[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 246, October 28, 2003]

DESIGNATING CALAMBA CITY AS REGIONAL CENTER OF REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 103 dated May 17, 2003, divided Region IV into IV-A (CALABARZON) and IV-B and transferred Aurora Province to Region III

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council IV-A affirmed the choice of Calamba City as the site of the regional center for Region IV-A having been established as a center of industrial development and urban activities; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Calamba City as regional center will foster better coordination and promote efficiency in the discharge of functions between and among agencies operating in the CALABARZON area.

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

Section 1. Calamba City is hereby designated as the regional center of Region IV-A (CALABARZON).

Section 2. The Regional Development Council of Region IV-A shall immediately undertake necessary steps for the site development of the CALABARZON regional center in Calamba City

Section 3. All national line agencies shall locate their regional offices in Calamba City as soon as possible and provide the necessary budgetary and other requirements for this purpose.

Section 4. All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

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

By the President:

(SGD.) ALBERTO ROMULO Executive Secretary