

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 203, July 10, 1995]

**CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE
1996 APEC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MANPOWER,
PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, the Philippines will Chair the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in 1996;

WHEREAS, APEC is composed of eighteen (18) economies in the region, including the major economic partners of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, APEC offers great opportunities for training and skills upgrading of manpower and educational exchanges and cooperation in improving the country's HRD facilities and programs;

WHEREAS, APEC can serve as a forum for promoting the country's national interests, such as, among others, the promotion, development and protection of human resources, as enunciated in the Philippines' "Annex to APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration of Common Resolve" which was presented at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bogor, Indonesia, in November 1994;

WHEREAS, at the First APEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for the Seventh APEC Ministerial Meeting which was held in Fukuoka, Japan, on 13-15 February 1995, the Philippines announced that it will host an APEC Ministerial Meeting on Manpower in Manila in January 1996, the first in a series of APEC meetings which the Philippines will host in 1996;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and other laws, do hereby order the creation of a National Organizing Committee for the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Manpower, (NOC-APEC-MMM), as follows:

1. **COMPOSITION** - The NOC-APEC-MMM shall be composed of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as Chairman, with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as members.

The NOC-APEC-MMM shall have the authority to select and invite other agencies as members, as the Committee may deem necessary and useful in the accomplishment of its objectives.

2. **FUNCTION AND PURPOSES** - The NOC-APEC-MMM shall oversee and undertake all necessary preparations to ensure the success of the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Manpower