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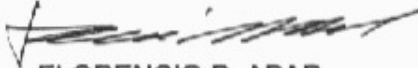
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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **413** s. 2004

DISSEMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 95, S. 2004
AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34, S. 2002

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are copies of Administrative Order No. 95, dated February 27, 2004 entitled "*Amending Administrative Order No. 34, s. of 2002,*" and Administrative Order No. 34 dated May 2, 2002, entitled "*Providing for the Revival of Cabinet Officers for Regional Development*".
2. Also enclosed is a copy of Memorandum from the Acting Executive Secretary dated September 8, 2004 designating the undersigned as Cabinet Officer for Regional Development (CORD) for Region II.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

Encls.: As stated
Reference: None
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

LEGISLATIONS
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 95

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34, S. OF 2002,
PROVIDING FOR THE REVIVAL OF CABINET OFFICERS FOR
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2002, the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD) was revived by A.O. No. 34;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Section 2 of A. O. No. 34, s of 2002 to delineate the specific functions, duties and responsibilities of the CORD.

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. Section 2 of A.O. No. 34, s of 2002, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the CORD
– The CORD shall perform, among others, the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- a) Assist in articulating the region's concerns and perceptions in the Cabinet, with other Departments, the Office of the President and concerned agencies;
- b) Assist the President in the speedy, efficient and orderly resolution of problems in government operations in his/her assigned region:
 - b.1. By determining grievances or concerns that need to be addressed immediately;
 - b.2. By following up the actions of concerned government agencies;



- b.3. By informing the people in the area of the results on actions taken by the government;
- c) In coordination with the Regional Development Councils (RDC) and other local special bodies, assist in defining priorities and projects in the region;
 - d) Monitors government projects and programs at the regional level i.e. – those accomplished and not accomplished, and the reasons why they were not accomplished immediately;
 - e) Insure that all programs, projects and activities of the national government in the region are well implemented, and information thereon fully disseminated to the people through various mechanisms and strategies;
 - f) Check on public information aspect of any project and/or program;
 - g) Be prepared to report on high-impact matters/concerns and the measures taken by the government to address them for public information purposes;
 - h) Identify and clarify issues and concerns affecting peace and order and security, thru the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) and the Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security (COC-IS) sub-national levels;
 - i) Monitor the conduct of government forces/agencies involved in Peace & Order and security matters;
 - j) Undertake regular visits for the purpose of conducting consultations with local officials and the private sector in his/her region of assignment;
 - k) Act as Lead Convenor during Presidential regional meetings;
 - l) Submit reports as necessary of his/her activities to the President through the Executive Secretary;
 - m) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President."



SEC. 2. All other provisions of A.O. No. 34, s. of 2002 shall remain unchanged, valid and existing.

SEC. 3. Effectivity - This amendment shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34

**PROVIDING FOR THE REVIVAL OF CABINET OFFICERS FOR
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD) system was established under Administrative Order No. 55 on 09 February 1988, amended by Administrative Order 95 on 10 October 1988, but abolished by Executive Order No. 7 on 30 September 1998;

WHEREAS, the CORD system has been proven to be an effective linkage mechanism between the regional and sub-regional levels of government and the national leadership and in assisting the President address problems in government operations in the region and sub-regional levels;

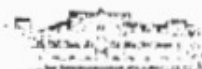
WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to implement desired administrative changes;

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. *Cabinet Officers for Regional Development.* – The CORD system is hereby revived. In addition to his/her regular duties, a Cabinet member may be assigned to discharge the functions, duties and responsibilities herein provided with respect to a particular region. The Cabinet member so assigned by the President shall be called the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development (CORD).

SEC. 2. *Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the CORD.* – The CORD shall perform, among others, the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- a. Assist in articulating the region's concerns and perceptions in the Cabinet, with the other Departments, the Office of the President and concerned agencies;



- b. Assist the President in the speedy, efficient and orderly resolution of problems in government operations in his/her assigned region;
- c. Identify and clarify key issues and concerns affecting peace and order and security, thru the Regional Peace and Order Councils (RPOC) and the Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security (COC-IS) sub-national levels;
- d. In coordination with the Regional Development Councils (RDC) and other local special bodies, assist in defining priorities and projects in the region;
- e. Undertake regular visits for the purpose of conducting consultations with local officials and the private sector in his/her region of assignment;
- f. Ensure that all programs, projects and activities of the national government in the region are well implemented, and information thereon fully disseminated to the people through various mechanisms and strategies;
- g. Act as Lead Convenor during Presidential regional meetings;
- h. Submit reports as necessary of his/her activities to the President through the Executive Secretary;
- i. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

SEC. 3. *Operational Relationship.* – The CORD shall, in the discharge of his/her functions, duties and responsibilities, coordinate with the various agencies and local government units (LGUs) concerned. He/she shall not duplicate the regular functions of any government agency or body. He/she shall deal with the existing administrative bodies, through their central offices, when calling attention to specific matters of concern.

