[LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2003-033, December 15, 2003]

GRANT OF FARE DISCOUNTS TO ELDERLY, DISABLED PERSONS AND STUDENTS

By way of constitutional fiat, it is the duty of the family to take care of its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them (Article XV, Section 4, Phil. Constitution)

Disabled persons are part of Philippine society, thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society. Disabled persons should be the concern of everyone, the family, community and all government and non-government organizations (Sec. 2, RA 7277).

Today's students have a special and particular stake on how we shape the future. They are earmarked, if properly developed, to positively superintend and manipulate the hereafter. The needs of the children, elderly and the disabled should be accorded utmost priority. (Article XIII, Section II, Philippine Constitution).

In the light of the foregoing pronouncements, this Board wishes to re-state, reiterate and modify its policy on the grant of FARE DISCOUNTS, to the elderly, disabled persons and the students.

ALL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (Except Trucks for hire, and School Transport Service) are mandated/required to give a FARE DISCOUNT TO ELDERLY, DISABLED PERSONS and STUDENTS (cannot avail of fare discount) in the amount equivalent to 20% of the authorized fare (or the regular/normal fare being collected in the case of Airconed Buses).

GUIDELINES FOR FARE DISCOUNTS TO THE ELDERLY

I. Coverage

ELDERLY, otherwise recognized as Senior Citizen shall refer to any resident citizen of the Philippines at least sixty (60) years old, including those who have retired from both government offices and private enterprises, and has an income of not more than sixty-thousand pesos (P60,000.00) per annum (as defined in RA 7432).

So ordered.

II. Use/Availment

The elderly or senior citizen availing of this privilege should present their senior citizen ID provided or issued by the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) established by the Local Government Units (LGU).