

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 304, March 30, 2004]

**DESIGNATING KORONADAL CITY AS THE REGIONAL CENTER
AND SEAT OF SOCCSKSARGEN**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to institute changes in exiting administration structure of government according to the changing requirements of the country and of the administrative regions;

WHEREAS, Section 4 Executive Order No. 36 dated September 19, 2001, Reorganized Region XII as SOCCSKSARGEN Region composed of the Province of North Cotabato, Sarangani, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and the Cities of Cotabato, General Santos City, Kidapawan City, Koronadal City and Tacurong City;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 36 did not specify the regional seat of SOCCSKSARGEN Region;

WHEREAS, the political and socio-economic conditions in SOCCSKSARGEN Region point to the need for designating the regional center and seat of the region to improve government operations and services.

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

Section 1. *Koronadal City as Regional Center and Seat.* The Regional Center and Seat of SOCCSKSARGEN Region shall be Koronadal City.

Sec. 2. *Transfer of Regional Offices.* All departments, Bureaus and offices of the National Government in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region shall transfer their regional seat of operations to Koronadal City.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* All executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval of this Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of March in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and four.

(SGD.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

By the President: