

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299, October 12, 2000**]

EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED UNDER THE CABINET RESOLUTION DATED 06 JUNE 1956

WHEREAS, the Special Committee on Scholarships (SCS) was created through a Cabinet Resolution dated 06 June 1956, and mandated, to ensure that the requirements of the Economic and Development Program of the Government for skilled manpower and knowledge workers are met through the efficacious availment of foreign-assisted training programs available to the Government;

WHEREAS, the Economic and Development Program of Government embodies the vision and priorities of the President; **WHEREAS**, there is a need to ensure that SCS operations are "guided by declarations of policies that may be issued from time to time by the Office of the President..." as provided for in Executive Order (EO) NO. 129, s. 1968;

WHEREAS, the pursuit of the Economic and Development Program of the Government involves the corresponding development of the government's human resources;

WHEREAS, the development of the government's human resources requires a continuing education program especially in the tertiary and post-graduate levels;

WHEREAS, the foregoing concerns may be adequately addressed by expanding the membership of the SCS to include representatives from the Office of the President and the Commission on Higher Education;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of Republic Act No. 8760, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2000, authorizes the President of direct organizational changes in any department or agency;

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

SECTION 1. *Reconstitution of the SCS.* The composition of the Scholarship Committee Secretariat created under the Cabinet Resolution of June 6, 1956, is hereby amended as follows:

Chairman

- Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Members