



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT of AGRARIAN REFORM

A Christmas message of love and peace
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My warmest Christmas greetings to all the DAR Officials and Employees on this joyous holiday season.

Christmas is celebrated in many ways and for various reasons. For most of us it is a time for celebrations and merry-making.

As the year 2009 closes, we are reminded of the many challenges that came our way. It is for this reason that we look at Christmas as a time to count our blessings. We thank God for all the good things that happened throughout the year. Let us celebrate our triumphs and victories.

In the DAR, we are grateful for the passage of CARPER which gave a new lease of life to CARP. We have completed the difficult task of preparing the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9700 or the CARPER Law. The first year of CARPER implementation brings with it a new set of challenges but we are ready to face these tasks head on.

Lastly, let us not forget that it is also a time to look forward to the promise of the new year. It is the best time to rebuild lives and properties that have been damaged and destructed by the calamities and natural disasters that afflicted many of our co-employees. For the tasks ahead, let us gear up to meet the challenges head on.

May all of us be instruments of love and peace on this yuletide season.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! *Mabuhay!*

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