

[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:

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| 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 |