

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 77, July 22, 1999]

DIRECTING THE ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM AND CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the advent of the new millennium in the year 2000 has generated global preparatory celebrations;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has deemed it proper to mark this event by undertaking thematic activities and programs which will highlight the Estrada Administration's vision for the nation;

WHEREAS, the Estrada Administration has given priority to the modernization of agriculture by transforming the agriculture sector into a dynamic, technologically advanced and globally competitive sector to realize its goals to attain food security and eradicate rural poverty;

WHEREAS, the advent of the new millennium will provide new avenues to further harness the potentials of science and technology towards the attainment of our vision;

WHEREAS, the activities to mark the advent of the new millennium will focus international recognition and goodwill to the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure a coordinated and synchronized nationwide celebration of the advent of the new millennium among government agencies and the private sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, 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), hereinafter referred to as the NOC to take charge in the organization and implementation of programs and activities to celebrate the advent of the new millennium.

SECTION 2. Composition. The NOC shall be chaired by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and co-chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry and the Secretary of Science and Technology. The NOC shall identify and recommend to the President other government sector representatives and three (3) private sector representatives as members to be designated or appointed by the President.

SECTION 3. Functions. The NOC shall have the following functions:

- (a) Initiate and take the lead in the implementation of programs and activities for the celebration of the advent of the new