

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 139, January 27, 2006]

**DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS THE
LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE AND CARRY OUT THE SCHEDULED
ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE 12th SUMMIT OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AND
ITS RELATED MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, Philippine foreign policy has become increasingly linked to ASEAN's development and towards advancing ASEAN's full integration and strengthening the global competitiveness of ASEAN Member Countries;

WHEREAS, to carry out the ASEAN Leaders' directive towards realizing the ASEAN vision of a single ASEAN community by 2020, the 38th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Vientiane, Laos on 26 July 2005 elected Malaysia and the Philippines as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the ASEAN Standing Committee until July 2005;

WHEREAS, on the basis of ASEAN practice on rotation of chairmanship and the relinquishment of Myanmar of its turn to chair the ASC in July 2006, the Philippines will be the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee starting July 2006 until July 2007 and will host the 12th ASEAN Summit in December 2006;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a national committee to organize and carry out efficiently and effectively all the scheduled activities relative to the ASEAN Standing Committee, ministerial meetings, post ministerial conferences and the hosting of the 12th ASEAN Summit and other related summits;

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

SECTION 1. Lead Agency – The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall be the lead agency to organize the hosting of the 12th ASEAN Summit and related meetings.

SECTION 2. Agency Support – The DFA shall coordinate the integrated assistance by seeking technical, financial and administrative support from the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), Department of Education (DEPED), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Office of the Press Secretary (OPS), Office of the Presidential Protocol (OPP), Office of the Group Commander, Presidential Security Group, the Heads of the Local Government Units (LGUs) where ASEAN Meetings will be held, and from the private sector.