

**[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 405, November 04,
1996]**

**PROVIDING POLICIES AND MEASURES TO FURTHER REGULATE
THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF COMMEMORATIVE PLATES**

WHEREAS, the issuance and use of commemorative car plates in the country are allowed by the government to promote the observance and/or commemoration of international and national events, both past and present, which have direct and vital impact on national life;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate the issuance and use of commemorative car plates to ensure the integrity of the registration system for motor vehicles operating in the country and thereby enhance public safety and security, in particular for the riding and motoring public;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt well-defined policies and measures to ensure that the use of commemorative car plates is confined to the purpose for which it was issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the strict observance of the herein policies and measures on the issuance and use of commemorative car plates:

SECTION 1. General Policy. — The issuance and use of commemorative car plates shall be limited to events which are of national, international and/or historical significance as defined in the herein attached Annex A..

SECTION 2. Authority to issue Commemorative Car Plate. — The use of commemorative car plates in the country shall have the prior written approval of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), upon the recommendation of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and concerned government Department/Agencies covering the events requiring the plates, including the Department of Foreign Affairs for international events and the National Historical Institute for historical events.

SECTION 3. Limitations. — The issuance and use of the commemorative plates shall have the following limitations:

a. Only the lead agency, committee and/or group duly authorized by the DOTC Secretary for the purpose, may issue commemorative car plates. Application for the issuance of commemorative car plates shall include the total number of plates to be issued.

b. The display period for any commemorative car plate shall not be more than six (6) months from its approval by the DOTC Secretary. Such expiry date shall be