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DISSEMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 822  
AND MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 168

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

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are the following:
  - a. **Presidential Proclamation No. 822** dated April 4, 2005 entitled "*Declaring a Period of National Mourning Over the Passing Away of Pope John Paul II*"; and
  - b. **Memorandum Order No. 168** dated March 31, 2005 entitled "*Establishing the Surfing Tourism Integrated Program under the Supervision of the Secretary of Tourism.*"
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
FLORENCIO B. ABAD  
Secretary

Encls.:  
As stated

Reference:  
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

BUREAUS & OFFICES  
LEGISLATIONS

**MALACAÑANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 822**

**DECLARING A PERIOD OF NATIONAL MOURNING OVER THE PASSING AWAY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II**

**WHEREAS**, Pope John Paul II, from his young life as a priest to his role as Pope, evolved as the voice of goodness, social justice and man's freedom to love;

**WHEREAS**, he transcended physical, religious and racial barriers, reaching out in the true Christian tradition, to all peoples of the world as a Great Communicator of hope and freedom;

**WHEREAS**, his generosity, humility and profound love manifested itself in many ways as he made history as the first Pope to visit a Jewish synagogue, a Muslim mosque, and to ask forgiveness for the sins of the past in order to bridge generations and families separated by differences in religious and political beliefs;

**WHEREAS**, Pope John Paul II has a special place in the hearts of the Filipino people who will fondly remember him as the Pope who canonized the first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, and for visiting the Philippines twice in February 1981 for a six-day pastoral visit, and in January 1995 for the World Youth Day as well as for ushering the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000;

**WHEREAS**, it was evident that the Philippines also had a special spot in the heart of the late Pope as Asia's oldest Christian democracy, for His Holiness personally selected Manila as the venue for the Fourth World Meeting of Families, the first to be held in Asia, in January 2003 and has been known to express his concern for the Filipino people during times of natural catastrophes and other upheavals;

**WHEREAS**, in his twenty-six years as Vicar of Christ, he made the fast-changing world gentler through his teachings, writings and way of life;

**WHEREAS**, His Holiness Pope John Paul II has consistently spoken about the poverty that divides nations and the suffering of humanity particularly women and children including migrants as a Shepherd who reminds his flock that: "The Church is a mother who, like Mary, treasures in her heart the story of her children, making all their problems her own."



**WHEREAS**, this Proclamation expresses the Filipino people's solidarity with the world as our generation mourns the passing of His Holiness Pope John Paul II with loving prayers for his eternal peace.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in my by law, do hereby proclaim a period of national mourning effective immediately until the burial of Pope John Paul II.

During this period of mourning, flags of all government buildings and installations, at home and abroad, shall be flown at half-mast.

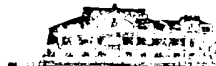
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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. BARBIN**

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 168**

**ESTABLISHING THE SURFING TOURISM INTEGRATED  
PROGRAM UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE  
SECRETARY OF TOURISM**

**WHEREAS**, the Macapagal-Arroyo administration has put forward a series of sweeping reform packages that, taken together, will fundamentally capitalize on the country's strengths and develop areas which need improvement;

**WHEREAS**, tourism in the Philippines is a sector with strong growth potential;

**WHEREAS**, to foster further the country's growth, the Macapagal-Arroyo administration will expand infrastructure development and encourage greater investments all over the country such as tourism investments in tourists-attractive areas in Central Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Central Philippines consists of the Visayan provinces and Palawan, Bicol, and the northern Mindanao islands of Siargao, Camiguin and Dapitan;

**WHEREAS**, from an analysis of the estimated spending of tourists, Philippine market share, and its ability to meet market segment needs, the priorities in the Medium-Term Tourism Development Plan are the following:

- Priority 1: The aggressive multi-channel promotion of the short-haul beachgoer and sightseeing/shopper, and domestic market segments, related products, and destinations. These markets shall receive between 60 and 70 percent of the promotional budget.
- Priority 2: The niche based tailored promotion of the short-haul recreation travelers and ecotourists; and the strategic "ambassadors"—backpacker and balikbayan segments, and related products. These shall receive between 20 and 30 percent of the



promotional budget based focusing on 'rifle shot' promotions aimed at specific niches such as golf, diving, surfing, and the like.

