

# [ **PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 674, March 20, 1975** ]

## **CONVERTING THE COLLEGE OF RIZAL AND THE RIZAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE RIZAL TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGES, EXPANDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THEIR CURRICULAR PROGRAMS IN TECHNOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Philippines directs the state to establish and maintain a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development, and further prescribes that all educational institutions shall aim to develop scientific, technological and vocational efficiency;

**WHEREAS**, under the Presidential Decree No. 6-A, promulgated on September 29, 1972, it has been declared a policy to reorient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Rizal is endowed with rich natural and human resources the exploitation and conservation of which will accelerate its development and economic growth;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Rizal, being the site of many industrial and commercial establishments, needs trained manpower of varied specializations and/or skills, and

**WHEREAS**, the establishments of Technological Colleges in the province which shall offer baccalaureate degrees in agriculture, fisheries, arts and sciences, trades and technology and other degrees that may be deemed necessary to meet the needs of the province, as well as short-term courses designed to meet the manpower needs of the province and neighboring towns, will hasten the development of the province and thereby contribute to the accomplishment of national goals;

**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.** The present College of Rizal and the Rizal Technical High School, all situated at the Province of Rizal, are hereby converted into the Rizal Technological Colleges, the same being organized as a corporation under that name, hereinafter referred to in this Decree as the Colleges.

**SEC. 2.** The Colleges shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and vocational instruction and training in agriculture, fisheries, trades and technology, arts and sciences, as well as short-term technical or vocational courses, as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary, and shall promote researches in the exploitation and conservation of the natural resources in the province.

**SEC. 3.** No student shall be denied admission to the Colleges by reason of age, sex, ethnic consideration, religious belief, or political affiliation.

**SEC. 4.** The Head of the Colleges shall be known as the President of the Rizal Technological Colleges. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines

upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees which shall fix his compensation and term of office.

The powers and duties of the President of the Colleges, in addition to those specifically provided for in this decree, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college.

**SEC. 5.** The governing body of the Colleges shall be the Board of Trustees of the Rizal Technological Colleges. It shall be composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture as Chairman, the Provincial Governor of Rizal, the President of the Colleges, and four (4) other residents of the province of Rizal as members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, one in the field of agriculture and fisheries, one in trades and technology, one in arts and letters, and one in sciences. Of the four members first appointed by the President, one shall serve for one year; one to serve two years; one to serve for three years; and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines.

Such appointee shall hold office, for the unexpired term only.

The Secretary of Education and Culture, and the Governor for the province of Rizal may designate their respective representatives in the Board who shall have all the powers and privileges pertaining to their offices. In the absence of the Secretary of Education and Culture who is the Chairman of the Board, the members of the Board present may elect the temporary Chairman to preside over the meeting.

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

**SEC. 7.** The Members of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of not less than One Hundred Pesos per meeting actually attended, provided, that they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attendance of meetings and other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

**SEC. 8.** The Board of Trustees, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers of a corporation as provided in section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred Fifty Nine as amended, otherwise known as the Corporation Law, shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To receive and appropriate for the purpose specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the Colleges;
- b. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in any of the fields of specialization of the Colleges, or in recognition of public service provided, that such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate some personal favor;
- c. To authorize the President of the Colleges to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;
- d. To organize academic units and courses as may be necessary to meet the economic and social needs of the province of Rizal;