

Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 837

**DECLARING 2 MAY 2005, MONDAY, AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING)  
DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, Labor Day which is observed as a regular holiday on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, recognizes the contribution of the labor sector, both at home and abroad, to the economic development of our country;

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of Labor Day falls this year on a Sunday; and

**WHEREAS**, 2 May 2005, Monday, may be declared as a special (non-working) day pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA**, by order of Her Excellency **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby declare the following:

**SECTION 1.** 2 May 2005, Monday, shall be a special (non-working) day throughout the country.

**SECTION 2.** All activities and celebrations in observance of Labor Day shall, however, remain to be observed on 1 May 2005, Sunday.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor and Employment shall issue the appropriate guidelines to implement this Proclamation.


**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

By order of the President:



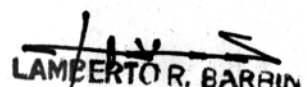
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:



**JOAQUIN C. LAGONERA**  
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