

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 382, December 03, 1996]

ESTABLISHING THE GAWAD PAMANA NG LAHI

WHEREAS, local governments are integral part of the Philippine Administrative System which perform significant roles and responsibilities as partners of the national government in the delivery of basic services and the promotion of economic growth and social equity;

WHEREAS, there is a need to give recognition to and further encourage the invaluable support and contribution of the local government units towards national development;

WHEREAS, numerous awards for local government units have been established along various fields of endeavor;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a distinguished national award be formally established for local government units that have excelled in various areas of local governance to enrich our heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE GAWAD PAMANA NG LAHI. The Gawad Pamana ng Lahi or the Presidential Local Government Heritage Award is hereby created with the following categories:

Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, Provincial Governments Category;

Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, Highly Urbanized Cities Category;

Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, Component Cities Category;

Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, First to Third Class Municipalities Category;

Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, Fourth to Sixth Class Municipalities Category;

SEC. 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARD. The Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, herein referred to as Gawad, aims to accord government recognition to provinces, cities and municipalities that have distinguished themselves in the performance of their roles and responsibilities not only on the basis of a single program performance but also on their significant and quantifiable achievements along major development initiatives in local governance.

SEC. 3. CREATION OF THE NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE. There is hereby created a National Awards Committee (NAC) composed of the following:

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| Chairperson | Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government |
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| Member | Secretary, Department of Budget and Management |
| | Secretary, Department of Finance |
| | Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources |
| | Secretary, Department of Agriculture |
| | Secretary, Department of Justice |
| | Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports |
| | Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority |
| | Lead Convenor, Social Reform Council |
| | Head, Presidential Commission to Fight Poverty |
| | Head, Presidential Management Staff |
| | One (1) Private Sector Representative |

The NAC may invite the Chairman of the Commission on Audit to participate as member of the NAC. The NAC may further expand its membership as deemed necessary. Representatives from the private sector shall be designated by the Chairman. Technical and secretariat support for the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi shall be provided by the Bureau of Local Government Supervision of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE. The National Awards Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. Initiate and coordinate necessary activities for the successful implementation of the Gawad;
- b. Set guidelines/criteria for the evaluation of LGU-contenders and the selection of the National Awardees for the Gawad;
- c. Report to the President and give appropriate recommendations in the implementation of the Gawad; and
- d. Undertake other tasks/functions that may be assigned by the President.

SEC. 5. SCOPE OF THE AWARD. The Gawad shall be conferred annually to local government units (LGUs) which have excelled most in the following key activities or areas of local governance, namely:

- a. Implementation of Katarungang Pambarangay Program (Lupong Tagapamayapa Economic Incentives Awards);
- b. Environmental Management/Clean and Green Program (Presidential Awards for the Cleanest and Greenest Local Government Units of the Philippines);
- c. Innovations in Local Governance (Gantimpalang Panlingkod Pook or Galing-Pook);
- d. Maintenance of Peace and Order (Peace and Order Award);
- e. Sports Development Program (Siglakas Bayan Award);
- f. Population Management (Population Management Award);