

## Philippines invests P80 million to construct onion cold storage facilities in OccMdo

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The Department of Agriculture (DA) Mimaropa together with the Local Governments in Occidental Mindoro holds its groundbreaking ceremonies to mark the start of the construction of onion cold storage facilities in the municipalities of Rizal and Sablayan. This project aims to help onion farmers to properly store their produce and maintain its quality before being sold or released to the market.

The project is part of the program of the Department of Agriculture under the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to strengthen food security by having an adequate supply and adequate price of food.

The new onion cold storage facilities will have a capacity of 20,000 onion bags each with a total cost of P40 million per facility. The funding from the High-Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) was granted to the Salvacion United Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SUFMPC) in Rizal and Samahang Gumagawa Tungong Tagumpay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SAGUTT MPC) in Sablayan.

Philippines is working towards exporting onions to other countries. following the mandate of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.-- Abundant Agriculture! Prosperous Economy! The cooperative organizations is expected to strengthen due to this provision. DA Mimaropa Regional Executive Director Engr. Maria Christine C. Inting also encourages the farmers to improve its onion cultivation for preparation of the Philippines's exportation to other countries.