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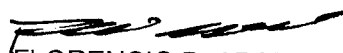
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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **114**, s. 2005

DISSEMINATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 802 DATED MARCH 11, 2005
AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 407 DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2005

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

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are the following:
 - a. Proclamation No. 802 dated March 11, 2005 entitled "*Declaring the Month of June 2005 as National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Month Amending Proclamation No. 412*"; and
 - b. Executive Order No. 407 dated February 24, 2005 entitled "*Designating the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel as Anti-Corruption Swift Action Team (SWAT) Leader*".
2. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.). 50-97)

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under the following subjects:

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MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 802

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2005 AS NATIONAL INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MONTH AMENDING
PROCLAMATION NO. 412**

WHEREAS, Section 24, Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies) of the 1987 Constitution states that, "*The State shall recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation-building*";

WHEREAS, the government, further recognizing that ICT is one of the major sectors for economic growth and as such, has resolved to fully implement a national ICT program that shall optimize the utilization of ICT;

WHEREAS, the Commission of Information and Communications Technology (CICT), created through Executive Order (EO) No. 269, s. 2004, is tasked to be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing administrative entity of the executive branch of Government that will promote and develop integrated and strategic ICT systems and reliable and cost-efficient communication facilities and services;

WHEREAS, the CICT as an empowered national body is keen to work closely with the private sector to encourage ICT-related business and investment, enhance the skills of the country's workforce, pursue meaningful infrastructure, and promote e-governance, consistent with Philippine goals to compete in the global ICT market;

WHEREAS, the government also recognizes the need to harmonize and coordinate the government's and private sector's ICT programs and projects and other ICT-related initiatives to ensure their consistency with the government's overall development goals;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Proclamation No. 412 (s. 1989) to, among others, expand the definition of "Information Technology, the convergence of computer technology, telecommunications and office systems technology" to "Information and Communications Technology (ICT)", which is defined in EO No. 269 as the totality of electronic means to collect, store,



process and present information to end-users in support of their activities, consisting of, among others, computer systems, office systems and consumer electronics, as well as networked information infrastructure, the components of which include the telephone system, the internet, fax machines and computers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of June 2005 as **National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Month**. The National ICT Month shall be under the auspices of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology, with the cooperation of other government agencies and private organizations that are involved in the development of ICT in the country.

All heads of departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including officials of the local governments, are hereby called upon to coordinate with the CICT to implement plans, programs and activities geared towards the objectives of this Proclamation.

Non-government organizations as well as other organizations are hereby encouraged to take full cognizance of this Proclamation and to fully cooperate in the attainment of its goal and activities.

All presidential acts, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations, proclamations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Proclamation, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

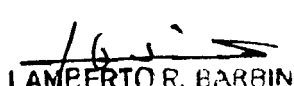
Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

By the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

Gloria Arroyo



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LAMBERTO R. BARRIN
Officer-in-Charge
Malacañang Palace

**MALACAÑANG
MANILA**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 407

**DESIGNATING THE CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AS
ANTI-CORRUPTION SWIFT ACTION TEAM (SWAT) LEADER**

WHEREAS, to achieve urgent change, the Macapagal-Arroyo administration shall improve tax collection, pass a budget that shall support the administration's 10-point plan and pro-poor agenda, and take executive action to break the culture of corruption;

WHEREAS, to create more jobs and bring greater prosperity to the Filipino people, it is imperative to stop the culture of corruption that holds back the country's pace of development;

WHEREAS, Executive Authority shall be exerted to prosecute illegal loggers, cancel government contracts with corrupt companies, fire unscrupulous government officials who rob the nation, and restore integrity to the military leaders and soldiers of the nation who put their lives at risk and defend the honor of the nation;

WHEREAS, Congress, the private sector, and civic leaders shall be called on to join in the aforesaid effort;

WHEREAS, the structure needed for results is a campaign model;

WHEREAS, to put the structure to work, a Swift Action Team (SwAT) shall be put in place for each of the key issues: Economy, 10 Point Agenda, Anti-Corruption;

WHEREAS, each SwAT shall have a Team Leader;

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

SECTION 1. Designation of Anti-Corruption SwAT Leader. - In addition to the functions under Memorandum Order No. 152 (2004), the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel is hereby designated as Anti-Corruption SwAT Leader.



SECTION 2. Powers and Functions. - The Anti-Corruption SwAT Leader is mandated to discharge the following powers and functions:

- a. Organize the Anti-Corruption Swift Action Team (SwAT);
- b. Work together with the Team to get anti-corruption issues on the President's schedule and/or move forward self-sustaining events;
- c. Lead a results-oriented, communications-driven schedule for each 90-day period starting from the date of effectivity of this Executive Order; and
- d. Perform such other functions necessary for the effective discharge of this mandate in accordance with law and as may be directed by the President.

SECTION 3. Assistance from Other Government Entities. All departments, bureaus, agencies and instrumentalities of the government are hereby directed/urged to provide full assistance and support to the Anti-Corruption SwAT and its leader.

SECTION 4. The Department of Budget and Management shall determine the funding for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. All orders, rules and regulations, and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila this 24th day of February in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

Gloria Arroyo



By the President:

Eduardo R. Ermita

EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary



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