

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84, April 24, 1993 ]**

**CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO FORMULATE SHORT AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAGAYTAY CITY AND ITS ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES, AND THE TAAL VOLCANO ISLAND AND ITS SURROUNDING COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, 1993-1998 (MTPDP) as approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, shall be the basis for all development activities to be undertaken by the government during said Plan period;

WHEREAS, an important component of the MTPDP is the National Tourism Master Plan of the Department of Tourism (DOT) which identifies the area covering Tagaytay City and its adjacent municipalities as a major destination for tourism in the Philippines, and its development, a key factor in the region's over-all development program;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7623, the Taal Volcano Island in Batangas and its surrounding coastal municipalities was declared a tourist zone under the joint jurisdiction of the DOT; Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Municipalities of Laurel, Balete, Agoncillo, San Nicolas, and Talisay, Province of Batangas, and, as such, shall be accorded priority development by the said government agencies and local government units;

WHEREAS, aside from developing Tagaytay City and its environs and Taal Volcano Island as tourist destination, there is a need to simultaneously address the developmental concerns of the surrounding coastal and non-coastal municipalities on matters of environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, to enable the Government to undertake measures to conserve the natural resources and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area consistent with the concept of sustainable development, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate short and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Tagaytay-Taal Commission for the development of Tagaytay City, its adjacent municipalities, and the Taal Volcano Island and its surrounding coastal municipalities, hereinafter referred to as the Commission,

composed of the following:

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| Secretary of Tourism                                    | – Chairman      |
| Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources          | – Vice-Chairman |
| Secretary of Transportation and Communications          | – Member        |
| Secretary of Public Works and Highways                  | – Member        |
| Secretary of the Interior and Local Governments         | – Member        |
| Secretary of Trade and Industry                         | – Member        |
| Secretary of Agrarian Reform                            | – Member        |
| Secretary of Science and Technology                     | – Member        |
| Head, Presidential Management Staff                     | – Member        |
| Governor of Batangas                                    | – Member        |
| Governor of Cavite                                      | – Member        |
| Mayors of the concerned Local Government Units          | – Members       |
| The President, Development Academy of the Philippines   | – Member        |
| The Administrator, Local Water Utilities Administration | – Member        |

A representative each from the business, religious, land developers and agricultural sectors and from Non-Governmental Organization shall serve as Consultants to the Commission.

The Development Academy of the Philippines shall initially serve as the Technical Secretariat of the Commission to be headed by an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following the functions and responsibilities:

a. Formulate a Ten-Year Tagaytay-Taal Master Plan by November 10, 1993 and a Twenty-Year Integrated Master Plan for the whole area covering Tagaytay City and its adjacent non-coastal municipalities, and the Taal Volcano Island and its surrounding coastal municipalities by January 1, 1994, based on the following guidelines:

(1) Preservation of the area's natural beauty, protection of its ecological balance and enhancement of its environment;

Maximum enjoyment and easy access by ordinary people to public areas;