

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 398

CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE PHILIPPINES' PARTICIPATION IN THE 1999 INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION IN KUNMING, CHINA

WHEREAS, the 1999 International Horticultural Exposition will be held in Kunming, Yunan Province, People's Republic of China, from 01 May to 31 October 1999;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' participation in the 1999 Kunming Exposition will further bolster our relations with the People's Republic of China, and will provide a venue for showcasing our horticultural and agricultural products and equipment;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a body to ensure the Philippines' successful participation in the said Exposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of a National Organizing Committee.

There is hereby created a National Organizing Committee (NOC) for the Philippines' participation in the 1999 International Horticultural Exposition in Kunming, China to oversee the preparations for, and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Philippine exhibit in the said Exposition.

SECTION 2. Composition. The NOC shall be composed of the following:

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| Secretary of Tourism | - | Chairperson |
| Secretary of Foreign Affairs | - | Co-Chairperson |
| Secretary of Trade and Industry | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| Secretary of Agriculture | - | Member |
| Chairman, University of the Philippines-Department of Horticulture | - | Member |

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President, Federation of Cutflowers and Ornamental Plant Growers of the Philippines	-	Member
President, Philippine Food Exporters Organization	-	Member
President, Manila Seedling Bank Foundation, Inc.	-	Member

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions. The Committee shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate and implement in coordination with concerned sectors, a workplan and budget to ensure the successful participation of the Philippines in the Kunming Expo '99;
- b. Task concerned agencies and instrumentalities of the government to achieve its objectives;
- c. Solicit and accept sponsorships and gratuitous title of funds, material and devices from concerned government departments and its instrumentalities, and from the private sector.
- d. Negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts, grant incentives and honorarium, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The NOC shall also coordinate with Cabinet Clusters X (International Relations) and Z (Sub-cluster of Cluster X) in the conduct of its functions.

SECTION 4. Private Sector Participation. The NOC shall harness the support of the private sector for the Philippine's participation in the Expo, in particular, the Federation of Cutflowers and Ornamental Plant Growers of the Philippines, Inc. and other organizations in the horticulture industry.

SECTION 5. Reports to the President. Relative to the performance of its mandated functions, the NOC, through its Chairman, shall submit periodic reports to the President, and a final report within sixty days (60 days) after the closing of the Exposition.

SECTION 6. Cessation of the Committee. The Committee shall cease to exist sixty (60) days after the submission of its final report provided in Section 5 thereof, unless otherwise ordered by the President.

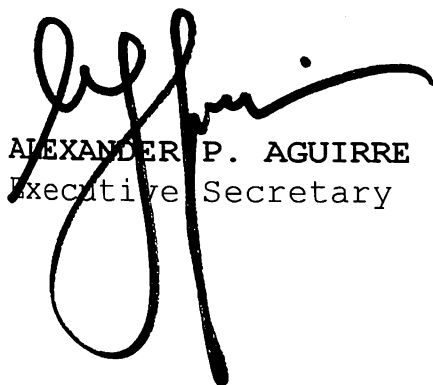
SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All orders and issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of June 98 in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight.



By the President:



ALEXANDER P. AGUIRRE
Executive Secretary