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## Philippines

### Agricultural Situation

### DA Leadership Change

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**Report Highlights:**

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has appointed Arthur Yap as Department of Agriculture Secretary replacing Domingo Panganiban effective October 25, 2006. No drastic change in agricultural policy is predicted as a result of the DA leadership change.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
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President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently appointed Arthur Yap as Agriculture Secretary replacing Domingo F. Panganiban who has been moved to head the National Anti-Poverty Commission, a Cabinet level position. Yap, a former Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary (for Luzon Operations), was also once the Administrator of the National Food Authority. He was also the predecessor of Panganiban as DA Secretary.

The official turnover was held in simple rites at the DA October 25. No drastic policy shifts are expected as a result of the change in DA leadership.