

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 310, April 20, 2004]

**PRESCRIBING THE DESIGN AND USE OF THE COAT-OF-ARMS,
SEAL, AND FLAG OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the design and use of the coat-of-arms, seal, and flag of the President and the Vice President of the Philippines were established by Executive Order No. 38 dated January 7, 1947, as amended by Executive Order No. 457 dated July 4, 1951, and Executive Order No. 19 dated August 27, 1998, in order to provide a symbol appropriate for the dignity and history of the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the country.

WHEREAS, these symbols are exclusively meant for the use of the President and Vice President of the Philippines and no other officials;

WHEREAS, it is in the national interest to promulgate regulations that enhance the effective use of these symbols and the proper respect due the same;

WHEREAS, the issuance of this Executive Order is recommended by the Presidential Assistant for Historical Affairs, with the conformity of the Office of the Vice President of the Philippines and the National Historical Institute;

NOW, THEREFORE I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and upon the recommendation of the Presidential Assistant for Historical Affairs do hereby order:

Section 1. The Coat-of-Arms, Seal, and Flag of the President of the Philippines.

- a. The Coat-Of-Arms of the President of the Philippines shall be of the following design:

A circular blue shield with an eight-rayed golden-yellow Philippine sun at the center. Overlapping the Philippine sun is a red equilateral triangle. Inside and at the center of the equilateral triangle is the traditional golden-yellow sea lion (Utramar) of the Coat-Of-Arms granted to the City of Manila in 1596, on guard with a sword on its right paw, at hilt. Inside and at the corner of each of the three (3) angles of the equilateral triangle, a five-pointed golden-yellow star to represent Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, respectively. The elements enumerated above are encircled at the outer edge of the blue shield by five-pointed golden-yellow stars, with one point of each star pointing outward on the imaginary radiating center lines, the number of stars conforming to the number of provinces of the Republic of the Philippines at any given time. An illustration of the Coat-Of-Arms of the President of the Philippine shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "A" and made an integral hereof.

- b. The Seal of the President of the Philippines shall consist of the Coat-Of-Arms of the President of the Philippines, and a white circle around the

Coat-of-Arms enclosed by two (2) golden-yellow marginal rings. The white circle shall contain the words "Sagisag ng Pangulo ng Pilipinas" in black letters on the upper arc, the lower arc divided by three (3) five-pointed golden-yellow stars.

An illustration of the Seal of the President of the Philippines shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "B" and made an integral part hereof.

c. The Flag of the President of the Philippines shall consist of the Coat-of-Arms of the President in proper colors, with a rectangular blue background (instead of the circular blue shield). The shade of the blue background shall conform to the blue color of the National Flag enumerated in Republic Act No. 8491, the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines. The fringe shall be of knotted yellow silk. The ratio of the Flag shall be 1:2.

An illustration of the Flag of the President of the Philippines shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "C" and made an integral part hereof.

Section 2. The Coat-of-Arms, Seal, and Flag of the Vice President of the Philippines.

a. The Coat-of-Arms of the Vice President of the Philippines shall be of the following design:

A circular white shield with an eight-rayed golden-yellow Philippine sun at the center. Overlapping the Philippine sun is a red equilateral triangle. Inside and at the center of the equilateral triangle is the traditional golden-yellow sea lion (Ultramar) of the Coat-of-Arms granted to the City of Manila in 1596, on guard with a sword on its right paw, at hilt. Inside and at the corner of each of the three (3) angles of the equilateral triangle, a five-pointed golden-yellow star to represent Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, respectively. An illustration of the Coat-of-Arms of the Vice President of the Philippines shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "D" and made an integral part hereof.

b. The Seal of the Vice president of the Philippines shall consist of the Coat-of-Arms of the Vice President of the Philippines, and a blue circle around the Coat-of-Arms. The blue circle shall contain the words "Sagisag ng Pangalawang Pangulo ng Pilipinas" in white letters on the upper arc, the lower arc divided by one (1) five-pointed white star.

An illustration of the Seal of the Vice President of the Philippines shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "E" and made an integral part hereof.

c. The Flag of the Vice President of the Philippines shall consist of the Coat-of-Arms of the Vice President in proper colors, with a rectangular white background (instead of the circular white shield). The fringe shall be of knotted yellow silk. The ratio of the Flag shall be 1:2.

An illustration of the Flag of the Vice President of the Philippines shown in its proper colors is attached as Annex "F" and made an integral part hereof.

Section 3. Permitted and Prohibited Uses of the Heraldic Symbols of the President and the Vice President of the Philippines. Except as otherwise provided by law or Presidential issuance, the Coat-of-Arms, Seal, and Flag of the President of the