

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 44, September 28, 1999]

ENJOINING ALL CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATIONALIZED DONATED VEHICLE PROGRAM OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (LMP)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, local chief executives may, upon authority of the sanggunian, negotiate and secure financial grants or donations in kind, in support of the basic services or facilities enumerated under Section 17 thereof, from local and foreign assistance agencies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 (c) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the President may, upon request of the local government unit concerned, direct the appropriate national agency to provide financial, technical, or other forms of assistance to the local government unit, at no extra cost to the local government unit concerned;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8745, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of CY1999, national internal revenue taxes and import duties payable by national government agencies to the National Government arising from foreign donations, grants and loans are deemed automatically appropriated;

WHEREAS, the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) has taken the initiative to revive the Donated Vehicle Program (DVP), undertaken from 1994 to 1996, which has assisted municipalities in facilitating their availment of second-hand, slightly used motor vehicles from foreign countries;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) is the duly constituted national government agency under Republic Act No. 6975 that is mandated to assist the President of the Republic of the Philippines in the exercise of general supervision over local governments;

WHEREAS, the DILG and the LMP have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which provides for the establishment of a new Rationalized Donated Vehicle Program that not only revives the old DVP, but also institutes improvements to the system that will facilitate the municipalities' availment of second-hand, slightly used motor vehicles from foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. All concerned national government agencies, including the Bureau of