

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 223

REVIVING THE GRANT OF TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO ALL PASSENGERS BY SEA, ORIGINATING FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL PORTS IN MINDANAO, INCLUDING PALAWAN, AND BY AIR, DEPARTING FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDED THAT THE PASSENGERS ORIGINATE FROM MINDANAO OR PALAWAN, TO ANY DESTINATION WITHIN THE BIMP-EAGA (BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THE PHILIPPINES-EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA)

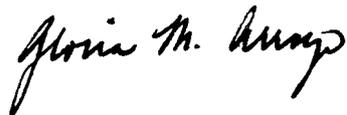
For reasons of national interest and in order to sustain and accelerate economic development in Mindanao, the exemption from payment of travel tax to all passengers by sea, originating from all international ports in Mindanao, including Palawan, and by air, departing from all international airports in the Philippines, provided that the passengers originate from Mindanao or Palawan, to any destinations within the BIMP-EAGA (Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-The Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area) is hereby revived and shall be granted for a two-year period ending September 2008.

For purposes of this Order, a Travel Tax Exemption Certificate may be secured from the Philippine Tourism Authority.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 16th day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

By the President:



EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

