

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 859, May 15, 1979]

DIRECTING THE REVIEW AND RATIONALIZATION OF VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

TO : Minister of Education and Culture
Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority
Minister of Industry
Minister of Labor/Chairman of the National Manpower and Youth Council
Minister of the Budget
Chairman, National Science Development Board

WHEREAS, there is imperative need to assure that the country's vocational/technical education is responsive to the ever expanding and qualifying needs for manpower by industry, agriculture and the services as called for by the Philippine Development Plan.

WHEREAS, a review of vocational/technical education is called for in accordance with the recommendations of the Presidential Commission to Survey Philippine Education as embodied in Presidential Decree No. 6-A.

WHEREAS, vocational and technical education needs to be rationalized in the light of substantial requirements for capital and operating funds by educational institutions carrying on these programs.

WHEREAS, there is need to rationalize and make more effective the system and structure of vocational/technical including non-formal education in the Philippines in the light of the establishment of the National Polytechnic System pursuant to LOI No. 79.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, hereby direct the conduct of such a review and study of the vocational/technical education sector of the educational system that will include, among others:

- a) secondary and tertiary, including post-secondary, vocational/technical education in both the public and private education systems;
- b) non-formal vocational/technical education and training conducted through the Regional Manpower Training Centers, the schools of arts and trades, technical and vocational schools, and other institutions;
- c) the newly established National Polytechnic System and its component institutions with a view to rationalizing its programs and institutional structure including the aspect, of rationalization;
- d) involvement and participation of the private business and industry sectors in vocational and technical education;
- e) the financing of vocational/technical education in the Philippines;
- f) employment, manpower demand and supply projections and manpower planning;