

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1044, July 18, 1980]

EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALIK-SCIENTIST PROGRAM FOR FIVE YEARS

TO: MINISTRY OF TOURISM

NATIONAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, the International Energy Crisis and uncertainties abroad require the government to boost and strengthen its agricultural and rural development thrusts for Food self sufficiency through research and extension programs;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to continue to augment the research capability of private and public institutions and agencies in research and development;

WHEREAS, highly trained overseas Filipinos who have returned under Phase II of the Balik-Scientist Program have boosted and strengthened the scientific and Technological Manpower of some private and public Institutions and agencies involved in the production of goods and services;

WHEREAS, there are still many highly trained overseas Filipino professionals who have the expertise along the government priority areas of Agricultural, Energy and Nutrition Development if given adequate Incentives to return;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, do hereby order and instruct the extension of the Balik-Scientist Program till October 24, 1966 with the same benefits pursuant to the prevision of Presidential Decree 819 and the continued adoption of the rules and regulations implementing P.D. 619 with the following additional incentives as a means of attracting more "RETURNEES";

- 1.0 Attendance to International Scientific Conferences, Seminars, Meetings along the Field of Expertise with travel funded by the program at least once per year.
- 1.1 The awardees shall have priority to obtain housing loans from the GSIS, SSS and Development Bank of the Philippines to assure their continued stay in the country.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of July, in the of the Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

