

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 317, March 30, 1996]

DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INCLUDING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section I, Art. XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall establish, maintain and support a complete and integral system of quality education and adopt an educational framework that is meaningful, relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals and aspirations of the people in the Region;

WHEREAS, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as created by Republic Act 7796 is charged to set a policy, supervise and promote technical vocational education and training in non-degree granting programs in all post secondary and technical vocational training institutions in the country;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created pursuant to RA 6734 deemed it imperative that in view of RA 7796, there is need to devolve certain powers and functions of the TESDA to the ARG;

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 order:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* — Pursuant to the Constitution and Republic Act. No. 6734, it has been the declared policy of the National Government to ensure the full and expeditious devolution of powers and functions necessary for the governance of the ARG of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Powers and Functions.* — Consistent with national policies, all programs and projects of the TESDA, except the accreditation and certification programs, whether locally-funded or foreign-assisted, in the ARMM earmarked for or to be implemented in the region, including scholarships and grants shall be transferred to the ARG including its corresponding budgets and assets.

SECTION 3. *Budget and Appropriation.* — The current budget of the TESDA earmarked for the four (4) provinces under the ARMM, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, shall be transferred to the ARG.

SECTION 4. *Standard Setting.* — The ARG shall formulate regional rules and regulations in the implementation of programs and policies on technical vocational education and training in the region of autonomy in accordance with the standards