SEC. 4. *Staff Support.* – The CORD shall coordinate with and draw its staff support as follows:

- (a) on matters affecting the RDC – from the regional office of the National Economic and Development Authority;



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- (b) on matters affecting the RPOC and internal security – from the NAPOLCOM regional office and the sub-national group of the COC-
IS;
- (c) on matters affecting government operations in the region – from the
Presidential Assistants and Regional Development Executives assigned
in the region pursuant to Executive Order No. 44 dated October 23,
2001.

SEC. 5. The Executive Secretary is hereby authorized to issue implementing guidelines to ensure and facilitate the submission of reports of CORD activities, findings and recommendations. He is likewise authorized to establish the necessary mechanisms for speedy resolution of CORD-identified issues and concerns by national agencies.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All orders, issuances, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand two.



By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang

MEMORANDUM FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : ALL CONCERNED

DATE : 08 September 2004

In line with Administrative Order No. 34 dated 02 May 2002, as amended by Administrative Order No. 95 dated 27 February 2004 reviving the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD) System, the following are hereby designated as CORD for the region or area hereunder indicated, to act as such until replaced by actual designation of his or her replacement:

REGION	CORD OFFICER
I	Hon. Arthur C. Yap
II	Hon. Florencio B. Abad
III	Ex.Dir. Edgardo Pamintuan
IV*	Hon. Leandro R. Mendoza
V	Sec.Gen. Imelda M. Nicolas
VI	Hon. Rene C. Villa
VII	Hon. Joseph Ace H. Durano
VIII	Presidential Adviser Gabriel S. Claudio
IX	Hon. Juanita D. Amatong
X	Presidential Adviser Luis P. Lorenzo, Jr.
XI	Presidential Adviser Rodolfo P. del Rosario
XII	Hon. Cesar V. Purisima
ARMM	Presidential Adviser Teresita Q. Deles
CARAGA	Presidential Adviser Luis P. Lorenzo, Jr.
CAR	Comm.Dir. Silvestre C. Afable, Jr.
NCR	Chairman Bayani F. Fernando

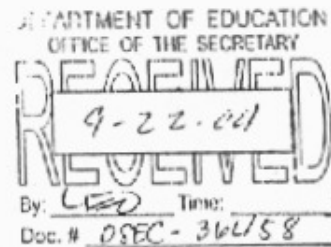
* For purposes of the CORD system, Palawan and Romblon shall form part of Region VI. The two Mindoro provinces and Marinduque shall continue to be part of Region IV.

Previous Memoranda on the subject are hereby amended accordingly. This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.

By Order of the President:


EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Am (PA)
Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang



15 September 2004

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR : **HON. FLORENCIO B. ABAD**
Acting Secretary, Department of Education

SUBJECT: **DESIGNATION AS CABINET OFFICER**
FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CORD)

As previously advised, you have been designated as **Cabinet Officer for Regional Development (CORD) for Region II.**

Attached for your reference is a copy of Administrative Order No. 34, dated 02 May 2002, as amended by Administrative Order No. 95, dated 27 February 2004, providing for the functions, duties and responsibilities of the CORD.

In this connection, kindly designate a senior staff or department official to act as your CORD Assistant. He or she shall assist you in your role as CORD, specifically to represent you, when unavailable, in executive and/or technical committee meetings; and to act as your point-person to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) in all CORD-identified issues and concerns affecting your region of responsibility.

Please submit the name of your CORD Assistant and all contact particulars on or before 22 September 2004 to Deputy Executive Secretary Jose T. Tale whom I have designated as the OES coordinator for the CORD system. Deputy Executive Secretary Tale may be reached at telephone no. 736-11-76 and fax no. 736-10-82.

I enjoin all the CORDs to fully exercise their mandate under the CORD system to ensure timely implementation of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's 10-Point Agenda.


EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Acting Executive Secretary