

CREATING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE 7TH ASIA-EUROPE MEETING ON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13, May 02, 2011

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WHEREAS, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) has developed a comprehensive partnership between Asia and Europe through joint activities and functional cooperation in its political, economic and socio-cultural pillars;

WHEREAS, the ASEM dialogue has increasingly yielded consensus and mutual understanding on socio-cultural issues through yearly and issue-based conferences;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a leading proponent of interfaith dialogue in the international arena;

WHEREAS, the Philippines shall take its turn for the first time to host the 7th ASEM on Interfaith Dialogue (ASEM-IFD7) on 13-14 October 2011 with the theme “Harnessing the Benefits and Addressing the Challenges of Migration Through Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue”; and

WHEREAS, the President, under Article VII, Section 17 of the Constitution, has the power and control over executive departments, bureaus and offices, as well as the continuing authority under existing laws to reorganize such executive departments, bureaus and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee is hereby constituted to be Chaired by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) for the purpose of organizing and implementing activities in connection with the Philippine hosting of the ASEM-IFD7, with the following as members:

Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP)

National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)

SECTION 2. Agency Support. The Executive Committee shall closely coordinate with and call upon the heads of other relevant agencies and local government units for technical, financial and administrative support in implementing activities for, and ensuring the success of ASEM-IFD7.

SECTION 3. Tasks and Functions. The Executive Committee shall perform, among others, the following tasks and functions:

- a. Formulate a work program and budget plan for the hosting of ASEM-IFD7 and related activities;
- b. Implement the work program and supervise and monitor all activities therein;
- c. Engage the support, assistance and cooperation of international, intergovernmental and non-governmental

organizations and private sector and/or entities in the preparation and conduct of ASEM-IFD7, as necessary; and

d. Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, enter into agreements and contracts in implementing this Administrative Order.

SECTION 4. Funding. The funding requirement for the preparation and conduct of ASEM-IFD7 amounting to Eight Million Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (P8,230,000.00) shall be charged against the International Commitments Fund (ICF).

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Administrative Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2[nd] day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

By the President:

(Sgd.) PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.

Executive Secretary

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