

# **[ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 2023, January 31, 1986 ]**

## **ESTABLISHING THE ST. LUKE'S POST GRADUATE MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR ADVANCED MEDICAL STUDIES**

WHEREAS, Under Presidential Decree No. 6-A as amended by P.D. 162, P.D. 365, and P.D. 1235 otherwise known as the Educational Development Decree of 1972, it has been the declared policy of the government to develop the high-level professions that will provide leadership for the nation, advance knowledge through research and apply new knowledge for improving the quality of human life; and to respond effectively to changing needs by improving curricular programs and quality of instruction at all levels of learning through the upgrading of physical facilities, adoption of cost-saving instructional technology, training and re-training of teachers and administrators, and the re-structuring of higher education to make it more responsive to national development needs through a planned system of incentives and assistance to both public and private colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, in keeping with the above policies and objectives, St. Luke's Medical Center, a non-stock, nonprofit, service-oriented institution located in Quezon City and sponsored by the Philippine Episcopal Church, has contributed substantially to the establishment of the St. Luke's College of Nursing and the College of Medical Technology, whose graduates have maintained exemplary passing averages in government examinations and have taken an active role in the development of the nursing profession and medical technology in the country and abroad;

WHEREAS, the St. Luke's Medical Center, a non-stock non-profit, charitable institution founded in 1907 not is equipped with adequate, most modern and latest apparatus devices and facilities for operative, curative, rehabilitative, therapeutic as well as life-support services but a] being staffed with doctors with extensive advanced medical training abroad in their respective fields of specialization while maintaining a sustaining membership of good standing with the Philippine and American Hospital Associations and enjoying accreditation for residency programs in internal medicine, surgery, anesthesiology, pediatrics, obstetric and gynecology, radiology, and ophthalmology by the appropriate Philippine Specialty Boards;

WHEREAS, in view of stringent qualifying requirement and strict immigration regulations imposed by other county on Filipino doctors desiring to pursue further studies and training abroad, as well as the prohibitive cost of pursuit post-graduate or advanced medical' studies abroad otherwise essential to the development and pursuit of expertise in specialized fields of medicine, many deserving Filipino doctors have been unable! to pursue or to avail themselves of the opportunities for advanced medical studies essential for the health and progress of the country;

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of advanced medical studies, it is essential that medical research and competent instrumentation and expertise in specialized fields, and all facilities systems, devices and equipment necessary for training for advanced studies should be readily available;

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Medical Center has adequate and necessary equipment, expertise, research facilities, training and professional experience for advanced medical studies readily available to Filipino doctors/medical practitioners at low cost

compared to the substantial cost that would otherwise be incurred if the pursuit thereof were made abroad;

WHEREAS, providing Filipino doctors with such opportunities within the Philippines is not only vital to the maintenance of health essential to national development but is relevant to the needs of the times and the goals of national re-orientation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree to be part of the laws of the; land the following:

SECTION 1. There' is hereby created the St. Luke's Post Graduate Medical College for advanced medical studies to be located at the site presently occupied by the St. Luke's Medical Center;

SEC. 2. The College shall provide programs of instructions and professional training leading the masteral degrees in internal medicine, surgery, pathology, radiology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, anaesthesiology, microbiology and immunology;

SEC. 3. The College shall have the following functions:

(a) To promote research, advanced studies, extension services and progressive leadership in biologic science, medicine and allied medical professions;

(b) To offer scholarships or part-time job opportunities to deserving post-graduate students;

(c) To secure the services of doctors, medical specialists, professional consultants in the Philippines or abroad to provide/make available instructional or clinical training/practice to post-graduate students;

(d) To establish, develop and conduct medical, scientific, biological, technological or drug research in the fields of medicine, surgery, rehabilitation and cure as may be necessary in responding to the needs of the hospital patients, students and professionals pursuing advanced medical studies or training;

(e) To pursue such other areas of research and post-graduate studies as are necessary or relevant to the foregoing objectives;

SEC. 4. The governing body of the College shall be a Board of Trustees composed of 15 members at least five (5) of whom are doctors of good standing in the Philippines. Filipino citizenship shall not be a requirement for membership on the Board of Trustees. The members of the Board shall be culled from the existing members of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Medical Center and from members of the medical profession in the Philippines;

SEC. 5. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation. The Board shall have the power to designate the offices and the officers of the Board;

SEC. 6. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or secretary thereof;

SEC. 7. The Board of Trustees shall have the following functions: