

[**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 166, August 21, 1997**]

DIRECTING THE FORMULATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE 21st CENTURY

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WHEREAS, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the central planning agency of the government to coordinate the preparation of national socio-economic development plans;

WHEREAS, there is a need to sustain the economic gains that the Philippines has achieved in the past five years, and to pole-vault the Philippines to the twenty-first century;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure economic stability and consistency of government policies and programs;

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

SECTION 1. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall coordinate the preparation of the Philippine National Development Plan for the 21st Century. The Plan shall be formulated in close collaboration with other agencies of the executive branch, the legislative branch and private/non-government sectors.

SECTION 2. The Plan shall contain at least the following basic elements:

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1. Development goals and objectives;
2. Strategy and policy framework to attain such goals and objectives; and
3. Key measurable targets supportive of broader development objectives.

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SECTION 3. The framework plan shall have the following chapters:

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1. The Philippines in Retrospect
2. The Emerging Global and Domestic Environment
3. Vision and Framework
4. Sustainable Human Development
5. National Agenda for Science and Technology
6. Infrastructure Development
7. Agri-Industry Development
8. Environment and Natural Resources Management
9. Governance and Institutions Development