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**SUBJECT: DPWH 110TH Anniversary
Activities and Task Force**

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In celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department will conduct a series of activities from March to November 2008. In tandem with the on-going infrastructure projects and the priority SONA projects, the 110th Anniversary celebration provides an opportunity for the Department to reach out to its stakeholders, communicate its accomplishments and consolidate relationships across the nation.

1. **Objectives.** These activities are intended to commemorate the 110 years of the public works and highways service in the Philippines; provide a venue for meaningful and productive interaction that will deepen the appreciation of the service among internal and external publics; and communicate the length and depth of service of the Department and its role in building the Philippines.

2. **Theme.** The history of our service is indelibly linked to the history of our progress and development for over a century. The men and women in the service of Public Works have been instrumental in enabling progress and in linking the 7,101 islands through the decades that have passed. Ours is a story of development, and a history of people bringing people and progress together. Given this scenario, the theme for the Anniversary will be ***DPWH: Building on the strength and experience of 110 years of bridging people and progress.***

3. **Activities.** The activities for the 110th Anniversary will be as follows:

- a. **Memorabilia Search.** *March 31-May 31, 2008.* Search for the oldest items that represent the Department's output, history and service, including the oldest living employees, the oldest documents, the oldest annual reports, the oldest equipment, and the oldest photos of bridges, roads and other infrastructure projects.
- b. **Consolidation Workshops and Regional Reunions.** *May-June 2008.* In recognition of the contribution of retired Public Works personnel, reunions will be held in each regional office for retired and current personnel of the Regional Office. This will allow for the creation of a master directory of DPWH Personnel and encourage interaction and sharing of experiences with past personnel. To maximize the presence of regional employees in one venue, a consolidation workshop will also be conducted to enable the propagation and dissemination of core values and key inputs on the DPWH system.
- c. **Exhibit.** *June-November 2008.* The results of the Memorabilia Search will be shown in a series of roadshow exhibits and then permanently kept in the DPWH Library.

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- d. **Commemorative Publications and Productions.** *June-November 2008.* Several publications on the significant accomplishments of the past 110 years, including the major completed projects under the President's Bridge Program, the Flood Control Program and the Road Network, as well as a commemorative Audio-Visual Presentation will be produced.
- e. **Recognition Awards for Partner Organizations.** *June 23, 2008.* As a fitting token to the many civic organizations that the DPWH has worked with over the years, the DPWH Community Partner Awards will be conferred upon meritorious and pro-active organizations.
- f. **Lecture Series.** *June-November 2008.* As a showcase of the professional expertise and experience of DPWH officials and personnel, lectures targeted at infrastructure industry professionals as well as engineering students will be offered to organizations and educational institutions.

4. **Task Force.** The Task Force for the Anniversary Celebration will be composed as follows:

- **Oversight Committee**
 - Sec Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr, Chairman
 - USec Manuel B. Bonoan
 - USec Bashir D. Rasuman
 - USec Ramon P. Aquino
 - USec Rafael C. Yabut
- **Task Force Chairman**
 - ASec Raul C. Asis
- **Working Groups**
 - Ways & Means and Publicity : USec Ramon P. Aquino/
USec Rafael C. Yabut
 - Physical Arrangements, : ASec Dimas S. Soguilon
Transportation and Security
 - Program and Invitation : ASec Ma. Catalina E. Cabral
 - Consolidation Workshops/ : ASec Jaime A. Pacanan
Regional Reunions
 - Memorabilia Search : Dir Burt B. Favorito
 - Exhibits : Dir B Elizabeth E. Yap
 - Recognition Awards (NGOs) : Proj Mgr Faustino N. Sta. Maria
 - Lecture Series : Dir Antonio V. Molano, Jr
 - Event Organization, Food : Office of the Secretary
& Entertainment

5. All officials and personnel are enjoined to participate in the various activities that are programmed for the Anniversary celebration. The Department is relying on the cooperation and enthusiasm of all concerned to ensure a fitting and memorable 110th Anniversary.

HERMOGENES E. EBDANE JR
Secretary



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