

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1097, February 23, 1977]

CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, appropriate technological development is vital to a more responsive and coordinated planning and implementation of development activities in the Philippines as in other developing countries in the region;

WHEREAS, the provision of a system of monitoring, design, evaluation and dissemination of appropriate technology is a necessary support to the functions and activities of the production and service sectors;

WHEREAS, improved effectiveness and efficiency of technical activities in the total development effort of the New Society is enhanced by the establishment of a network of technology and information institutions;

WHEREAS, recent emphasis has been placed on such priority areas as production methods in agriculture and industry, population control and distribution, health care delivery systems, nutrition care, education, communication, energy research, science and technology transfer and utilization, environmental management, housing construction technology and approaches to urban development, natural disaster prediction, control and moderation, and planning management and decision-making;

WHEREAS, adequate government action is necessary in these as well as in related areas, for the improvement of our people's livelihood and well-being; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide the appropriate institutional framework and adequate funds to meet these requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby create and establish a body corporate to be known as the Technology Resource Center, which shall operate in accordance with the following provisions:

SECTION 1. Purposes. — The purposes of the Technology Resource Center are:

- (a) to hasten and enhance social and economic progress in the country, through self-reliance, by rationalizing and systematizing research and development efforts in the light of knowledge already available;
- (b) to harness indigenous resources and technologies in the search for improved effectiveness and efficiency of technical activities in the production and service sectors;
- (c) to effect a problem-oriented coordination of resources and a systematic but flexible approach to technology and information problems;
- (d) to support and encourage innovative alternatives and approaches to the solution of technical problems, and to broaden options for minimizing future technical problems;

(e) to monitor such technological advances and store the information generated as would affect social, economic and physical planning and development, and to subscribe to acquire, process and disseminate textual, statistical and graphic data and information needed by decision-makers and other users;

(f) to link foreign and national research institutions to users through information technology and planning research capabilities; and

(g) to establish a network of permanent coordinating committees on the following areas, but not limited to these: food, population control and distribution, health, nutrition, education, communications, energy, environmental management, science and technology transfer and utilization, housing and urban development, natural disaster prediction, control and moderation and planning management and decision-making.

SECTION 2. *Corporate Powers.* — To fulfill and accomplish its purposes the Center shall have the following powers:

(a) To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal;

(b) to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust for any of its purposes, any property, real or personal, without limitations as to amount or value; to convey such property and to invest and reinvest any principal, and deal with and expand the income and principal of the said Center in such manner as will promote its objectives;

(c) to collect, receive and maintain a fund or funds, by subscription or otherwise, and to apply the income and principal thereof to the promotion of its aims and purposes hereinbefore set forth;

(d) to contract any obligation or enter into any agreement necessary or incidental to the proper management of its corporate powers;

(e) generally, to carry on any activity and to have and exercise all of the powers conferred upon private or government-owned or controlled corporations; to exercise such power and authority as may be directly or indirectly necessary, incidental or expedient to carry out the purposes and objectives hereinbefore specified; and to do any and all of the acts and things herein set forth to the same extent as juridical persons could do, and in any part of the world as principal, factor, agent or otherwise, alone or in syndicate or otherwise in conjunction with any person, entity, partnership, association or corporation, domestic or foreign.

SECTION 3. *Domicile.* — The principal office of the Technology Resource Center shall be established in Metro Manila, Philippines. The Center may also have branches or offices at such other place or places, within or outside the Philippines, as its operations and activities may require.

SECTION 4. *Board of Trustees.* — The governance and policy direction of the Center shall be vested in, and its powers exercised by, a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of eleven members, as follows:

(a) Chairman of the National Science and Development Board