

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 536, May 25, 2006]

CREATING THE CEBU RAILWAY PROJECT OFFICE AND THE MINDANAO RAILWAY PROJECT OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, one of the 10 points of the agenda of the Arroyo administration is to develop a network of transport infrastructure to connect the entire country;

WHEREAS, another of the 10 points of the agenda of this administration is the creation of 6-10 million jobs between 2004 and 2010 by, among other infrastructures and investments, tourism investments in Central Philippines revolving around Cebu as the hub, business process outsourcing in Cebu, and agri-business investments in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the state of economic, political and social growth, as well as the development and progress of Cebu, being in the center of tourism and business process outsourcing among others, requires dependable, convenient, economical, adequate, efficient and reliable public mass transportation system to guarantee safe, fast and dependable mobility for the greater mass of our people and the increasing number of tourists;

WHEREAS, there is a need to pursue vigorously the Cebu Light Rail Transport System to effectively solve the traffic situation in Cebu;

WHEREAS, there is a need to pursue vigorously the Mindanao Railway System to boost agri-business in Mindanao and to provide the people of Mindanao faster, cheaper, reliable and convenient means of mass transportation;

WHEREAS, bills have been filed in Congress to create the Cebu Light Rail Transport System and the Mindanao Railways Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Cebu Railway Project Office and the Mindanao Railway Project Office. – The Cebu Railway Project Office (CRPO) and the Mindanao Railway Project Office (MRPO) are hereby created under the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) that shall pursue the development and implementation of railway projects in Cebu City and Metro Cebu, and in Mindanao, respectively.

The CRPO shall be established in Cebu City while the MRPO shall be established in Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC. 2. Functions of the Project Offices. – The CRPO and the MRPO shall have the following functions: