The training on Writeup on QMS Documentation was held last 2-5 July 2018 at the DAP Conference Center in Tagaytay City. The following were approved by Executive Director Kennedy T. Costales:

**Mandate**
To promote the growth and development of the natural fiber industry through research and development, production support, fiber processing and utilization, standards implementation and trade regulation.

**Vision**
A progressive community of fiber producers and entrepreneurs in an environment-friendly, economically viable and globally competitive Philippine natural fiber industry.

**Mission & Objectives**
To enhance the holistic development of the Philippine natural fiber industry through the implementation of appropriate, quality and timely support programs, projects and activities, guided by the following objectives:
- Promote integrated development of the fiber industry in various aspects of research, production, processing and regulation;
- Enforce good agricultural production practices, fiber standards and other regulatory policies to maintain supply of good quality fibers and to ensure worldwide acceptability;
- Improve farm productivity, thereby, increasing farmers' income; and
- Encourage increased domestic processing for employment and higher value-added considerations and increased foreign exchange revenues.

**Functions**
1. Formulate and implement integrated programs and policy guidelines for the continued development of the fiber industry in consultation with the industry stakeholders;
2. Spearhead the harmonization of programs, projects and activities of all sectors involved in the Philippine natural fiber industry;
3. Undertake research and development programs in support to production, processing and utilization of fibers;
4. Collaborate the formulation and development of standards for various commercial fibers that are or may, hereafter, be produced in the Philippines;
5. Regulate in accordance with the law, the licensing and registration of fiber trade participants such as traders, exporters, manufacturers and classifiers;
6. Recommend the accreditation of seed growers/nursery operators;
7. Accredit fabricators of fiber machinery, tools and devices;
8. Enforce the Philippine National Standards to include fiber classification, grading, baling, tagging and marking of Philippine natural fibers; and
9. Undertake skills development trainings and workshops to improve the technical and entrepreneurial capabilities of stakeholders.

**NEXT ACTIVITY:**
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