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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 97-045

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF WORKSHOPS ON MFPC ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE WORLD BANK SUPERVISORY MISSION AIDE MEMOIR

In the interest of the service and in order to fully address and resolve the MFPC issues and concerns raised by the World Bank Supervisory Mission in the Mission's Aide Memoir resulting from their field observation and project visits, the MFPC National Technical Working Group is hereby authorized to hold workshops as follows:

- A. July 22-23, 1997. Two (2) days workshop at HRDS participated in by representatives from HEA, Legal, Field Operations, Environment and Projects Development office, ENR-SECAL Program, NFDO, FMB, MFPC National Federation, MFPC NTWG, and NTWG Secretariat to work-out: 1) Acceptable final draft of the MFPC Manual of Procedures together with its accompanying implementing Administrative Order to the Office of the Secretary; 2) Consider and finalize Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance services for the conduct of nationwide assessment of MFPCs and TWGs; 3) Consider and finalize Terms of Reference for Technical Assistance services for the drafting of a MFPC Special law and contrive a mechanism of convincing and enactment by Congress and Senate and 4) Set-up implementation strategy for early consummation of the projects.
- B. July 29, 1997. One (1) day workshop at HRDS participated in by ERDB Sociologists, MFPC NTWG Representatives and NTWG Secretariat to workout the mechanism of assessing the MFPCs and TWGs nationwide and come up with the questionnaires that will determine the readiness and capabilities of the MFPCs to graduate from their present focus on forest protection (illegal logging mainly) to include other environmental aspects such as forest fire, solid waste management, soil, air and water pollution, soil erosion, coastal deterioration, etc.

The funding requirements for the workshops shall be provided and shared equally by NFDO and ENR-SECAL Programs.

The participants shall be selected by the MFPC NTWG and NTWG Secretariat; shall attend on official time; and shall be allowed to claim reasonable travel expenses and per diems charged against their respective mother unit funds subject to existing accounting rules and regulations.

The travel expenses to and from the workshop of the MFPC National Federation Chairman shall be provided from the MFPC operations funds of DENR Region 2.

This Order takes effect immediately.

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:


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