SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Implementation of Development Activities for Selected National Parks

Pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act Nos. 6607, 6463, 3568, 5100, 6148, 6468 and 6429 establishing Agoo Damortis, Balbalasang Balbalan, Initao, Minalungao, Mt. Iglit Baco, Rizal (Dapitan) and Guadalupe-Mabugnao Hot Spring National Parks, respectively and in order to provide guidelines for the implementation of function, A.8.a3 of the 1993 Statement of the General Appropriations Act, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

- 1. The development activities shall be undertaken within the seven (7) selected national parks.
- The development activities for the selected national parks shall be limited to enhancement, landscape improvement and development and installation of basic visitor facilities (Annex A) and other activities as prescribed by the abovementioned Republic Acts.
- 3. The type and corresponding number of the basic visitor facilities to be established/installed for each of the seven protected areas shall include the proposed basic facilities listed in Annex A depending upon the available funds for the area. The facilities to be developed shall be in harmony with the natural settings.
- 4. The design for each of the proposed basic visitor facilities shall be based on the suggested standard design. A project plan for the purpose shall be prepared by the Regions concerned and submitted to PAWB for evaluation and approval.
- 5. The Regional Offices concerned shall identify and prioritize specific development activities to be implemented based on the activities identified in the project plan and available funds as reflected in the Work and Financial Plan.
- 6. The allocation, disbursement and release of funds for the purpose shall be based on the Work and Financial Plan submitted by the Regions.

- 7. In the preparation and implementation of the project plan, PAWB shall, if necessary provide technical assistance to the regional offices.
- 8. Accomplishment reports on the development activities undertaken based on DAO # 33 (1992) shall be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnished PAWB.
- 9. Periodic monitoring and evaluation of accomplishments shall be undertaken by PAWB based on the reports submitted.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall supersede all Department Orders, Circulars and/or Memoranda inconsistent herewith.

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