

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 114, January 24, 2005]

**DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
COORDINATE THE PHILIPPINE ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA**

WHEREAS, on 9 June 2005, the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China will commemorate the 30th year of the establishment of diplomatic relations;

WHEREAS, China is an important bilateral partner of the Philippines and its ascendancy as an economic and regional power signifies the development of meaningful relations with China as a strategic agenda of Philippine foreign policy;

WHEREAS, the 30th anniversary of Philippine-China diplomatic relations presents an opportunity for the Philippines to promote its national interest through enhanced bilateral relations and the establishment of a comprehensive and coordinated program to promote the country to achieve the following:

- a. Improved image of the country in China;
- b. Increased bilateral trade;
- c. Additional foreign direct investments from China;
- d. Increased tourism activity in the country;
- e. Openings for the service sector;
- f. Enhanced business confidence on both sides;
- g. Expanded people-to-people exchanges; and
- h. Improved government-to-government relations.

WHEREAS, there is a need to identify a coordinator who will oversee the activities and events that will be held in 2005 related to the 30th anniversary celebrations;

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

Section 1. Coordinator. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs, hereinafter referred to as