

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54, January 06, 1999]

CREATING THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the State to protect and promote the right of the people to balanced ecology and sustainable economy in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the people living near or along the Pasig River have the right to live in an environment that is free from pollution and unsanitary conditions;

WHEREAS, the Pasig River has fast deteriorated because of poor waste management and disposal by the factories and homes along its banks;

WHEREAS, the Pasig River is considered to be a vital ingredient in the transport of goods and people and its rehabilitation will be beneficial for the development of Metro Manila and the country in general;

WHEREAS, the Pasig River, because of its natural deep waters and strategic location remains a viable alternative for decongesting the road network system of Metro Manila and its environs, thus positively utilizing the River for commerce and industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission is hereby created to ensure that the waterway is rehabilitated to its historically pristine condition conducive to transport, recreation and tourism.

SEC. 2. Composition and Membership. The Commission shall be composed of the following:

a) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management who shall act as its Chairman;

The Chairman of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) who shall act as its Co-Chairman;

b) The Secretaries and Heads of the following agencies or their representatives as members;

1. Office of the Executive Secretary
2. Department of Public Works and Highways
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
4. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council