[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 583, December 08, 2006]

ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COMPLEX AND TECHNOLOGY INCUBATION PARK IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DILIMAN

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 10 of the Constitution provides, that "x x x The state shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization; and to science and technology education, training, and services x x x.";

WHEREAS, efforts to support and strengthen our scientific and technological capabilities and their application to our country's productive systems and national life require complementary initiatives in generating new scientific knowledge and technology,technology transfer and diffusion, and technology utilization and management;

WHEREAS, all these efforts presuppose the availability of highly trained manpower to lead and direct scientific and technological activities In the academe, the private sector, and the government;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines, demonstrating competence and availability of core scientific personnel, national centers of excellence, intellectual resources, and academic and research infrastructure, is in the best position to harness and organize State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), private universities, other private and public academic institutions, industry government agencies, and other sectors, in order to serve as the national hub for the generation and application of new scientific knowledge in the natural and applied sciences and mathematics;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines, with the assistance of the aforementioned institutions and sectors, has the capability of supplying competent manpower and Technical support for the UP S&T Park and its component Technology Business Incubators (TBIs);

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines and its S&T Park can potentially serve as a model for other technology parks in the country;

WHEREAS, in a meeting of the UP Board of Regents on September 29, 2006, the establishment of the National Science Complex in UP Diliman has been approved and has authorized the UP President to seek support from the government on this endeavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order: