

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 543, July 09, 1979]

CONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENT'S CENTER FOR SPECIAL STUDIES OUT OF THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies is at present an autonomous unit of the University of the Philippines System and is engaged in research and policy studies, in offering degree programs in Asian Studies, Islamic Studies and Philippine Studies, and in rendering various community services and publishing scholarly works;

WHEREAS, the academic programs in the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies and those of other units of the University of the Philippines are best administered by a single Governing Board;

WHEREAS, the Government and in particular the Office of the President requires specialized and competent staff in research and policy studies;

WHEREAS, the President is empowered by P.D. No. 1416 to conduct the continuing reorganization of Government;

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

SECTION 1. – Creation of the President's Center for Special Studies. The President's Center for Special Studies, hereinafter referred as to as "Center", is hereby created out of the research and policy studies group of the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies (PCAS).

SECTION 2. – Objectives. the Center shall conduct policy research and development studies for the Office of the President. As part of its work, the Center shall perform surveys and undertake programs of research and investigation on such topics as may be assigned to it by the President, or on its own initiative.

SECTION 3. – Organization. – The Center shall be a part of the Office of the President and shall be headed by a Special Assistant for Special Studies, who shall be its Executive Director. Its staff shall initially consist of the faculty, research and administrative and other support staff of the PCAS who are appointed to the Center by the Executive Director. The organization and staffing pattern of the Center shall be approved in accordance with pertinent civil service, organization, budget and compensation law and regulations.

SECTION 4. – Abolition of the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies. The Philippine Center for Advanced Studies is hereby abolished. Its academic programs are transferred to the University of the Philippines System, whose Board of Regents may