

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 216, December  
28, 2007 ]**

**JUMPSTARTING INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING  
AND THE FIGHT AGAINST SMUGGLING**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to jumpstart initiatives in education, job training and the fight against smuggling,

**I, GLORIA M. ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Funds shall be sourced under the reenacted budget of:

1. Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for rural investment and development initiatives;
2. Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for English education and job training for urgently needed skills; and
3. One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) for anti-smuggling efforts and gear, especially for:
  - a) GPS tracking of trucks carrying to and from bonded warehouses;
  - b) Intelligence gathering in some 100 private ports nationwide (now minimally watched by the Bureau of Customs);
  - c) Monitoring and tagging of petroleum products; and
  - d) Rewards for tips from here and abroad on contraband shipments.

**DONE** in the City of Manila on this 28th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

**(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO**

By the President:

**(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
*Executive Secretary*

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