

April 15, 1997

**TO : The Regional Executive Director - Region II
and All Bureau Directors**

**SUBJECT : Issuances of Free Patents, Mining
Concessions, Leases and Certificates of
Stewardship in Areas Covered by the
Cagayan Economic Zone Authority
(CEZA)**

In line with the formulation and development of a Master Development Plan for the Cagayan Economic Zone, the processing and approval of applications before the Department of free patents, mining concessions, leases and certificates of stewardship in areas within in Zone should be rationalized.

In this regard, you are hereby required to obtain prior endorsement of the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority through its Administrator and Chief Executive Officer before issuing the same.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

(Sgd.) VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary