

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 167

DECLARING THE WEEK OF MARCH 24-31, 2002 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS BIMP-EAGA WEEK

WHEREAS, the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-the Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP EAGA) sub-regional cooperation was formally created on March 24 to 26, 1994 in Davao City;

WHEREAS, the BIMP-EAGA was primarily intended to spur development in the lagging sub-national economies of the member-countries, including Mindanao and Palawan – the Philippines' focus areas for this sub-regional cooperation;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government recognizes the role of the BIMP-EAGA in the development of Mindanao and Palawan, even adopting it as one of the key development strategies in increasing trade, investment and tourism;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government renews its commitment to the BIMP-EAGA, and leads the EAGA member countries in pursuing revitalization efforts of the growth area initiative;

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

SECTION 1. The week of March 24-31, 2002 and every year thereafter shall be observed and celebrated as the BIMP-EAGA Week in Mindanao and Palawan;

SEC. 2. All government agencies are enjoined to observe and celebrate the BIMP-EAGA week with appropriate ceremonies in their respective areas;

SEC. 3. The MEDCo, being the Coordinating Office for the BIMP-EAGA shall lead the preparations for the celebration of the BIMP-EAGA Week and ensure Mindanao and Palawan-wide celebration;



SEC. 4. The funding for this activity shall be borne by the individual agencies concerned;

SEC. 5. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

