

DIRECTING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES [AFP] CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONSTRUCT SECURITY "KALAYAAN" ROADS AND OTHER STRATEGIC ROADS

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 166, March 22, 2005

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WHEREAS, there exists an urgent and vital need to complete the construction of roads vital to the promotion of peace and order and development throughout the country WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines [AFP] Corps of Engineers has the capability and experience in performing this task; NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

- The AFP Corps of Engineers is hereby directed to construct security "Kalayaan" roads which are vital and urgently needed for the promotion of peace and order and development, as specified and determined by the President upon the recommendation of the National Security Adviser and/or the Secretary of National Defense.
- The AFP Corps of Engineers is likewise directed to construct strategic roads which are vital and urgently needed in achieving national development and stability in areas specified and determined by the President, upon the recommendation of the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority and/or the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways.
- The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to provide sufficient funding for the AFP Corps of Engineers to accomplish the foregoing tasks.
- All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities of the Government, including Government-owned or controlled corporations, are hereby enjoined to extend such assistance and cooperation as the AFP Corps of Engineers or the Secretary of National Defense may need in the discharged of the functions pursuant to this Order.
- All executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Memorandum Order are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.
- This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Five.

(Sgd.)GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO

By the President: (Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA Executive Secretary

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