry for the benefit of the Filipino palm tree farmers;
- 2) To acquire, develop and propagate improved plant materials and technology;

- 3) To train professionals, students and palm tree farmers and their children on various disciplines related to palm oil production, utilization and marketing;
- 4) To design and implement, in coordination with institutions of higher learning local and foreign scholarships and fellowship programs on academic fields that will enhance palm oil development;
- 5) To organize and hold local, regional or international conferences, gatherings, forums and seminars on the current trends and developments of the palm oil industry;
- 6) To consolidate all researches by other institutions, as well as to establish, maintain and operate an information and library center;
- 7) To design and implement a farm extension program to effectively transfer modern farm technology to palm oil farmers; and
- 8) To publish and disseminate research findings and make appropriate recommendations to interested parties.

SEC.5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law thereafter.

Approved,