

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 48, November 10, 1972]

ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

WHEREAS, agricultural growth, which embodies the development of our farm, forest, and fishery resources, is a matter of national concern;

WHEREAS, in order to attain the national goals in agricultural growth and development, research is necessary to determine the alternative means of achieving these goals or to identify the best means among the alternatives;

WHEREAS, agricultural research, which includes forestry and fisheries, is a systematic method of joining and applying knowledge efficiently not only to the biological, physical, and economic phases of producing, processing, and distributing farm, forest, and fishery products, but also in improving consumer health and nutrition, as well as the social and economic aspects of rural living;

WHEREAS, the application of better agricultural technology arising out of research would directly benefit not only the rural population which comprises two-thirds of the total Philippine population, but also a major segment of the urban sector;

WHEREAS, the national agricultural research program must not only be sensitive to the current needs of an advancing and developing agriculture but should also be forward-looking if it is to make most effective use of available money and manpower;

WHEREAS, to effectively implement the national agricultural research program, it is necessary to develop a research capability in terms of manpower, facilities, funding, and programs;

WHEREAS, in integrated fashion, the Philippine Government has initiated and implemented two closely-related studies for the purpose of reviewing the existing national agricultural research operations and developing a responsive and effective national system for agricultural research;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a coordinating agency that will oversee, unify, and integrate the planning, administration, and implementation of the Government's agricultural research program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, in order to effect the desired changes and reforms in the social, economic, and political structure of the country, do hereby create the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research (PCAR) with the following major functions and powers:

- (a) Define goals, purposes, and scope of research necessary to support progressive development of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries for the nation on a continuing basis;
- (b) Using the basic guidelines of relevance, excellence, and cooperation,

develop the national agricultural research program based on a multi-disciplinary, inter-agency, and system approach for the various component commodities;

(c) Establish a system of priorities for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries research and provide meaningful mechanisms for updating these priorities;

(d) Develop and implement a fund-generating strategy for supporting agricultural research;

(e) Program the allocation of all Government revenue earmarked for agricultural research to implement a dynamic national agricultural research program;

(f) Provide the mechanism for assessment of progress and updating the national agricultural research program;

(g) Establish and provide support for a national network of centers of excellence for the various commodity research programs by drawing from the facilities of cooperating universities and colleges and other research agencies and linking these closely with selected PCAR research centers and stations;

(h) Develop a mechanism for full communication among workers in research, extension, education, and national development;

(i) Establish a repository for research information in agriculture, forestry and fisheries;

(j) Provide for a systematic program of agricultural research manpower development and improvement;

(k) Provide for appropriate incentives to encourage topnotch research workers to remain working in their respective areas of agricultural research; and

(l) It shall have the power and authority to call on any department, bureau, office, agency, state university or college, commodity institute, and other instrumentalities of the Government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities, and other resources as the need arises in the discharge of its functions.

For administrative purposes, the Philippine Council for Agricultural Research is attached to the Department of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

The Council shall be composed of the following officials:

1. The Chairman National Science Development Board Chairman
2. The Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources Vice-Chairman
3. The Budget Commissioner
4. A Representative of the National Economic Development Authority
5. The President, Association of Colleges of Agriculture of the Philippines
6. The Chancellor, University of the Philippines at Los Baños