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MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

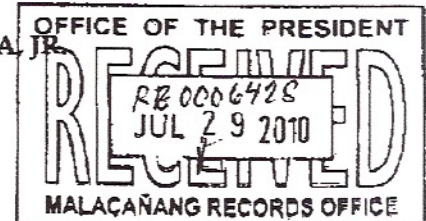
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MEMORANDUM FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

THRU : The Honorable
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.

FROM : 
JESUS G. DUREZA
Chairman, Mindanao Development Authority

DATE : 29 JULY 2010



CONGRATULATIONS, Your Excellency, for your assumption as our new President of the Republic.

MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY was recently created by law by virtue of Republic Act 9996, passed by Congress and enacted into law on 17 February 2010. I was forthwith appointed CHAIRMAN by former President Gloria M. Arroyo with a fixed term of six (6) years as provided for by that law.

Considering the strategic importance of Mindanao to the country as a whole, I find it most timely, appropriate and best that Your Excellency be given a free hand and full opportunity to choose the Authority's Chairman and carry out the mandate of R.A. 9996 during Your Excellency's administration.

To ensure a smooth and seamless transition and avoid any hiatus in the Authority's operations, I will voluntarily relinquish the position upon the assumption of the new Chair of your choice.

If I may, please allow me to immediately point out the fact that my offer to relinquish the position is not because I am turning my back on my work in Mindanao. I have exerted my best for Mindanao all these years starting with President Ramos and then with President Arroyo. There is a lot more to do for all of us. Neither am I trying to undermine the rationale behind the "fixed term" clause of the MinDA law. Nor am I setting aside the honor and trust given to me by President Arroyo who appointed me and to whom I am most grateful.

The more important consideration now is that the birth of this institutionalized agency, which is a fulfillment of Mindanaoans' long dream and Your Excellency's assumption into office, provide an opportunity for a fresh start.

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Your Excellency's choice of the MinDA Chair, needless to say, is critical in carrying out your administration's policies and in effectively addressing the peace and development challenges unique to Mindanao and its people.

Please be assured of my full and continuing support for Mindanao's sustainable peace and development.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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