

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **MAP lauds EO 59 and congratulates ARTA**

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Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) President RENE D. ALMENDRAS, former Cabinet Secretary of the P-Noy Administration, attended the June 18, 2024 launch of Executive Order No. 59 on “Streamlining the Permitting Process for Infrastructure Flagship Projects” and the ceremonial signing of its implementing guidelines at the PICC.

“We congratulate Sec. Ernesto Perez, the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), and all the government agencies who signed the implementing guidelines. Having served in government, I know how hard it is to get such an alignment in such a short time,” Sec. Almendras said.

He stressed that “the group deserves our congratulations, and we in the MAP will be supporting ARTA as it aligns to one of our priorities on Ease of Doing Business.”

The MAP has been fully supporting ARTA’s mission of transforming the way the government serves and enables its citizens and stakeholders through good regulatory practices, streamlining and re-engineering of processes, collaboration, and application of technology.

Sec. Almendras added that “we fully agree that there is an urgent need to further streamline the process for issuance of required licenses, clearances, permits, certifications and authorizations to expedite the implementation of Infrastructure Flagship Projects which are needed for meaningful economic transformation.”

“The Administration of President Marcos Jr. is pushing in the right direction with the EO 59”, he concluded.



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