



P1,650/SACK OR P33/KG NFA RICE SALE KICKOFF IN SAN JUAN CITY

The City Government of San Juan, under the leadership of Mayor Francis Zamora, launched the sale of NFA rice at P1,650 per sack, equivalent to P33 per kilogram, under the Food Security Emergency program of the National Government. This initiative aims to provide affordable rice to San Juaneños amidst rising food prices.

Mayor Zamora highlighted the importance of this initiative, stating, "Providing affordable rice to our residents is a priority for the City Government of San Juan. Through this program, we are ensuring that our constituents have access to quality food at a low price, especially in these challenging times."

He further explained, "To help our constituents even more, San Juan City is shouldering all the costs for hauling, transport, logistics, and other expenses associated with selling the rice. This is our way of assisting our residents and ensuring they have access to affordable food." "We will get them from the NFA at P1,650 and sell them to our constituents at P1,650 as well so as not to burden our people with additional expenses. The city government will shoulder all of these expenses for them".

San Juan City sold the rice per 50-kilogram sack. The city has committed to an initial 1,000 sacks, with provisions to order more should demand increase.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. was present to witness the start of the rice distribution. Mayor Zamora was among the first local chief executives to express interest in participating in this program for the benefit of his constituents.

To ensure an orderly process, a registration table was opened at the San Juan City Hall lobby on February 20 and will be open Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM for residents interested in purchasing the rice. Constituents who wish to buy may come to City Hall and register at the designated table in the lobby.

The National Government declared a Food Security Emergency in response to fluctuating rice prices and supply concerns. This program, facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, ensures that staple food remains accessible to Filipino families. The NFA rice program is part of the government's measures to stabilize food prices and ensure national food security.