

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 48

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC) TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESTORATION, REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE EXISTING LINES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR)

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes the importance of an efficient rail system for providing a reliable means of transportation to the public;

WHEREAS, the Government intends to pursue an accelerated plan for the upgrading, modernization and development of rail transportation services to provide a convenient, efficient and affordable means of transport for passengers and freight;

WHEREAS, it is essential to clear the rail right-of-way of obstruction and encroachment before the said plan can be successfully implemented;

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 3206 provides for a financial structure to pursue the above mentioned rehabilitation of PNR lines.

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

SECTION 1. The DOTC, as the main transport planning and regulatory agency of the government, shall oversee the implementation of PNR's rehabilitation.

SECTION 2. The PNR shall be the lead entity in this rehabilitation plan and, in coordination with the Department of Finance, National Economic and Development Authority, and Department of Budget and Management, shall prepare the financial requirement of the rehabilitation plan as provided for in House Bill No. 3206.

SECTION 3. The DOTC and PNR shall coordinate with the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), in the relocation of informal dwellers from all areas affected by the rehabilitation plan and the provision of alternative housing sites for them.

SECTION 4. All government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, and local government units which are involved in rail-related projects are directed to coordinate with the DOTC and the PNR and provide all support and cooperation required towards the completion of the PNR rehabilitation.



SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and one.

By the President:

Alberto G. Romulo
ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

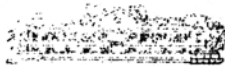
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