

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 229, November
29, 1995]**

**CONSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE HOST COMMITTEE FOR THE 1996
ASIA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR**

WHEREAS, the Philippines is committed to the continued development and growth of international trade and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region;

WHEREAS, in view of this commitment, the Philippines shall host and jointly organize, with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Sixth Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair from 5-11 November 1996;

WHEREAS, the Fair provides an excellent opportunity to highlight the global competitiveness of the Philippine economy and further enhance the country's trade, investments and tourism prospects;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a Philippine Host Committee to organize and supervise the activities related to the Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Philippine Host Committee for ASPAT '96.* A Philippine Host Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") is hereby constituted to oversee and undertake the necessary preparations for the Sixth Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair.

SEC. 2. *Composition of the Committee.* The Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry with representatives from the following departments/agencies as members:

- a. Department of Foreign Affairs
- b. Department of Finance/Bureau of Customs
- c. Department of Transportation and Communications/Manila International Airport Authority
- d. Department of Public Works and Highways
- e. Department of Tourism/Duty-Free Philippines
- f. Department of Justice/Commission on Immigration and Deportation
- g. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
- h. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas/Philippine International Convention Center
- i. Cultural Center of the Philippines
- j. Philippine Air Lines
- k. Philippine Economic Zone Authority
- l. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation

The Committee shall also include representatives from the private sector to be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Chairman.