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For information and guidance, attached is a certified copy of **Administrative Order no. 34** dated June 19, 2025 signed by Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin, with the subject: **"CONSTITUTING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AND DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINES' HOSTING OF THE WORLDSKILLS ASEAN MANILA 2025"**.

A copy of the said Administrative Order may also be downloaded from the DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

ATTY. MICHAEL S. VILAFRANCA, CESO III
Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: Administrative Order no. 34 dated 19 June 2025

cc: Office of the Secretary

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34

**CONSTITUTING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AND DIRECTING
ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO
SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINES' HOSTING OF THE WORLDSKILLS
ASEAN MANILA 2025**

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article XII of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote sustained development of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level technical manpower and skilled workers, and craftsmen in all fields;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7796 or the "Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Act of 1994" declares it a policy of the State to provide relevant, accessible, high-quality, and efficient technical education and skills development for Filipinos that is responsive to and in accordance with the country's development goals and priorities;

WHEREAS, Section 30 of RA No. 7796 directs TESDA to organize and conduct the annual National Skills Olympics to promote quality skills development in the country, with the end in view of participating in international skills competitions;

WHEREAS, the 14th WorldSkills Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Competition or the "WorldSkills ASEAN Manila 2025 (WSASEAN 2025)" is a regional event that aims to bring together top youth talents from the ASEAN member-countries to showcase their technical and vocational skills, and to establish a global standard for skills excellence in the region;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, through TESDA, is set to host the WSASEAN 2025 on 26 to 28 August 2025 in Pasay City, where around 300 participants from 10 ASEAN member-countries are expected to compete in 32 skill areas covering six (6) different sectors, namely: (i) information and communication technology; (ii) construction and building technology; (iii) creative arts and fashion; (iv) manufacturing and engineering technology; (v) social and personal services; and (vi) transportation and logistics;

WHEREAS, to ensure the successful preparation and hosting of WSASEAN 2025, there is a need to constitute an Inter-Agency Task Force tasked with spearheading all government efforts relating to the preparation and hosting of

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WSASEAN 2025, and encourage the support from the national government, local government units (LGUs) and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all the Executive departments, bureaus, and offices;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force. There is hereby constituted an Inter-Agency Task Force ("Task Force") which shall have the primary duty of spearheading all government efforts relating to the preparation and hosting of WSASEAN 2025.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Director General, TESDA
Co-Chairperson	:	Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment
Members	:	Secretary, Department of Agriculture
		Secretary, Department of Education
		Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs
		Secretary, Department of Health
		Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
		Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
		Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
		Secretary, Department of Transportation
		Secretary, Department of Tourism
		Chairperson, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
		Chief, Philippine National Police
		Commissioner, Bureau of Customs
		Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration

The TESDA shall serve as the Secretariat of the Task Force, and shall be tasked to provide the necessary technical, administrative, and operational support to the Task Force.

The Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and the ex officio members of the Task Force may designate their respective alternates, with ranks not lower than Assistant Secretary or its equivalent, as may be applicable, and who are fully authorized to decide for or on their behalf.

The Task Force shall be deemed *functus officio* upon the completion of WSASEAN 2025.

Section 2. Working Committees. To ensure smooth and efficient preparations for the WSASEAN 2025, the Task Force may establish working committees composed of the representatives of the member-agencies of the Task Force, with ranks not lower than an Assistant Secretary or its equivalent. As needed, the working committees may expand their membership to include other government agencies, subject to existing,

laws, rules and regulations. Each working committee shall have its own secretariat to be provided by the designated committee chair, with assistance from TESDA as may be necessary.

Section 3. Agency Support. In accordance with their respective mandates, all departments, agencies, instrumentalities, bureaus, and offices of the national government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, and state universities and colleges, are hereby ordered to render full support, assistance, and cooperation to the Task Force in the implementation of this Order. LGUs and the private sector are hereby encouraged to cooperate and participate in the preparation and hosting of WSASEAN 2025.

Section 4. Funding. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against the available appropriations of the member-agencies of the Task Force, subject to applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 5. Separability. If any section or part of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

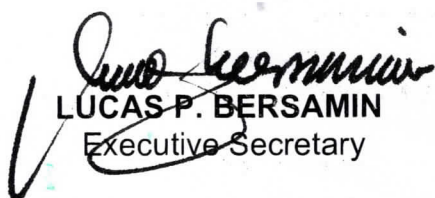
Section 6. Repeal. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 19th day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

By the President:




LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary

