

Memo for Brokers

No. <u>01-0717</u>

For

All Clearing Members

Date

20 July 2017

Subject

Philippine Holidays for the Year 2018 - Proclamation No. 269

This is to inform you of Proclamation No. 269 dated 17 July 2017, declaring the following regular holidays and special non-working days for the year 2018 to be observed throughout the country.

A. Regular Holidays

January 01 New Year's day March 29 Maundy Thursday March 30 Good Friday April 09 Araw ng Kagitingan

May 01 Labor Day

June 12 Independence Day August 27 National Heroes Day

November 30 -Bonifacio Day December 25 Christmas Day December 30 Rizal Day

B. Special Non-Working Holidays

February 16 Chinese New Year August 21 Ninoy Aguino Day November 01 All Saints Day

November 02 Additional Special (non-working) Day December 24 Additional Special (non-working) Day

December 31 Last Day of the Year

Still to be announced are the dates when the national holidays for the observance of Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adha shall fall.

We will advise you in our succeeding memos on how deliveries and payments for settlement on the said dates shall be rescheduled. Attached for your reference is a copy of Proclamation No. 269 issued by Malacañang.

For your information and guidance.

Renee D. Rubio

Chief Operating Officer



MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 269

DECLARING THE REGULAR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS FOR THE YEAR 2018

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9492 dated 24 July 2007 amended Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order (EO) No. 292, also known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by declaring certain days (specific or movable) as special or regular holidays;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9849 dated 11 December 2009 provides that the Eidul Adha shall be celebrated as a national holiday;

WHEREAS, on 16 February 2018, Chinese nationals all over the world will celebrate their Spring Festival, popularly known as the Chinese New Year, which is one of the most revered and festive events celebrated not only in China but also in the Philippines, and such date may be declared as a special (non-working) day without detriment to public interest;

WHEREAS, on 25 February 2018, the country will commemorate the 32nd Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution, which restored and ushered political, social and economic reforms in the country;

WHEREAS, Black Saturday, which falls on 31 March 2018, has been traditionally declared a special (non-working) day throughout the country, the observance of Holy Week being one of the most cherished traditions of our predominantly Catholic people;

WHEREAS, declaring 2 November 2018 (Friday) and 24 December 2018 (Monday) as additional special (non-working) days throughout the country will strengthen family ties by providing more time for the traditional All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Christmas Day commemorative activities, and will promote domestic tourism as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO R. DUTERTE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as President of the Philippines, do hereby declare:

SECTION 1. The following regular holidays and special days for the year 2018 shall be observed in the country:

A. Regular Holidays

New Year's Day 1 January (Monday) Maundy Thursday 29 March Good Friday 30 March Araw ng Kagitingan 9 April (Monday) Labor Day 1 May (Tuesday) Independence Day 12 June (Tuesday) National Heroes Day 27 August (Last Monday of August) Bonifacio Day 30 November (Friday) Christmas Day 25 December (Tuesday) 30 December (Sunday) Rizal Day

B. Special (Non-Working) Days

Chinese New Year 16 February (Friday) **EDSA People Power Revolution** 25 February (Sunday) Anniversary Black Saturday 31 March Ninoy Aguino Day 21 August (Tuesday) All Saints Day 1 November (Thursday) Last Day of the Year 31 December (Monday) Additional special (non-working) days -2 November (Friday) 24 December (Monday)

SECTION 2. The proclamations declaring national holidays for the observance of Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adha shall hereafter be issued after the approximate dates of the Islamic holidays have been determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (Hijra) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. To this end, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) shall inform the Office of the President of the actual dates on which these holidays shall respectively fall.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) shall promulgate the implementing guidelines for this Proclamation.

SECTION 4. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. This Proclamation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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 17th day of Ju1y in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

By the President:

SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA Executive Secretary

