

## 24<sup>th</sup> NDA Board Meeting Held



In photo are some of the NDA Board and top officials present during the 24th NDA Board Meeting. Seated at the right side is Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala, Chairman of the Board with NDA Administrator, Grace J. Cenas, Ex-officio Member, seated beside him. Standing (L to R) are NDA Deputy Administrator Naomi K. Torreta, NDA Board Members DTI Usec. Zenaida C. Maglaya; Mr. Allan S. Bernales representing Mindanao dairy cooperatives; Mr. Joseph B. Dorado representing Visayas dairy cooperatives; ADSC UPLB Dir. Cesar Sevilla; Dr. Thelma R. Navarrez, representing Deped; DAR Usec. Jerry E. Pacturan; and Corporate Secretary and Legal Counsel Atty. Raul D. Ragandang and Div. Chief Nemía T. Getes representing DOH. Not in photo but also attended the meeting is Engr. Julius M. Migraso representing the Commercial Milk Processors.

## 24<sup>th</sup> NDA Board Meeting Held

Department of Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala presided over the 24th NDA Board meeting held last November 24, 2010 at the Shahani-Acosta Room at the National Dairy Authority (NDA).

This meeting was attended by a new set of governing board of NDA composed of the Secretary of Agriculture as board chairman. Among its board members are the Secretaries of the Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Education, Department of Agrarian Reform and Department of Science & Technology. Other members include the Director of Animal Science and Dairy Science Cluster, University of the Philippines and representatives from the Commercial Milk Processors, dairy farmers' federations and cooperatives from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The NDA Administrator sits as ex-officio member.

The NDA Management presented the dairy industry's updates, its plans and programs, status reports of on-going projects as well as its financial stature.

Some of the highlights of the meeting are:

1. The presentation of a Dairy Roadmap for 2010 to 2016 by NDA's new administrator, Grace J. Cenas. This roadmap outlines NDA's direction and strategies for the next six years and it was programmed for further enhancements and calendared for further discussions especially on its budgetary aspect, in the next board meeting.
2. Quarterly board meeting was agreed. Secretary Alcala noted that it was four years ago that the NDA Board last convened and informed the board that the President is aware of the need to develop the dairy industry and the NDA Board will have a big role on this.
3. Food for Progress Program which was presented by NDA's Deputy Administrator, Naomi K. Torreta. This is an agreement between the US. Government and the Philippine

Government for the supply of agricultural commodities, specially rice and milk powder wherein the US Government donated some 680 MT of Non Fat Dry milk to the Philippine government. NDA was identified as the lead agency by the Department of Agriculture. A Tripartite Agreement was forged by DEPED, NNC and NDA with some arrangement with private firms like RFM and TETRAPAK for the conversion and utilization of the milk donation. Launching of the Food for Progress Program was held in Sagad Elementary School in Pasig last November 9, 2010.

4. Planning Department Manager Rene De Guzman reported the status of the Multi-Year Program where, under this project NDA will go into partnerships with private breeding /multiplier farms in establishing dairy breeding capacity and production of dairy animals. These farms are envisioned to produce and supply the need for dairy heifers to clustered small dairy farms as well as dairy commercial farms in various parts of the country.

5. Mr. De Guzman also presented the Milk Feed Plus Project, an expansion of the Milk Feeding Program utilizing locally produced milk. Under this program local dairy farmers earn income from these milk feeding programs as they are tapped for the supply of the milk requirements. As of September this year some 24,551 children were the beneficiaries of this milk feeding program and 10,000 farmers supplied milk to the project and generated an income of more than 19.10 million pesos from the sale of milk.

6. The establishment of the NDA's Dairy Rehabilitation and Multiplier Farm in Ubay, Bohol which was reported by OIC-Operations Manager Sulpicio C. Bayawa, Jr. This project envisions to produce island born offspring that will be distributed to typhoon affected areas as well as dairy expansion areas.

7. The Status of NDA funds was reported by Finance & Admin Manager Jacqueline H. Seguin. It was learned that NDA is only receiving an annual average of over PHP50 million as subsidy from the government ever since it started operations. In its implementation of dairy projects, NDA got funding from the DA and US PL480 funds.