

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 182, July 03, 2007 ]**

**DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE AND CARRY OUT THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE 39th MEETING OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS (39th AEM) OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, to carry out the ASEAN Leaders directive towards attaining the ASEAN vision of a single ASEAN community by 2015, in particular, the realization of the ASEAN Economic Community, and on the basis of ASEAN practice on rotation of chairmanship, the Philippines will take on the Chairmanship at the 39th AEM in August 2007;

**WHEREAS**, in order to enable the Department of Trade and Industry to carry out and implement its obligations in hosting the 39th AEM and other related meetings in August 2007, there is a need to organize and create a Steering Committee, which will coordinate with other line agencies of the national and local government units.

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

**SECTION 1. Lead Agency** – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall be the lead agency to organize and implement activities related to the hosting of the 39th AEM and its related meetings.

**SECTION 2. Agency Support** – The DTI shall coordinate with various agencies such as the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Health (DOH), Office of the Press Secretary (OPS), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), various Cities of Manila, other Local Government Units throughout the country, and the private sector, to obtain technical, financial and administrative support for the Philippine hosting of the 39th AEM and its related meetings.

**SECTION 3. Tasks and Functions** – The DTI shall perform the following tasks and functions:

1. Formulate and recommend a work program and budget plan for the hosting of the 39th AEM and its related meetings;