

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 256, March 09, 2009]

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE, MANAGE, AND IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREENING INDUSTRY IN ASIA

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change while sustaining rapid economic growth through timely and high-level international cooperation;

WHEREAS, UNIDO has invited the Philippines to host its *International Conference on Greening Industry in Asia: Managing the Transition to Resource-Efficient and Low-Carbon Industries*, in partnership with the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in September 2009;

WHEREAS, the conference will focus on how Asian and Pacific countries can effectively manage the transition to resource-efficient and low-carbon industries so as to sustain and enhance their rapid economic growth and international competitiveness;

WHEREAS, a ministerial-level Manila Declaration and Plan of Action will outline the steps needed to reduce the resource intensity and carbon emissions of the region's industries, will be the main output of the conference;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' sustainable development and economic competitiveness will benefit immensely from the hosting of the conference, which will include an international trade fair to promote Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects, resource-efficient technologies, and products and services to reduce carbon emissions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a national committee to organize and carry out efficiently all the scheduled activities relative to the conference, including a ministerial meeting, roundtable discussions, trade fair, industry exhibits and other related activities;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is responsible for issues related to the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order: