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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF LOVE, HOPE, PEACE AND UNITY
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On the occasion of this joyous yuletide season, it is with high spirits that I extend my warmest and heartfelt greetings to all our fellow DAR Officials and employees in the Central and Field Offices. Christmas brings to mind happy and wonderful memories both for young and old alike.

This year, our Christmas is like no other. While we find ourselves busy with preparations for Christmas parties, we are also faced with marathon sessions in Congress. I know many of us pray that the bill would be passed sooner by our legislators so we can begin to fully celebrate and enjoy the occasion. I share the same wish too. And I know that our hopes are high and all of us remain confident that we are closer to and a few steps away from winning the struggle for the passage of the bill sustaining the implementation of CARP.

We are already jubilant for the recent passage of the CY 2009 CARP budget for next year. We are grateful that our legislators recognize the need to support our operations with much needed funds. And we see this as a great boost to our people's morale especially to those who are in the field.

The remaining task at hand is daunting. What will transpire in the last session days of Congress will largely foretell the future directions CARP will take. It is for this reason that I vigorously enjoin all stakeholders to support the ongoing efforts of Management. Let us focus on our common goals of pushing the passage of CARP extension bill. At this most crucial moment in the history of CARP, I ask everybody to unite and stand in unity and solidarity with us to see this vital legislative measure passed into law before Congress adjourns for the Christmas break.

Lastly, as we celebrate this joyous season, let us not forget the best reason why we are celebrating – the birth of Jesus, our Savior. It is because of him that we rejoice in this season of giving and sharing. Let us make our celebrations meaningful by celebrating Christ and the message he brings in our midst. Let us make this Christmas a time of love, hope, peace and unity.

Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon sa ating lahat!