

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 288, September 03, 1996 ]**

**CONSTITUTING THE SULU DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is government's policy to ensure that the implementation of development programs and projects is undertaken in a coordinated and synchronized manner to provide maximum benefits to our people;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Sulu was beset by peace and order problems and other man-made disasters which hampered its growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, there is need to implement a coordinated effort to accelerate the development of Sulu and improve the living conditions of its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. CONSTITUTION OF THE SULU DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.** There is hereby constituted a Sulu Development Task Force for the integrated and synchronized implementation of special economic projects in the province of Sulu.

**SEC. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE SULU DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.** The Sulu Development Task Force shall be headed by a representative/officer from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to be designated by the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, or any individual designated/appointed by the President, with representatives/personnel from the following agencies as members to be designated by their respective Secretaries:

- a. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
- b. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- c. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- d. Department of Agriculture (DA);
- e. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
- f. Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- g. Department of Energy (DOE);
- h. Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS);
- i. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
- j. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
- k. Department of Health (DOH); and
- l. Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

The Sulu Development Task Force may invite representatives from ARMM, local government units, non-government organizations and peoples organizations, and religious, political, and civic groups to act as consultants and/or advisers to the Task Force.