**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. *Surfing Tourism Integrated Program.*** – The Surfing Tourism Integrated Program (STIP) for the development of the transport infrastructure in Siargao Island, Eastern Samar and Bicol is hereby established to ensure the competitiveness and marketability of Siargao, Eastern Samar and Bicol as premier and world class surfing destinations. The STIP shall include:

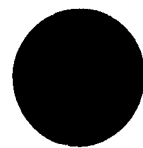
- (a) the upgrading of the airports of Siargao Island, Guiuan in Eastern Samar, and Naga City in Bicol consistent with the standards of international surfing destinations; and
- (b) the establishment and/or improvement of other related infrastructures and equipment complementing the intended transport system in the area.

**SECTION 2. *Supervisory Function.*** – The Secretary of Tourism is hereby directed to supervise the STIP and to ensure that the projects and programs implemented are consistent with the objectives for which the STIP was created.

**SECTION 3. *STIP Manager.*** – The Secretary of Tourism shall assign a senior official of the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) to be the STIP Manager.

The STIP Manager shall perform the following functions:

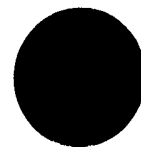
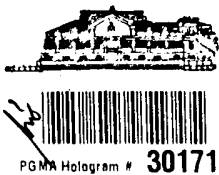
- (a) Plan, implement and oversee the operational details and administrative arrangements necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the STIP consistent with the principles of transparency and accountability;



- (b) Prepare and finalize details and administrative arrangements, and secure appropriate clearances, permits and licenses necessary for the implementation of the Siargao, Guiuan, and Naga airport development;
- (c) Implement and/or coordinate with various components of the development program, including financing, physical implementation and supervision thereof;
- (d) Conduct meetings, coordinate, and request for support and assistance from concerned agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations, local government units, regional development councils, private organizations, and individuals for the attainment of the Program's objectives;
- (e) Prepare Monthly Accomplishment Reports to the Senior Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Local Governments, the Secretary of Tourism, and the Secretary of Transportation and Communication on the status of the projects under the STIP; and
- (f) Perform and execute such other duties as the President of the Philippines or the Secretary of Tourism may direct from time to time.

**SECTION 4. *Funding.*** – The project components of STIP shall be funded primarily from the resources of and available to the Philippine Tourism Authority.

**SECTION 5. *Assistance.*** – The Secretary of Tourism and the STIP Manager may, however, call upon the Department of Transportation and Communication and its attached agencies, the Department of Finance, the Department of Budget and Management, the National Economic and Development Authority and any other agency of the Government for such assistance as may be necessary in the performance of their functions. All heads of departments, agencies, bureaus, offices, including government-owned and controlled corporations, are hereby enjoined to assist and cooperate with the Secretary of Tourism and the STIP Project Office and provide such information and data as may be required to carry out their functions pursuant to this Order.



**SECTION 6. *Liaison with Regional and Local Governments.*** – The STIP Manager shall liaise with the regional and local government units in connection with the implementation of the program by the STIP.

**SECTION 7. *Internal Audit.*** – An internal auditor for the PTA shall be designated by the Senior Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Local Governments. Such internal auditor shall have the duty, among others, of reviewing and checking the disbursements made from PTA internal funds and the proceeds of applicable loan agreements to ensure that priority is given to STIP and other projects as may be identified by the President of the Philippines. The internal auditor shall report to and shall be under the supervision of the Office of the President

**SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

**Done** in the City of Manila, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Five.

*Glenn Arroyo*

By the President:

*Eduardo Ermita*  
EDUARDO ERMITA  
Executive Secretary



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