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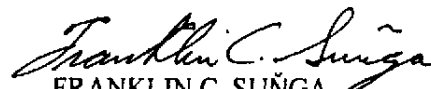
DepED MEMORANDUM

No. **301**, s. 2007

DISSEMINATION OF VARIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ISSUANCES

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Chiefs of Divisions
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are copies of the following:
 - a) **Executive Order No. 626** dated June 4, 2007 entitled "Strengthening the Government's Interfaith Program Through the Creation of a National Committee";
 - b) **Memorandum Order No. 245-A** dated June 12, 2007 entitled "Clarifying Memorandum Order No. 245, Entitled "Authorizing All Government Agencies and Instrumentalities to Extend Support and Participation in the Conduct of the "KABISIG National Government and Foreign Embassies Expo 2007"; and
 - c) **Memorandum Circular No. 133** dated June 21, 2007 entitled "Directing All Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Instrumentalities of the Government, Including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations to Fully Comply with Memorandum Circular No. 35 dated March 17, 2003".
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


FRANKLIN C. SUNIGA
Undersecretary

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. 626

**STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERFAITH PROGRAM
THROUGH THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution articulates a policy of peace, cooperation and amity with all nations as well as maintain peace and order in the country for the enjoyment by all of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, the Government affirms the individual's right to freedom of religion and worship as well as the free exercise thereof as enunciated in the 1987 Constitution, and that the country's participation in interfaith and its related activities does not, in any way, favor or discriminate against any particular religion;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is currently at the forefront of interfaith dialogue in the world community, elevating the latter as a legitimate tool for peace and understanding in the United Nations through the successful lobbying and passing of UN Resolution A/RES/59/23 (Promotion of Interreligious Dialogue);

WHEREAS, there is a need to consolidate, rationalize, and ensure consistency of the country's policies and position in the various interfaith initiatives and fora in and outside the country;

WHEREAS, interfaith initiatives are crucial in the promotion of peace and harmony, cultural tolerance, ethical standards and human rights, as well as the development of moral, spiritual and intellectual capacities for the upholding and enhancement of human dignity;

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

Section 1. Creation of the National Committee on Interfaith Cooperation. There is hereby created the National Committee on Interfaith Cooperation, which shall perform the following functions:



1. Formulate, consolidate, rationalize and recommend Philippine policies and position on various interfaith initiatives in and outside of the country;
2. Articulate and ensure the consistency of the Philippine policy and position in the different local and international fora, as well as in all related activities on interfaith dialogue;
3. Ensure that the Philippines is well represented and maintain its continued leadership and effective participation in the various interfaith initiatives and activities in the international arena/fora;
4. Establish, strengthen and sustain linkages and partnerships with various faith-based and interfaith organizations throughout the country. In this regard, regular consultations shall be conducted with civil society groups and religious sectors;
5. Facilitate the development, implementation and monitoring of the Philippine Plan of Action on Interfaith Cooperation; and,
6. Exercise such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

Section 2. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of designated officials from the following departments or agencies:

Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	-	Chair
Office of the Presidential Adviser on The Peace Process	-	Co-Chair
Presidential Council on Values Formation-		Secretariat

Section 3. Support Structure. Other Government offices/agencies may be tapped as necessary to assist the Committee in the preparation of the country's participation in interfaith initiatives, as well as in the formulation of the Philippine positions and recommendations.

Section 4. Creation of Interfaith Desks and Focal Points. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of national government, including government owned or controlled corporations and government financial institutions are hereby enjoined to establish interfaith desks and designate focal points who shall:

1. Undergo orientation and training on interfaith cooperation;
2. Take charge of interfaith-related programs and projects in their respective offices;



3. Coordinate with and support the Committee in all its undertaking as necessary;
4. Facilitate the establishment of interfaith prayer centers in their respective offices.

