

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 228, July 14, 2003 ]**

**CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT  
OFFICE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, it is the government's thrust to create labor intensive projects that will generate employment and livelihood for marginalized families, especially out-of-school youth;

**WHEREAS**, the country has resources that can be transformed into viable income and livelihood opportunities by introducing creative projects and programs;

**WHEREAS**, there are strategically-located vacant or idle government and GOCC's lands that can be used as vending sites for displaced street vendors, small entrepreneurs and other Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), or as venue for information dissemination campaign of various government agencies, or be utilized as farming lands for vegetable/crop production for the landless and/or the employed in the countryside;

**WHEREAS**, there is a great and urgent need to make use of all available resources to alleviate poverty in the country;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 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 government.

**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. Creation** - The **Presidential Emergency Employment Office (PEEO)** is hereby created **under the Office of the President**, to be headed by the Presidential Adviser for Poverty Alleviation who shall have the rank and emoluments of a Cabinet Secretary.

**SEC. 2. Powers and Functions.** The PEEO shall have the following powers and functions.

- a. To design, conceptualize, adopt, implement and monitor a comprehensive Emergency Employment in consonance with the job generation program of the government, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment;
- b. To serve as a coordinating forum for various policies, laws, rules, and regulations that need to be revised, amended or proposed, in order to attain job creation;
- c. To generate and mobilize resources from domestic and foreign resources for the implementation of the Job Creation Plan, subject to existing rules and