

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3870, June 12, 1964 ]**

**AN ACT DEFINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE U.P. LAW CENTER,  
PROVIDING FOR ITS FINANCING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines has established in its College of Law a unit known as the Continuing Legal Education and Research Center, hereinafter referred to as the U.P. Law Center;

WHEREAS, the major purpose of the University of the Philippines in the establishment of this unit is the advancement of legal scholarship, the protection of human rights with emphasis on the improvement of the legal system and the administration of justice, and the assumption of leadership in overcoming the criticism directed at professional competence and responsibility;

WHEREAS, the said unit is presently engaged in three areas of activities to effectuate these objectives, namely; (a) research and publication program, (b) public faculty lecture program, and the (c) continuing legal education program, which is further divided into the law institute program and the vacation studies program;

WHEREAS, reform in law and the machinery of justice as well as law enforcement for the better protection of human rights is a continuing concern of the Government: Now, therefore

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. The Continuing Legal Education and Research Center of the College of Law, University of the Philippines, also known and hereinafter referred to as the U.P. Law Center, shall perform the following functions:

- (1) To undertake technical studies and researches in law, with emphasis on Philippine Law, particularly on projects for reforms in the judiciary, public administration, civil rights protection, international relations, and law enforcement;
- (2) To undertake law institutes or study programs for continuing legal education;
- (3) To undertake legal studies and researches on request from the various agencies of the government concerned with law reform, including the committees on Revision of Laws of the House of Representatives and the Senate;
- (4) To undertake the publications of studies, monographs, research