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**SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF ROUTE  
MARKERS & DIRECTIONAL  
SIGNS ALONG THE ASIAN  
HIGHWAY – ROUTE AH26  
(DAANG MAHARLIKA)**

The Asian Highway (AH) Network was conceived by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) for a coordinated development and upgrading of existing regional highways system among the member countries. It is one of the three pillars of Asian Land Transportation Infrastructure Development (ALTID) project, endorsed by the ESCAP commission at its forty-eight session in 1992, comprising Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway (TAR) and facilitation of land transport projects.

The Philippines, as one of the 32 member countries of ESCAP, has been assigned the Asian Highway route number AH26. The Asian Highway (AH26) route links the major seaports and cities in this country. The Asian Highway (AH26) route comprising mostly segments of the Daang Maharlika commences from Laoag City and finally ends at the international seaport in Zamboanga City with a total length of 3,517 kilometers.

To bring the network in conformity with the Asian Highway classification and design standards, Asian Highway routes are required to conform to minimum standards of classification and design in terms of construction, improvement and maintenance.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Implement the installation of Route Markers and Directional Signs along the Asian Highway (AH26) – Daang Maharlika in accordance with the Asian Highway classification and design standards and facilitate navigation along the routes.
2. Promote trade and tourism to local and international travelers.

## **SCOPE OF WORKS:**

### **1. Preparation of Guidelines**

A. Project Evaluation Division (PED), Planning Service (PS) to:

1. Formulate Guidelines to:
  - a. identify appropriate locations for the (AH26) route markers and other pertinent directional signs;
  - b. determine type of markers and signs at specific location classification;
2. Disseminate these guidelines to the Planning and Design Division (PDD) of Regional Offices concerned.
3. Evaluate and consolidate identified location of route markers and directional signs submitted by the respective PDDs

### **2. Conduct of Reconnaissance Surveys**

A. Project Evaluation Division (PED), Planning Service to:

1. Conduct a pilot survey in Region I to identify the appropriate locations for the (AH26) route markers and other directional signs.

B. Regional Office Planning and Design Division (PDD) to:

1. Conduct survey to identify the appropriate locations for the Route Markers along the Asian Highway within their respective areas.
2. Submit to PED-PS the list of locations/sites for the Route Markers and Directional Signs of their respective districts or regions.

### **3. Procurement of AH26 Route Markers and Directional Signs**

A. Central Office (CO) to:

- Set the standard design and specification of the Route Markers and Directional Signs based on the DPWH Road Signs and Pavement Markings Manual (Revised 2008).
- Designs and materials to be supplied/used for AH Route Markers and other directional signs should be approved by the Planning Service before installation.

B. Regional /District Engineering Offices (RO/DEO) to:

- Include the procurement of the AH26 markers and directional road signs in the Programs of Work of road projects within the Asian Highway routes.
- Adopt the specification/standard design of the Route Markers.

#### 4. Project Delivery/Implementation of Project

- RO/DEO to install Route Markers and Directional Signs.
- RO to see to it that the standard design and specifications for the Route Markers and other directional signs are incorporated in the Bidding Documents and are strictly followed during the procurement.
- RO to reject/dismantle all Route markers and other directional signs procured and/or installed along the AH26 found to be not in accordance with the DPWH approved standard design and specification.
- RO to require the winning contractor to replace those rejected and/or dismantled route markers with those with standard design and specification.
- The AH26 Route Markers and Road Signs shall be installed in 2 phases starting Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010:

Phase I	- Regions I, II, III, NCR, IV-A and V	Year 2009
Phase II	- Regions VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII	Year 2010
- RO to submit to the Planning Service a monthly accomplishment report on the status of the installation of Asian Highway (AH26) route markers and other directional signs in their respective regions until its completion.
- Planning Service to monitor and oversee the implementation of the project.

