

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 248

**ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
(PSDP) FOR 1999-2004**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistical Development Program (PSDP) provides statistical information for policy-making and decision-making of the government and private sectors as well as the general public;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) envisions, for the period 1999-2004, a proactive statistical community capable of providing relevant statistical information and excellent services to society towards sustainable development and growth with social equity;

WHEREAS, through an inter-agency Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups, composed of representatives from both government and non-government institutions, the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Technical Staff spearheaded the formulation of the various programs/projects and strategies to achieve the above vision which is in support of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) 1999-2004 (Angat Pinoy 2004);

WHEREAS, by virtue of its powers and functions under Executive Order No. 121, series of 1987, the NSCB has approved the PSDP 1999-2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the adoption of the PSDP 1999-2004.

Pursuant to the Proclamation;

1. The 1999-2004 PSDP shall become an integral part of the MTPDP 1999-2004 (Angat Pinoy 2004);
2. The different agencies should prioritize within their budget ceiling and prepare the financial requirements of the proposed statistical activities in accordance with the three-year budgeting cycle;

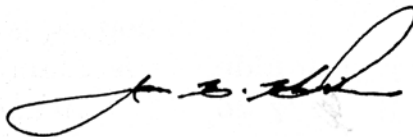


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- 3. The PSDP shall be used as a framework and a mechanism for coordinating statistical activities in the government through the NSCB;
- 4. All agencies in the government and the private sector are enjoined to actively participate and/or lend support to the programs and projects of the PSS as contained in the PSDP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand.




By the President:

RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary

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