

[ **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 290, September 12, 1996** ]

**CONSTITUTING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MINDANAO EDUCATION PROGRAM (CMEP) AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, a primary objective of Government is the attainment of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace under the Rule of Law and in accordance with Constitutional process, which is the basic function of economic development and national prosperity;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), being the agency tasked with the supervisions and administration of basic education, has a great influence in the attainment of the aforementioned objectives;

**WHEREAS**, the participants in the First Mindanao Educators Congress (FMEC) held on September 27 - 29, 1995 in Zamboanga City came up with recommendations to improve the quality of education in Mindanao for Philippines 2000;

**WHEREAS**, a Comprehensive Mindanao Education Program (CMEP) demands a holistic approach that will require the cooperative efforts of all sectors of society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute a Steering Committee on Mindanao Education.

**SECTION 1. Composition.** – The Steering Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson – Secretary of Education Culture and Sports
- Vice-Chairmen – Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education
  - Presidential Assistant for Mindanao
  - Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
  - Presidential Assistant for Peace Process
- Members – Secretary of Education for ARMM
  - President, Mindanao Association of State Universities and Colleges
  - President, Coordinating Council of Private Education Association
  - President, Mindanao State University
  - Dean, UP Mindanao
  - Secretary General of the National Federation of