

## Manila: Department of Agriculture allows field trials for GM crops

The Department of Agriculture (DA) will allow field trials of genetically modified (GM) crops even as innovative technologies may potentially help solve pervasive problems like malnutrition, poverty, and hunger.

Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala said the government does not find any problem on allowing field trials of GM crops for as long as these follow rules such as testing within confined environment.

“There’s a program on Bt eggplant and Golden Rice that scientists study. For as long as testing is within contained environment, it’s not right for us to stop it,” said Alcala in a press briefing.

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