

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

BIOSAFETY EXPERT (EXP)

BCH-EXP-PH-100205-3

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General information

Country

[Philippines](#)

PARTY TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 03 JAN 2007

Profile of the expert

Brief profile

Familiarity and technical knowledge on the issues concerning the social economic impacts of LMOs, in addition his vast experience in the field of biosafety, having served as the Community Representative of the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines (NCBP) from 2000 to 2008 and of the DOST-Biosafety Committee from 2009 to the present.

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Year of birth

1943

Nationality(ies)

Filipino

Details of current employment

Name of Employer / Organization / Company

SIKAP/STRIVE Inc. (STRIVE)

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Type of organization

Non-governmental organization (NGO)

Department / Division / Unit

Policy Research on Agribusiness and Agribiotechnology

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Start Date

1994-01-04-01

Type of organization

Non-governmental organization (NGO)

Main Areas of Responsibility

Supervises all activities of the foundation.

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Employment history

Countries or regions worked in

Brazil
China
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Malaysia
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Tonga
United States of America

Name of Previous Employer / Organization / Company

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
2023 K Street NW, Washington D.C. 20006-1002 USA (IFPRI)

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Type of organization

Department / Division / Unit

Policy Research on Food and Agriculture

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Start Date

1980-01-01-01

End Date

1992-12-31-01

Type of organization

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)

Main Areas of Responsibility

Coordinated Food Policy Researches in Southeast Asian countries

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Post-secondary education

A. Formal education

First Degree

Title of the Degree or other academic distinction and subject

B.S., Education (cum laude)

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Name of academic institution

St. Mary's University, Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines

EN

Start Date

1960-06-01-01

End Date

1965-03-31-01

Second Degree

Title of the Degree or other academic distinction and subject

M.S., Economics

EN

Name of academic institution

Asian Social Institute, Manila, Philippines

EN

Start Date

1968-05-01-01

End Date

1971-03-31-01

Third Degree

Title of the Degree or other academic distinction and subject

M.S., Economics

EN

Name of academic institution

Asian Social Institute, Manila, Philippines

EN

Start Date

1968-05-01-01

End Date

1971-03-31-01

Areas of expertise

Biosafety systems development and implementation expertise
Agricultural and rural development
Biosafety legislation and regulation
Socio-economic considerations regarding LMOs

Publications

Breaking New Ground: The Prospects of Enhancing the Corn Sector's Competitiveness Through Biotechnology (2000)
Food Carrying and Income Generating Capacities of the Rice Sector (2002) (Awarded Best Publication by the NAST in July 2007)
Harnessing the Benefits of Biotechnology: The Case of Bt Corn in the Philippines (2005)

Professional memberships

National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines, 1999 to present

Language proficiency

Mother tongue

Tagalog (Tagalog)

Other languages

Language	Level
English	excellent
Tagalog	excellent

Any other relevant information

Very proactive in monitoring the transcendental effects of biotechnology in the Philippines

Nomination Type

Roster of Experts

Birth Place

Philippines

Other Publications

Around 180 technical articles related to agricultural policy, feasibility studies, economics of food, agriculture, and agribusiness (file to be sent separately)

Relevant Awards

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BS Education, cum laude, St. Mary's University Fulbright-Hays Scholar 1971-1976
Outstanding Alumnus, St. Mary's University, 1982
Outstanding Alumnus, St. Jerome's Academy, 2002
Lifetime Achievement Award, Philippine Agricultural Economics and Development
Association, 2003
Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society for Agriculture, 1974

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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