

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 889, March 23, 1983 ]**

**ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN THE BASIC SCIENCES**

WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates that the advancement of science and technology has priority in national development;

WHEREAS, the efforts to apply science and technology in the service of our people require complementary initiatives in the generation of technology, in technology transfer and diffusion, and in technology utilization and commercialization;

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

WHEREAS, the new, emerging technologies which loom larger and larger in the horizon require expertise with increasing breadth and depth in the basic sciences;

WHEREAS, there is, therefore, a need to further strengthen and broaden the national capability to train scientific leaders and conduct research in the basic sciences;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines, by virtue of its role and demonstrated competence and availability of core scientific staff, is in the best position to organize these national centers of excellence in various fields of basic science;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, do hereby order and direct:

Section 1. There is hereby established a system of national centers of excellence in the basic sciences to be initially composed of the following:

At the University of the Philippines, Diliman campus:

- a. National Institute of Physics
- b. National Institute of Geological Sciences
- c. Natural Sciences Research Institute

At the University of the Philippines at Los Baños:

- a. Institute of Mathematical Sciences