

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 695, January 10, 2008 ]**

**DEVOLVING FULLY BURNHAM PARK TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BAGUIO**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has the competitive edge in tourism in the natural wonders of our country and the natural warmth of its people;

**WHEREAS**, the role of the National Government is to provide the roads to those wonders and the means to take the tourists there rather than to manage resorts;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. (EO) 224, dated February 10, 1995, transferred the administration, maintenance, management and operation of the Burnham Park Reservation from the Philippines Tourism Authority (PTA), to the City Government of Baguio;

**WHEREAS**, the transfer has been effected since November 1997 by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into among the management of Burnham Park has been a financial drain on PTA, Baguio City and the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC);

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the MOA the NPDC shall work, facilitate and extend to the employees of Burnham Park casual appointments to replace Job Order appointment.

**WHEREAS**, under EO 224 the City Government of Baguio cannot encumber, mortgage, or alienate any portion of the Park;

**WHEREAS**, under EO 224 all revenues and collections generated from the operation of the Park shall accrue to the treasury of the City Government of Baguio and shall be used solely for the management, maintenance, operation and development of the Park;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Baguio assures that it has the capability and capacity to operate, manage, maintain and further develop Burnham Park;

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

**SECTION 1. Transfer of Control and Further Development** - Aside from administration, maintenance, management and operation as provided by Executive No. (EO) 224, the control and further development of Burnham Park, including all facilities and improvements thereon except those specified in Section 3 of EO 224, are hereby transferred from the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) to the City Government of Baguio.

**SECTION 2. National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) Employees** -