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3. To provide independent advice on the utilization of science, technology and innovation;
4. To promote a strong science culture in Philippine society; and
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