[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 337, May 17, 1996]

TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT (NTCTESD) AND ITS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS (DECS) TO THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the state to vigorously pursue the development of middle-level manpower required for economic growth and global competitiveness through quality technical-vocational education and training programs;

WHEREAS, through a Memorandum of Understanding between the then Ministry of Education and Culture and the Asian Development Bank, the Technical and Vocational Education Project (TVEP) was instituted to upgrade the quality of technical and vocational education in the country;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 82, series of 1993, formally established the National Training Center for Technical Education and Staff Development (NTCTESD) which is located at the Marikina Institute of Science and Technology, with the DECS as the implementing authority;

WHEREAS, the said Executive Order stipulated that the Center's Governing Body shall be chaired by the DECS Secretary who shall likewise provide the Secretariat support;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA 7796, otherwise known as the "TESDA Act of 1994", the DECS' responsibility of administering the technical-vocational education and training was absorbed by TESDA, thus rendering the transfer of the administration of the NTCTESD imperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Transfer of the Administration of the National Center.* — The administration of the National Training Center for Technical Education and Staff Development is hereby transferred from the Department of Education, Culture and Sports to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority. The Center shall continue to pursue the same objectives set forth in Executive Order No. 82 (S. of 1993).

SECTION 2. *Facilities*. — All training infrastructures, facilities and fixtures of the Center shall be relocated from its present location at the Marikina Institute of Science and Technology campus to the TESDA Compound at Taguig, Metro Manila and shall be integrated with the facilities of the National Institute for Technical