

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 1709**

**DECLARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009, AS SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN**

**WHEREAS**, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, marks the birth anniversary of the late Blas F. Ople;

**WHEREAS**, Blas F. Ople, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, former Senate President and Secretary of Labor, had devoted decades of his life to selfless, dedicated and sincere service to our country and our people;

**WHEREAS**, the late Blas F. Ople, a son of Bulacan, has been a model to the Filipino people especially to the "*Bulakenyos*";

**WHEREAS**, it is but fitting and proper that the people of the Province of Bulacan, be given full opportunity to celebrate the occasion with appropriate ceremonies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA**, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, do hereby declare Tuesday, February 3, 2009, as special (non-working) day in the Province of Bulacan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **January**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

By authority of the President:

  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

  
**JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA**  
Senior Deputy Executive Secretary