

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 47, May 17, 2013]

**ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND
INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON BAGUIO AND BORACAY
FOR THE PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS AND
PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THESE PLACES**

WHEREAS, Baguio City and Boracay Island are leading tourist destinations that are considered national assets;

WHEREAS, rapid growth, commercialization, and the lack of a comprehensive development and zoning plan have caused the degradation and deterioration of the two localities;

WHEREAS, the President has directed the Secretaries of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Interior and Local Government, and Justice to constitute a Technical Working Group (TWG) to review the environmental, commercial, tourism, and law and order situation in Baguio and Boracay for the purpose of developing Comprehensive Plans to preserve these vital national assets; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure full support and cooperation to the TWG for the successful completion of its tasks and functions.

NOW THEREFORE, all officials and employees of government agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs), are hereby enjoined to fully support and cooperate with the TWG in the preparation and implementation of comprehensive plans for Baguio and Boracay.

The Secretary of Tourism is hereby designated as Coordinator of the TWG to ensure proper formulation and full integration of social and economic policies, plans, and programs. The TWG is directed to work with all concerned stakeholders, including the LGUs with jurisdiction over Baguio and Boracay, in the preparation and implementation of plans and programs, and to submit regular reports to the Office of the President.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By authority of the President: