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Office of the President of the Philippines Malacañang

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 148

PROHIBITING PERSONNEL IN THIS OFFICE, INCLUDING THOSE IN OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITHIN MALACAÑANG PREMISES, FROM FOLLOWING UP OR INTERCEDING ON BEHALF OF PARTIES CONCERNED REGARDING AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

It has come to my attention that certain personnel in this Office, including those in other government agencies within Malacañang premises, follow up, or personally intercede on behalf of parties concerned in connection with authentication of documents in the Authentication Office of the Office of the President (AOOP). Said follow-ups and intercessions not only interfere with the normal processing of papers, but also create unnecessary pressure and inconvenience to the signing authorities. It may likewise lead to possible unwholesome practices.

Accordingly, all personnel in this Office, including those in other government agencies within Malacañang premises, are hereby prohibited from following up, or interceding on behalf of certain parties in facilitating action on their documents for authentication.

The Authentication Office is hereby directed not to entertain any employee who is following up, or interceding on behalf of certain parties regarding their documents, and to submit to the Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration the name of said employee.

All chiefs of divisions and other primary units in this Office shall be held responsible in strictly enforcing the provisions of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

Manila, 11 October 2004