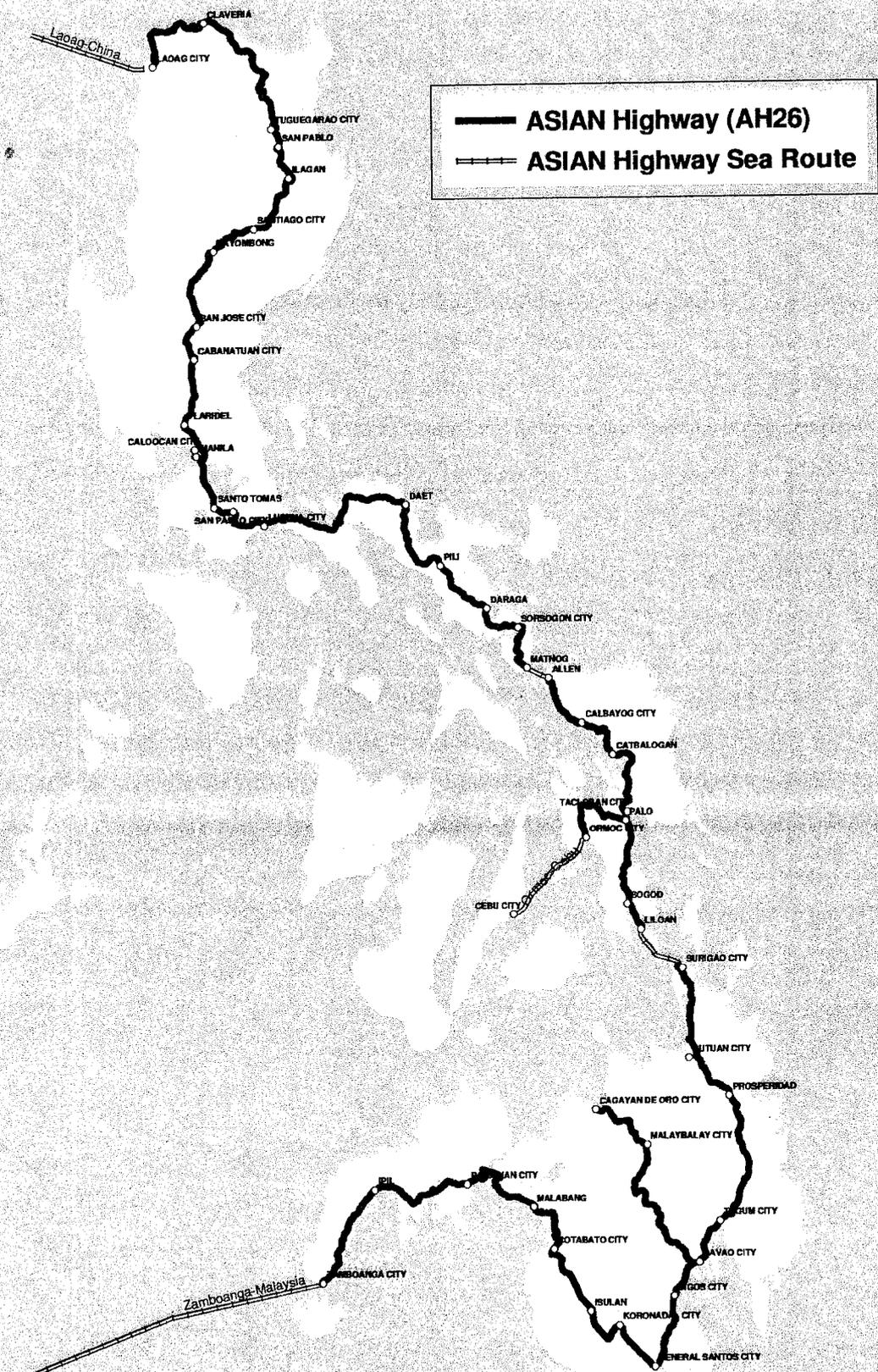
The installation of Route Markers and Directional Signs along AH26 is in compliance with the Philippines' commitment to the UN-ESCAP to promote trade, international as well as local tourism, by providing reliable and efficient road information about routes, directions, destinations and points of interest and enhance cooperation in the development of a harmonized and coordinated regional land transport infrastructure network and in the improvement of the interconnectivity of land transport.

This order shall take effect immediately.

  
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Secretary



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