

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 500, January 27, 2006]

**PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF AIR SERVICES TO THE
DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, declared the policy of the Government to accelerate the sound and balanced conversion into alternative productive uses of the Clark and Subic military reservations and their extensions;

WHEREAS, on April 28, 1994, Executive Order No. 174 was issued designating the Clark Special Economic Zone as the site of the future premiere international airport;

WHEREAS, on January 3, 1995, Executive Order No. 219 was issued "establishing the Domestic and International Civil Aviation Liberalization Policy";

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2003, Executive Order No. 253 was issued "providing for the expansion of air services to the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA)";

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2005, the President of the Philippines declared as one of the ten-point legacy agenda of this Administration the development of Clark-Subic into the best international service and logistics center in the region.

WHEREAS, there is a growing demand among low cost passenger airlines to fly to the Philippines via the DMIA;

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

SECTION 1. The government shall accelerate the full operationalization of the DMIA;

SECTION 2. Any provision of Executive Order No. 219 (series of 1995), Executive Order No. 32 (Series of 2001) and related issuances to the contrary notwithstanding, the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) shall process within thirty (30) days of receipt all applications for international passenger transportation service subject to the following:

International passenger and cargo air access to the DMIA is hereby declared as a development route. This authority shall be granted without prejudice to any right or privilege of the applicant under Philippine law, including any Air Services Agreement (ASA) or similar air services arrangement.

b. The increase in commercial passenger and cargo access to the DMIA shall be regarded as an enhancement of Clark-Subic as an international service and logistics center in the region.

c. The requirement of foreign and domestic travelers and cargo from the Philippines for adequate, efficient and reliable air links at competitive rates and the increase in passenger and cargo traffic to the Philippines shall be considered as a vital