

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 548, July 23, 1979]

**ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION SUPPORT SYSTEM
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the critical problem in the utilization of technology is the absence of sufficient and financial support for the pre-investment and project development activities necessary to implement the application of technology;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a system harnessing and organizing technical expertise in government agencies and private industry, to support the launching of projects particularly at the pre-investment stage;

WHEREAS, there are highly trained Filipino scientists and experts abroad that can be utilized for local technology delivery under the Balik-Scientist Program;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide funding support to meet the pre-investment requirements for projects applying improved technologies;

WHEREAS, the Technology Resource Center is a government corporate arm, mandated by its Charter to deliver technology to industry, communities and households; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government.

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

SECTION 1. Technology Utilization Service Corps. There shall be created in the Technology Resource Center a Technology Utilization Service Corps (hereinafter called the Corps) which shall provide technical, managerial, financial and marketing expertise to appliers and users of improved technologies at the pre-investment and project development stages. The Corps shall:

(a) Identify, establish, and maintain a roster of technology resource experts from the government and private sectors, from within the country and abroad, including Filipino scientists under the Balik-Scientists Program of the National Science Development Board;

(b) Identify, mobilize, and utilize such technology resource experts to assist technology users in undertaking the pre-investment and project development phases of projects utilizing improved and appropriate technology;

(c) Serve as a referral and information center to link technology users to appropriate

technology and technology expertise, and to provide assistance on government technology; and

(d) Assist in identifying, evaluating, and obtaining the necessary project financing or guarantees from government and private financial institutions, including overseas bilateral, regional and international financing and where appropriate from the Technology Delivery Fund.

SEC. 2. Technology Utilization Service Teams. – There shall be organized by the TRC Director-General such Technology Utilization Service Teams (TUST) as necessary, composed of technology resource experts drawn from the roster of the Corps and assigned on a project basis. Any government technology resource experts in the roster of the Corps assigned to a TUST shall be detailed to TRC upon approval by the Office of the President for the duration of the particular project undertaken by a TUST, on a full-time or part-time basis as appropriate. The services of a TUST shall be provided by the Corps under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between TRC and the technology user.

The compensation, including honoraria and allowances of technology resource experts serving TUST's shall be determined solely by TRC upon recommendation by the Management Advisory Council, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

To carry out its support services, effectively, TRC is hereby declared a critical government agency in accordance with PD No. 985, and Section 11 of PD No. 1097 is hereby reaffirmed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. Equity Contribution. – To carry out the functions specified in this Executive Order, TRC is hereby provided a capitalization in the amount of Sixty-Five Million Pesos (P65,000,000.00) consisting of an initial sum of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000.00) provided by the National Science Development Board from its appropriations for FY 1979, and an annual appropriation of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00) for each of the next six years as a first priority assessment from the science tax effective FY 1980. This capitalization shall be in addition to the capital contributions to TRC by its founding institutions as per PD 1097, and in addition to the annual budget appropriations which are provided to TRC's other regular programs and activities.

SEC. 4. Technology Delivery Fund. – A Technology Delivery Fund (the "Fund") is created as a revolving fund to finance the annual operations of the Corps, the payment of fees to government and private technology resource experts engaged by the Corps and the pre-investment and project development costs of government and private sectors and users which shall be recovered by the Corps to the extent possible from the technology users.

The Fund shall consist of the following:

- (a) Such amounts as may be earmarked by TRC from its own capital resources.
- (b) Fees, charges, and other income arising from the operations of the Corps.
- (c) Royalties received by the TRC for the use of government technology.