

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 628, October 30, 1980]

**CREATING A UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE VISAYAS
AS AN AUTONOMOUS MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates that "the State shall establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development;"

WHEREAS, the attainment of food sufficiency, of a healthy, vigorous and versatile citizenry, of informed, committed and effective managerial leadership are priority goals of national development;

WHEREAS, P.D. No. 1200, otherwise known as the Five-Year Philippine Development Plan (1978-1982), directs that:

" . . . state colleges and universities, particularly the U.P. System, will take a more dynamic role in upgrading higher education to promote the Philippines as an international center of learning. As an apex of tertiary education in the Philippines, the facilities and programs of U.P. in allied fields of agriculture, business, economics, and the natural and physical sciences will be improved, while an integrated University of the Philippines campus in Iloilo based on food and marine sciences will be expanded."

WHEREAS, in the same Five-Year Philippine Development Plan for 1978-1982, Region VI has been designated as "the site of the University of the Philippines in the Visayas with emphasis on marine sciences;"

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines is authorized to reorganize the government by virtue of P.D. No. 1416;

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

Section 1. Establishment of the U .P. in the Visayas. The U.P. in the Visayas is hereby constituted as an autonomous university within the University of the Philippines System. It shall consist of a College of Arts and Sciences, a College of Fisheries, an Institute of Fisheries Development and Research, a Brackishwater Aquaculture Center, a school of development management, a graduate school, a school of development technology, and such other units as may be approved and funded pursuant to the provisions of the General Appropriations Act. It may acquire, subject to pertinent law and regulations and to budgetary constraints, land for its main campus in Miagao, Iloilo, and such other land and water resources as may be suitable for the academic, research, and extension education purposes of the U.P. in the Visayas.