

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 82, August 10, 1999]

CREATING A TASK FORCE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE HOSTING OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIAL PARKS NETWORK, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the significant contribution of Science and Technology Parks to the overall national effort for sustainable economic development;

WHEREAS, Science and Technology Parks facilitate the commercialization of technology and provide a nurturing ground for new enterprises and projects;

WHEREAS, the convening of meetings is a continuing initiative on the part of APEC to accelerate the promotion of all small and medium enterprises and the transfer of technologies among its member economies;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has agreed to host the 3rd Meeting of APEC Science and Technology Industrial Parks, herein referred to as the STIPs, scheduled on 25-27 October 1999.

WHEREAS, the Meeting will be participated in by experts in the fields of science and technology in consonance with the Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation (TILF) agenda of APEC, particularly in the growth of small and medium enterprises, developing human capital, harnessing technology of the future and promoting sustainable growth and development;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a body be created to coordinate, prepare for and manage the holding of the said meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. CREATION – There is hereby created a Task Force, herein referred to as the TF, to be composed of the following:

Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	– Chairman
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	– Member
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	– Member
Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)	– Member