

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 398, June 05, 1998 ]**

**CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE PHILIPPINES' PARTICIPATION IN THE 1999 INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION IN KUNMING, CHINA**

**WHEREAS**, the 1999 International Horticultural Exposition will be held in Kunming, Yunan Province, People's Republic of China, from 01 May to 31 October 1999;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines' participation in the 1999 Kunming Exposition will further bolster our relations with the People's Republic of China, and will provide a venue for showcasing our horticultural and agricultural products and equipment;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to constitute a body to ensure the Philippines' successful participation in the said Exposition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, 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) for the Philippines' participation in the 1999 International Horticultural Exposition in Kunming, China to oversee the preparations for, and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Philippine exhibit in the said Exposition.

**SECTION 2. *Composition.*** The NOC shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	– Chairperson
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	– Co-Chairperson
Secretary of Trade and Industry	– Vice-Chairperson
Secretary of Agriculture	– Member
Chairman, University of the Philippines-Department of Horticulture	– Member
President, Federation of Cutflowers and Ornamental Plant Growers of the Philippines	– Member
President, Philippine Food Exporters Organization	– Member
President, Manila Seedling Bank Foundation, Inc.	– Member

**SECTION 3. *Powers and Functions.*** The Committee shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities: