

**[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 614, December 19,
1974]**

**CONVERTING THE ILOCOS NORTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS MARIANO MARCOS
MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THIS PURPOSE, EXPANDING ITS
CURRICULUM OFFERINGS, REDIRECTING ITS OBJECTIVES 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 Presidential Decree No. 6-A also known as the Educational Development Decree of 1972 promulgated on September 29, 1972, it had been declared a policy of the government to reorient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development.

WHEREAS, the conversion of the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology into a state college to be known as Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology, providing for its own charter, broadening for this purpose its curricular offerings and redirecting its objective would serve to better achieve the above 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 Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology located in the Municipality of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to in the Decree as the State College.

SEC. 2. The State College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional, and vocational instruction and training in science, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technician or vocational course. It shall also promote research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present secondary and collegiate curricular offerings, the State College shall offer other undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of science, agriculture and industrial field as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary. It shall also offer opportunity or short-term technical or vocational courses within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the region.

SEC. 4. No student shall be denied admission to the State College by reason of sex, ethnic considerations, or religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 5. The head of the State College shall be known as the President of the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees comparable to that being received by Presidents of similar educational institutions of like enrollment and standing.

The powers and duties of the President of the State College in addition to those specifically provided for in this Decree, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of a State College or University.

SEC. 6. The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology. It shall be composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture as Chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economic Development Authority, the President of the State College, and four (4) prominent citizens of Region No. 1 to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the four appointed members one shall be an authority on science, one on agriculture, one on arts and trades and one on technology, *Provided*, That at least one of the four appointed members shall be an alumnus of the former Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology or State College. Of the first group appointed, the President shall designate one to serve for one year; one to serve for 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 who should be an expert in the same field shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of a 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.

When the Secretary of Education and Culture is unable to perform his duties as Chairman of the Board due to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of a vacancy in the office, the Undersecretary of Education and Culture shall temporarily perform the functions of the Chairman of the said Board. The Chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the Board.

SEC. 7. 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. 8. The members of the Board Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of one hundred pesos per meeting actually attended but not more than three hundred pesos a month; *Provided*, that they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties 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:

- a. To receive and appropriate for the purposes specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the State College;
- b. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the State College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in any of the fields specialization of the state college 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 State College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;