

## MALACAÑAN PALACE

MANILA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 497

## DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS THE APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE TOLL REGULATORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Toll Operation Decree of 31<sup>st</sup> March 1977 grants to the Toll Regulatory Board the power, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, to enter into contracts in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines with persons, natural or juridical, for the construction, operation and maintenance of toll facilities such as but not limited to national highways, roads, bridges, and public thoroughfares;

NOW THEREFORE I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines do hereby delegate to the Secretary of Transportation and Communications the authority to approve contracts entered into by the Toll Regulatory Board.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24<sup>th</sup> day January, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and six.

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By the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary