

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 854, June 07, 2005 ]**

**DECLARING SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2006 AS PHILIPPINES-JAPAN  
FRIENDSHIP DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Japan established diplomatic relations with the ratification of the Peace Treaty and Reparations Agreement on July 23, 1956;

**WHEREAS**, Japan is a sister democracy and a major player in regional affairs, considering its influence in the security situation and economic development of East Asia and the region;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Japan enjoy close, friendly and vibrant relations that have been mutually beneficial to both countries and peoples;

**WHEREAS**, relations cover a wide range of fields, particularly in the political and security cooperation, trade and economic cooperation, development assistance, socio-cultural and people-to-people exchanges, and labour and consular matters;

**WHEREAS**, the 50th Anniversary of Philippine-Japan relations merits appropriate observance and official commemorations.

**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 declare Sunday, July 23, 2006 as Philippines-Japan Friendship Day to mark the 50th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Japan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**Done** in the City of Manila, this 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

**(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

By the President:

**(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
*Executive Secretary*