Section 5. Funding. The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to release an initial amount of Five Million Pesos (PhP5,000,000.00) from the President's Contingent Fund to initially cover the expenses of the Committee. Fund requirements of the Committee for the succeeding years shall be included in the OPAPP Budget.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

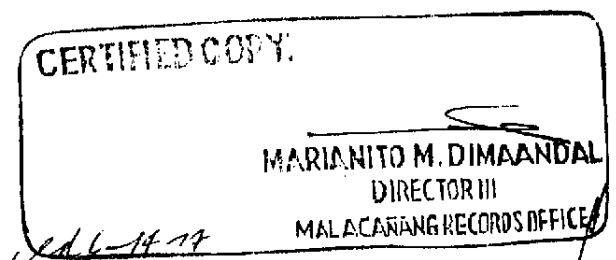
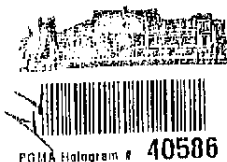
Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seven.

By the President:

Gloria M. Arroyo



EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary



Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 245-A

CLARIFYING MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 245, ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 'KABISIG NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES EXPO 2007'"

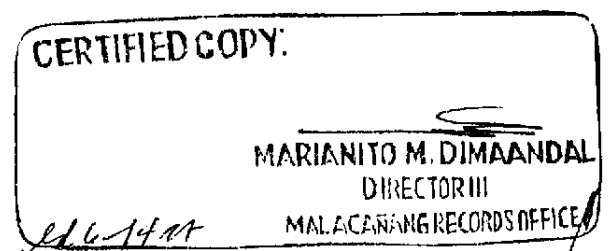
In relation to KABISIG People's Movement's (KABISIG) activity entitled "KABISIG National Government and Foreign Embassies Expo 2007" with the theme "Global Community: Unity in Diversity" on June 11-15, 2007 at SM Mall of Asia and in other capital towns or cities nationwide, KABISIG is reminded of Memorandum Order No. 62 (s. 1992) which provides that the Office of the President letterhead shall only be for the use of officials in the Office of the President, as well as other existing laws on the use of the Office of the President's logo.

Further, the heads of government departments, agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations and other government instrumentalities which were enjoined under Memorandum Order No. 245 to support and participate in the said activity may do so provided that the participation/registration fee therefrom is reasonable. The heads of government departments, agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations and other government instrumentalities shall determine the reasonability of the participation/registration fee taking into consideration, among others, the prevailing fees exacted by other organizers on the same kind of activities.

By authority of the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Manila, 12 June 2007



MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 133

DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO FULLY COMPLY WITH MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 35 DATED MARCH 17, 2003

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution stating that a public office is a public trust and public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people and serve them with utmost responsibility and efficiency and further, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees). Memorandum Circular No. 35 dated March 17, 2003 was issued directing all departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the government including government-owned and controlled corporations to implement the publication of service guides and the posting of workflow charts and providing guidelines therefore;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission (CSC), pursuant to RA 6713 was tasked to monitor and if necessary, conduct an actual inspection of agencies to ensure its compliance with RA 6713 its Implementing Rules and Memorandum Circular No. 35 dated March 17, 2003;

WHEREAS, the CSC has monitored compliance by agencies with the directive and has reported that out of the 5,881 agencies, the CSC Regional Offices have inspected/monitored, 3,243 or 55.14 % agencies as of December 2006: highest rates of compliance were in Regions 12, 11 and NCR, with 176 (97.78%), 181 (83.03%), and 323 (79.75%) offices, respectively and lowest rates of compliance were in ARMM, Region 8, and CARAGA Region with 35 (22.15%), 209 (28.51%), and 88 (33.59%) agencies;

WHEREAS, aforesaid results yielded the findings of 14.01% compliance by agencies indicating that the directive is not being implemented effectively;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen implementation of the directive for the publication of agency Service Guide/Handbook, Posting of Workflow Chart and Service Pledge by all government agencies.



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. All agencies which have not complied with MC 35 dated March 17, 2003, are hereby given one (1) year from effectivity of this Memorandum Circular, to submit compliance reports to the Office of the President, thru the Civil Service Commission.

Section 2. The Civil Service Commission is hereby directed to do the following:

1. To assist those agencies concerned in the development of Service Guides (SG), Workflow Charts (WFC), Service Pledges (SP);
2. To conduct capability building to the agencies concerned to develop competence on the preparation of SG, WFC and SP;
3. The CSC Regional Offices and CSC Field Offices are directed to continuously conduct regular audits therefor.

Section 3. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

Gloria M. Arroyo



By the President:

Eduardo R. Ermita

EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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