

Republic of the Philippines **Department of Education**



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> DISSEMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 225 (Harnessing Idle Resources to Uplift the Poor and Boost Rice Supply to Cushion the Country from Price Spikes)

To: Undersecretaries

Assistant Secretaries

Bureau Directors

Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units

Regional Directors

Schools Division/City Superintendents

Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Administrative Order No. 225 dated April 1, 2008 entitled "Harnessing Idle Resources to Uplift the Poor and Boost Rice Supply to Cushion the Country from Price Spikes" which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

FRANKLIN C. SUNGA Undersecretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1--(D.O. 50-97)

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MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 225

HARNESSING IDLE RESOURCES TO UPLIFT THE POOR AND BOOST RICE SUPPLY TO CUSHION THE COUNTRY FROM PRICE SPIKES

I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Government-owned and —controlled corporations, government financial institutions, including the Philippine Gaming Corporation, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the Social Security System, the Government Service Insurance System, the National Power Corporation and the Philippine National Oil Company, shall allocate five percent (5%) of their 2007 surplus for projects in rice, low-cost consumer and medicine outlets, Philhealth and microfinance, in accordance with relevant laws, charters and by-laws.

Section 2. The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Justice-Office of the Government Corporate Counsel shall provide advice, coordination and technical support to the abovementioned corporations and institutions in planning and implementing the pro-poor projects.

Section 3. The National Anti-Poverty Commission shall oversee the implementation of this order and validate if the poor do benefit from the projects, which should be started not later than July.

Section 4. The Department of Agriculture shall draw up a plan to utilize idle lands for rice and other food production, consulting with Senator Edgardo Angara, who has advocated additional cultivation of one million hectares.

DONE in the City of Manila, on this 1st day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

Manual Manila, on this 1st day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

By the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA Executive Secretary 43922

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