

[**LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 1373, January
23, 1984**]

**DIRECTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC KNOWLEDGE IN
THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

TO: The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports
The Minister of Finance
The Minister of Economic Planning
The Minister of Trade and Industry
The Ministry of Agriculture
The Minister of the Budget
The Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines
The Director, National Media Production Center

Whereas, government economic policy affects the life of all Filipinos;

Whereas, the educational system is a vital link between government and the population, with schoolchildren numbering some 15 million and officials of the Ministry numbering some 400 thousand:

Whereas, the quality of economic knowledge among laymen is such that current economic developments and policies may be inadequately understood :

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

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports shall mount an effort to improve the quality of economics teaching and awareness of economic developments, in the educational system, with the aim of enabling students to understand international and national events affecting the Philippine economy and where possible, to bring this knowledge to bear on their community and family thinking;
2. Particular attention shall be placed to improving existing curricula and teaching material and to increasing economic awareness among schoolteachers through the dissemination of information on such matters as economic, monetary and fiscal policies, income, employment and prices, and balance of payments;
3. The Heads of Office to whom this Letter is addressed shall assist the Ministry in the preparation and production of the material suitable to meet the objective herein outlined;
4. The Minister of the Budget shall release the funds needed to implement this Letter, charged to the Special Activities Fund.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of January, nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines