

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 246, December
01, 2008]**

**CREATING A PHILIPPINE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE
CONDUCT OF THE PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION TO THE WORLD
EXPOSITION SHANGHAI CHINA 2010**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, in its drive to enhance further the promotion of the Philippines and sustain its presence in the global market, has committed to participate at the World Exposition Shanghai China 2010 (Expo 2010);

WHEREAS, the Philippine participation in Expo 2010 provides an excellent opportunity to present, demonstrate and showcase to a wide audience across the world its culture and nature, its history and people, its economy and technology and how these aspects of human society interact or co-exist with each other in the process of urbanization, and social and economic development in accordance with the theme Expo 2010: "Better City, Better Life";

WHEREAS, in addition to trade and tourism benefits, and the goodwill that will be generated from participating in Expo 2010, it will also enhance the efforts of both the government and private sectors in addressing various concerns and issues concerning modern approaches to sustainable urban development that would ensure a viable future for the society and humankind in general;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a Philippine Organizing Committee with the Department of Tourism (DOT) as the lead implementing agency for the conduct of the Philippine participation to the World Exposition Shanghai China 2010;

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. *Philippine Organizing Committee (POC)*. A Philippine Organizing Committee (POC), headed by the Department of Tourism, for the Philippine participation at Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China, is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	-	Chairman and Commissioner General
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	-	Vice-Chairman

Members:

Executive Secretary, Office of the President
Secretary of Trade and Industry
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
Secretary of Budget and Management
Secretary of Science and Technology

Secretary of Public Works and Highways
Chairperson, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
Chairman, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
Chairman, Metro Manila Development Authority
Chairperson, National Commission for Culture and the Arts
General Manager, Philippine Tourism Authority
General Manager, Manila International Airport Authority
Director General, Philippine Information Agency
Private Sector Representatives

The Members of the Board of Advisers of the Philippine Organizing Committee may designate an alternate to represent them at the committee. They shall submit the names of their representatives and/or alternates to the POC Secretariat.

Section 2. Authority and Functions of the Philippine Organizing Committee.

The Committee shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate and implement a workplan and budget for the proper implementation of the Philippine participation in Expo 2010, and to monitor and supervise all activities and programs in relation thereto;
- b. Act as the coordinating body between the private sector and other government agencies/organizations to ensure that all directives subsequently issued to the said agencies for the planning, operation and management of the Philippine participation at Expo 2010 are enforced;
- c. Ensure that the benefits of the Philippine participation are maximized through a concerted and cost-effective country approach;
- d. Formulate an appropriate theme, concept and message of the Philippine participation in line with the over-all theme of Expo 2010;
- e. Ensure the safety and protection of government properties, exhibit materials and equipment needed to complete the Philippine participation;
- f. Accept or receive sponsorship and gratuitous title of funds, materials and devices essential for planning and implementation, and management subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- g. Call on any department, bureau or office of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations for any assistance that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Administrative Order.
- h. Enter into agreements/contracts necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Administrative Order;
- i. Undertake any or all other measures necessary for the successful participation of the Philippines in Expo 2010.

Section 3. Executive Committee. The POC, through the Commissioner-General, may create an Executive Committee composed of representatives from the government and private sectors as enumerated in Section 1 thereof.

Section 4. Secretary-General. The POC, through the Commissioner-General, shall designate an official of the Department of Tourism or the Philippine Convention & Visitors Corporation (PCVC), to act as Secretary-General for the Philippine participation in Expo 2010 who shall, among others, act as the contact person of Expo 2010 organizers, attend all activities that will be required by Expo 2010 organizers and, perform such functions that will be necessary to ensure the successful participation of the Philippines at Expo 2010 in accordance with the rules