

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 178, July 04, 2005]

**ESTABLISHING THE PANGLAO TOURISM SPECIAL
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY
OF TOURISM TO EXERCISE PRIMARY OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1801, series of 1978, declared Panglao Island, Panglao, Bohol as a tourist zone and marine reserve, placing it under the administration and control of the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA), an entity attached to the Department of Tourism, and serves as the implementing arm of the policies and programs pertaining to tourism development projects in the country; **WHEREAS**, Panglao is emerging as a prime tourist destination with equal potential and paramount impact as that of Boracay to the country's tourism efforts; **WHEREAS**, to ensure and sustain the competitiveness and marketability of Panglao as a premier and world-class destination, necessary financial and infrastructure support must be provided by the government to respond to the growing needs, particularly in the development of the airport in Panglao; **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.** Panglao Tourism Special Infrastructure Program. – The Panglao Tourism Special Infrastructure Program (PTSIP) is hereby established to ensure and sustain the competitiveness and marketability of Panglao, Bohol, as a premier and world-class tourist destination. The PTSIP shall include:

- a. The conversion and upgrading of the Panglao Airport consistent with international standards; and
- b. Other related infrastructure and equipment complementing the intended transport system in the area.

SEC. 2. Primary Oversight Functions. – The Secretary of Tourism is hereby directed to exercise primary oversight functions over the PTSIP to oversee and monitor the effective and efficient implementation of the Program. **SEC. 3.** PTSIP Project Office. – A PTSIP Office shall be established pursuant to this order. The PTSIP Project Management Office shall be composed of a Project Manager represented by the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) and a Deputy Project Manager represented by an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC). The PTSIP Office shall have the following functions:

- a. Plan, implement and oversee the operational details and administrative arrangement necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the PTSIP consistent with the principles of transparency and accountability;
- b. Prepare and finalize details and administrative arrangements, and secure appropriate clearances, permits and licenses necessary for the implementation of the Panglao Airport development;
- c. Implement and/or coordinate with various components of the development program, including financing, physical implementation and supervision thereof;