

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 260, March 19, 1996]

STRENGTHENING THE OPERATION OF THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCILS OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs of the Professional Regulatory Boards under the supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission have been institutionalized under Executive Order No. 266 issued on July 25, 1995;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further reinforce and strengthen the implementation of the Continuing Professional Education Programs of the Professional Regulatory Boards under the Professional Regulation Commission to insure the global competitiveness of Filipino professionals.

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

SECTION 1. *Councils.* — The Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Councils created by PRC Resolution No. 381, series of 1995, issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 266 issued on July 25, 1995, are hereby attached to the Professional Regulation Commission and its personnel complement shall be appointed by the Commission in accordance with existing Civil Service Law, rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. *Fees and Other Income.* — Subject to budgetary laws, circulars, and regulations, fees and other charges collected by the CPE Councils pursuant to Resolution No. 381, series of 1995, issued by the Commission in accordance with Executive Order No. 266, series of 1995, shall constitute a trust fund that shall be expended exclusively in accordance with the purposes of Executive Order No. 266 issued on July 25, 1995 as implemented by PRC Resolution No. 381, series of 1995, issued on October 24, 1995.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* — All orders, guidelines and regulations or portion thereof which are in conflict with this Administrative Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* — This Administrative Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation, whichever is earlier.

Adopted: 19 March 1996

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines