

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 940, March 02, 1984]

OPTIMIZING THE USE OF EXISTING TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL (VOCTECH) NETWORK OF TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY AND COOPERATIVE BASIS.

WHEREAS, the National Manpower and Youth Council hereinafter referred to as NMYC, and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports hereinafter referred to as MECS, are major partners in human resources development;

WHEREAS, the NMYC has existing manpower training centers;

WHEREAS, the MECS has existing vocational/technical schools;

WHEREAS, the NMYC is currently implementing its World Bank-assisted Vocational Training Project and the MECS its Asian Development Bank-assisted Vocational/Technical Education Project;

WHEREAS, there is a need to optimize the use of existing scarce resources and integrate the multiplicity of activities in vocational and technical education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Establishment of a VOCTECH Network. There is hereby established a voluntary and cooperative network of vocational/technical education institutions and manpower training centers.

SEC. 2. Statement of Objectives. The Network shall have the following objectives:

- a. To integrate, coordinate and systematize the development of vocational/technical education and training in the country through a comprehensive plan to ensure the continued production of skilled manpower needed by industry;
- b. To optimize the use of limited funds from relevant programs and projects assisted by the World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and from other related foreign-assisted projects by sharing expertise and resources in the management and implementation of such projects;
- c. To maximize the use of limited expensive training tools, equipment, and facilities through sharing among the members of the network;
- d. To ensure the availability, retention and continued development of highly qualified and motivated vocational/technical trainers and teachers; and