1Q NPCC MEETING WITH DTI SEC. ROQUE AND DA SEC. LAUREL

Wednesday, 15 January 2025

PAGASA's STC attended the first quarter National Price Coordinating Council Meeting on the morning of 14 January 2025 at the new Head Ofc of the Department of Trade & Industry inside the 14-storey Filinvest Building along Gil Puyat Ave. DTI Sec. Maria Cristina Aldeguer-Roque chaired that Meeting together with Department of Agriculture (DA) Sec. Francisco Tiu-Laurel who had to attend to work on the justification for declaring a state of emergency on the supply of "affordable" rice. Issue was the high price of rice in the market despite the decrease in tariff on imported rice. DA could only instruct the National Food Authority (NFA) to release rice in its regional warehouses if the NPCC deems the situation as urgent in nature and the market needs government intervention. PAGASA's inclusion in the NPCC requires an appointment by the Philippine President himself.