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CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CORPORATION
MACTAN CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.2018-001

TO : ALL AIRLINE OPERATIONS AND AIRPORT GROUND HANDLERS

**SUBJECT : INSTALLATION OF ACCESSIBLE PASSENGER BOARDING RAMPS/AIRCRAFT STAIRS FOR
PWDs AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

DATE : 21 FEBRUARY 2018

Republic Act (R.A.) 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, as amended, provides that the state shall promote the mobility of persons with disabilities (PWD) and guarantee indiscriminate access to public transportation, providing accessibility features such as ramps signage and stickers in terminals, stations, or depot Likewise, R.A. 9994, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, requires that senior citizens are given assistance to fully gain access to public transport facilities.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, through ICAO Document No. 9984 or the Manual on Access to Air Transport by Persons with Disabilities, recommends that airport and aircraft operations, including ground handlers should ensure that boarding equipment that provides for the safe and dignified boarding and disembarking of persons with disabilities is available for their use at terminals.

In this regard, and to ensure the safety of PWDs and senior citizens in boarding and disembarking an aircraft in the course of their travels, the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), the Clark International Airport Authority (CIAC) and the Mactan Cebu international Airport Authority (MCIAA), enjoins all airline operations, including ground handlers, to install and use PWD and Senior Citizen accessible Passenger Boarding Ramps for all their aircrafts.

This Joint Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

For compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**TO : MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MIAA) MACTAN CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY (MCIAA)
CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (CIAC)
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP)
SUBIC BAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (SBIAA)**

**SUBJECT : Installation and use of PWD and Senior Citizen Accessible Passenger
Boarding Ramps by Airline Operations And Airport Ground Handlers**

Section 27 of Republic Act No. 7277, or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, warrants that the State shall ensure the attainment of a barrier-free environment that will enable disabled persons to have access in private and public buildings and establishments, and such other places mentioned in Batas Pambansa Bilang 344.

BP Blg. 344 posits that no license or permit for the construction, repair or renovation of airports or public utilities shall be granted or issued unless the owner or operator thereof shall install and incorporate such structural features as shall reasonably enhance the mobility of disabled persons.

The goal of attaining a barrier-free environment is not limited to Persons with Disabilities as Republic Act No.9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 likewise requires minimum requirements and standards to make transportation facilities and utilities for public use accessible to senior citizens to enhance mobility.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), through ICAO Document No.9984 or the Manual on Access to Air Transport by Persons with Disabilities, directs all airport and aircraft operations, including ground handlers, to ensure that boarding equipment that provides for the safe and dignified boarding and disembarking of persons with disabilities is available for their use at terminals.

To effectively address the mandates of BP Blg. 344, RA No.7277, RA No.9994 and ICAO Document No.9984, the active engagement, cooperation and collective commitments of all the stakeholders in the aviation industry are indispensable.

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In View of the foregoing, all Airport Authorities are mandated to facilities compliance with the above regulations by requiring aircraft operators to use PWD and Senior Citizen accessible passenger boarding ramps.

In addition, the above mentioned agencies shall be tasked to monitor the implementation and use of these PWD-friendly passenger aircraft boarding implements by aviation stakeholders in their respective areas.

Existing orders, circulars, memoranda , and other prior issuances and administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, if any, are hereby amended, modified, superseded, or repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ARTHUR P. TUGADE
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