

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 147, May 04, 2006 ]**

**DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AS LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE AND CARRY OUT THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE 12TH ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS RETREAT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman for the 12th Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat, to be held in May 2006, is the Philippines, pursuant to the directive of realizing the ASEAN vision of a single ASEAN community by 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) identified Boracay Island, Aklan as venue for the said Meeting, aiming to promote the island as a major tourist destination;

**WHEREAS**, to effectivity carry out and implement obligations in hosting the 12th AEM Retreat this April, there is a need to designate DTI as lead agency to coordinate with other line agencies of the national and local government units.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO**, President of the Republic Philippines, 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 the hosting of the 12th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Economic Ministers' Retreat and other related meetings.

**SECTION 2. Agency Support** - The DTI coordinate with various agencies to obtain technical, financial and administrative support from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Immigration (BI), Heads of the Regional and Provincial Local Government Units (LGUs), and from the private sector where ASEAN Meetings will be held.

**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 12th ASEAN Economic Ministers Retreat and its related meetings;
2. Coordinate the logistics and substantive arrangements for the AEM Retreat and related meetings;