[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 97, April 25, 2003]

ENJOINING ALL INFORMATION OFFICERS OF OFFICES/AGENCIES AT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS IN LUZON TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVENTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE LUZON COMMUNICATORS NETWORK (LUZCOMNET) ON MAY 30, 2003

The Luzon Communicators Network (LUZCOMNET), a network of government information officers in Luzon will be organized through the efforts of the regional directors of the Philippine Information Agency-Luzon cluster in cooperation with the Public Relations Organization of the Philippines, to enhance the professional growth of government information officers in the Luzon regions (Regions I, II, III, IV-A & B, CAR and the Bicol region).

The LUZCOMNET will be organized to serve as a mechanism for the promotion and advocacy of the national government's efforts in building a STRONG REPUBLIC.

To achieve this purpose, the LUZCOMNET shall conduct its 1st convention and election of officers on May 30, 2003 at Holiday Inn, Manila.

All heads of government department, bureaus and local government units in Luzon, are enjoined to authorize their information officers to attend and participate in LUZCOMNET convention, conferences and similar activities on May 30, 2003 on official time with expenses, such as transportation, per diems, registration fees, and other necessary fees/expenses at rates prescribed in accordance with existing policies of the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit and the Civil Service Commission chargeable against the funds of their respective agencies/offices, and subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

25 APR. 2003

