

**MALACAÑAN**  
**Manila**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 247 DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR  
AS DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH**

WHEREAS, policy research is a critical component of policy formulation, planning and decisionmaking in socioeconomic development activities;

WHEREAS, policy research should be accorded its rightful place and given the official recognition it rightly deserves for its vital contribution to national development and nation-building;

WHEREAS, the observance of Policy Research Month will provide the means for promoting, enhancing, instilling, and drawing nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and necessity of policy research as a tool for national socioeconomic development and for insuring the support of the public at large for all activities aimed at advancing the quality and standard of policy research in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of September of every year as Development Policy Research Month.

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies is hereby designated to coordinate all programmed activities lined up to mark and celebrate the Policy Research Month.

All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, local government units, government-owned or controlled corporations, the private sector, and the public at large are hereby enjoined to actively support the activities and programs for the Development Policy Research Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of September, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:



**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
**Executive Secretary**

