

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44, September 28, 2017 ]**

**APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PHILIPPINE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, this Administration aims to ensure a sound macroeconomic policy by strengthening the effectiveness of financial inclusion initiatives, particularly those focusing on the efficient delivery of microfinance and micro-insurance products and services for Filipinos including those who live abroad;

**WHEREAS**, overseas-based Filipinos, who contribute to the country's foreign exchange income, currency stability, employment, and overall economic growth through their remittances should be given provision of priority support for their growing financial needs;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish a policy bank dedicated to provide financial products and services tailored to the requirements of overseas Filipinos, and focused on delivering quality and efficient foreign remittance services;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Postal Savings bank, Inc. (PPSB), a subsidiary of the Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC), which has the primary purpose of developing the rural financial sector, is strategically equipped to provide the needed financial and remittance services to Filipinos overseas and their families;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 10149 or the "GOCC Governance Act of 2011" declares as a policy of the State to actively exercise its ownership rights in GOCCs and to promote growth by ensuring that operations are consistent with national development policies and programs;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the same law, the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) recommended the acquisition of PPSB by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) through transfer of shares, since the functions and purposes for which PPSB was created are no longer consistent with the national development policy of the State;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution provides for the President's power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. Acquisition of PPSB by LBP and Conversion of PPSB into an Overseas Filipino Bank.** Subject to the necessary approval and/or clearance of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Philippine Competition Commission, the acquisition