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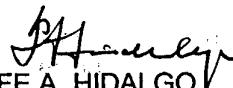
DepED MEMORANDUM

No. 292, s. 2005

DISSEMINATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 456 AND 457

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are copies of Executive Order No. 456, entitled "*Renaming the Department of Land Reform Back to Department of Agrarian Reform*", and Executive Order No. 457 entitled "*Designating the Commission on Filipino Overseas as the Lead Agency for the Commemoration of the Centennial of Filipino Migration to Hawaii*" both dated August 23, 2005.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
FE A. HIDALGO  
Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

Encls.: As stated  
Reference: None  
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)  
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**MALACAÑANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 456**

**RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM BACK TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 364 dated 27 September 2004 transformed the Department of Agrarian Reform into the Department of Land Reform;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law defines agrarian reform as the redistribution of lands, regardless of crops or fruits produced, to farmers and regular farm workers who are landless, irrespective of tenurial arrangement, to include the totality of factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries and all other arrangements alternative to physical redistribution of lands, such as production or profit sharing, labor administration, and the distribution of shares of stocks, which will allow beneficiaries to receive a just share of the fruits of the lands they work;

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law goes beyond just land reform but includes the totality of all factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** The Department of Land Reform is hereby renamed as the Department of Agrarian Reform.

**Sec. 2.** All orders, rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

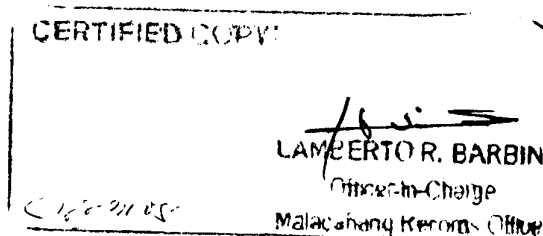
**Sec. 3.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of August, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

By the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary





**Malacañang**  
**Manila**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 457**

**DESIGNATING THE COMMISSION ON FILIPINO OVERSEAS AS THE  
LEAD AGENCY FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENNIAL  
OF FILIPINO MIGRATION TO HAWAII**

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 1906, a group of Filipino plantation workers arrived in Hawaii aboard the Doric, leading the first wave of Filipinos to migrate to Hawaii;

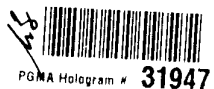
**WHEREAS**, the first group of Filipinos was followed by subsequent waves of Filipino immigrants who came to settle in Hawaii and also in other parts of the United States, contributing to a migration pattern that continues up to this day;

**WHEREAS**, today Filipinos with their rich culture and heritage have become a positive influence on mainstream life in Hawaii, with many of them succeeding prominently in their respective professions, in business, politics, government, the academe and the arts;

**WHEREAS**, while Filipinos in Hawaii have firmly established themselves in their adoptive country, they continue to maintain their strong ties with the Philippines, keep an active interest in its progress, and contribute to the development of their homeland;

**WHEREAS**, conscious of the historical circumstances and the contribution of Filipinos to Hawaii's multicultural society, the State of Hawaii has initiated preparations to commemorate the centennial of Filipino migration to Hawaii in 2006, and created through Act 159 the Filipino Centennial Celebration Commission to organize the commemorative activities;

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of the centennial of Filipino migration to Hawaii will contribute to strengthening ties among Filipinos in Hawaii and the entire United States, open new opportunities for tourism, trade and investments for the Philippines, help strengthen Filipino-American community organizations and highlight their contribution to both the United States of America and the Philippines, and reinforce their important role in bridging the two countries;



- 6) Perform other functions that will ensure the smooth and successful conduct of activities for the celebration.

**SEC. 4. Assistance** – The CFO is hereby authorized to call upon all other departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the government whose assistance and support may be deemed necessary to the effective performance of all these functions, and said departments, agencies, and instrumentalities are hereby directed to extend full cooperation thereto.

**SEC. 5. Funding** – The CFO may seek grants, and may accept donations, to finance or support its projects, programs and activities in connection with the commemorative activities.


**SEC. 6. Period of Existence** – The Commission shall cease to exist after March 31, 2007, after submitting a final report to the Office of the President of all its activities, including an accounting of all moneys received and disbursed.

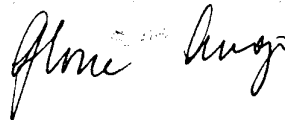
**SEC. 7. Separability Clause** – Should any part or provision of this Executive Order be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SEC. 8. Effectivity** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 23rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

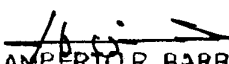
By the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary





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**LAMBERTO R. BARBIN**  
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