

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO. 890, July 16, 1979 ]

## RELATIVE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE SIXTH CENTENNIAL OF THE COMING OF ISLAM TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FOURTEENTH CENTENNIAL OF THE ISLAMIC HEGIRA

TO : The Regional Autonomous Governments of Regions 9 and 12, the Institute of Islamic Studies of University of the Philippine, the Ministry of the Budget and Other Government Instrumentalities and Agencies Involved in the Rehabilitation and Development Programs in Southern Philippines.

WHEREAS, the sixth century of the coming of Islam to the Philippines will fall on 1980;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is committed to the enhancement of the Filipino Muslim community and moreover recognizes Islam as one of the Major sources of Filipino culture;

WHEREAS, the international Muslim community will be celebrating the fourteenth century anniversary of the Islamic Hegira in 1980; and

WHEREAS, this international celebration gives us the opportunity to show our solidarity and fraternity with the Muslim world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines, do hereby issue the following instructions:

1. The Regional Autonomous Governments of Regions 9 and 12 and the Institute of Islamic Studies of the University of the Philippines shall:
  - a. Submit within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, to the President, a detailed program for the year-long commemoration of the sixth century of the coming of Islam to the Philippines and the fourteenth anniversary of the the Hegira.
  - b. Submit to the President within thirty days from the date hereof, the detailed budget of the aforesaid program.
2. The Regional Autonomous Governments of Regions 9 and 12 and the Institute of Islamic Studies of UP, in consultation with each other, may tap the resources and services of all government instrumentalities and agencies, as the need arises, for the successful implementation of the program for the year-long commemoration of the two events.
3. This Letter of Instruction, shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of July, 1979.

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