

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79, March 11, 2002]

**CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER FOR
STRATEGIC PROJECTS AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS , there is a need to find timely and effective solutions to problems impeding the implementation and completion of strategic development projects throughout the country;

WHEREAS , some of the strategic projects have been encountering serious delays;

WHEREAS , there is an urgent need to provide for an office which shall assume the primary responsibility for ensuring on a full-time basis the effective and timely implementation of specific strategic projects;

WHEREAS , under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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. Creation. – The Office of the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects (OPASP) is hereby created under the Office of the President, to be headed by the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects (PASP) who shall have the rank and emoluments of a Cabinet Secretary.

SECTION 2. Mandate. – The PASP shall oversee and supervise the effective and timely implementation and completion of strategic projects as the President may assign.

When the President assigns a strategic project to the PASP, the PASP shall be the representative of the Government in the oversight and supervision of the said strategic project up until its completion. The concerned Government agency institutionally in charge of the project shall be placed under the oversight and supervision of the PASP with respect to the said project to ensure its smooth implementation.

For purposes of this Executive Order, "strategic projects" shall refer to highly crucial projects such as, but not limited to, infrastructure projects, foreign-assisted projects and other programs determined as such by the President.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects.
– Pursuant to its mandate, the PASP shall exercise the following powers and functions:

a. Advise the President on matters relative to the effective and timely implementation of strategic projects assigned;