

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 2010, January 12, 1986**]

CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, INTO A UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BENGUET STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines-directs the State to establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development and further prescribes that all educational institutions shall aim to develop scientific, technological and vocational efficiency;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 6-A also known as the Educational Decree of 1972, it has been declared a policy of the government to re-orient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a state university in the Province of Benguet will provide better educational services to the people of these economically and socially depressed provinces by bringing closer to them university education and training in the arts, sciences, humanities, technology and other socio-cultural areas, as well as conduct scientific researches and technological studies;

WHEREAS, the present purely agricultural curricular offerings of the College will be expanded to provide for a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of the national government; in particular, to develop scientific, technological, vocational and other professional courses;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the "university will be a direct response to the urgent need for a faster pace of economic development and social-political progress of the depressed area inhabited predominantly by our cultural minorities of the North. The development of the natural and manpower resources of the area will greatly be enhanced by making available to the people in the area relevant, and more easily accessible university education at a cheaper cost; and

WHEREAS, dispersal of higher institutions of learning to the provinces to decongest Metro Manila and other cities thickly populated with students is in line with the policy of the New Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. The present Mountain State Agricultural College located in the municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet, is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Benguet State University (BSU), hereinafter referred to as the University.

SEC. 2. The University shall provide graduate and undergraduate courses in the arts, sciences, humanities and professional fields in agriculture, natural sciences, technology, and other technical and professional courses as the Board of Regents may determine and deem proper. It shall also promote research, extension,

agribusiness and advanced studies and progressive leadership in its field of specialization.

SEC. 3. There shall be organized in the University of Horticultural Research and Training Institute (HORTI) and other relevant research centers to develop technologies on sub-tropical agriculture and natural resources which will backstop and enhance the growth and development of the Cordillera area and other highland areas.

SEC. 4. The governing board of the University shall be the Board of Regents to be composed of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports as Chairman, the President of the University as Vice-Chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economics and Development Authority (NEDA), and two (2) prominent citizens of the Region, one of whom must be an alumnus of the University who have distinguished themselves in their respective professional or field of specialization to be appointed by the President of the Philippines on recommendation of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, in consultation with the other members of the Board. The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports may designate his representative to sit for him in meetings of the Board of Regents: *Provided*, that; one of the two' first appointive Regents shall serve for one (1) year, and the other for two (2) years. Thereafter, the appointees shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. In case of permanent vacancy, the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

SEC. 5. A quorum of the Board of Regents shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time of the meeting. All processes against the University shall be served to the Chairman of the Board or to the President of the University.

SEC. 6. The management of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested in the Board of Regents, and in the President of the University in so far as authorized by the Board of Regents.

SEC. 7. The Chairman and Members of the Board of Regents shall serve without compensation, but they may be entitled to a moderate honorarium or allowance per month, and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in attendance to meetings or other official business duly authorized by the Board of Regents.

SEC. 8. The head of the University shall be known as the President of the Benguet State University who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports after consultation with the Board of Regents. He shall have the powers and perform duties pertaining to the office of university president, in addition to those specifically *provided* for in the decree.

SEC. 9. The Board of Regents shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and supervision and the exercise of all the powers of a corporation as *provided* in Section Thirty-Six of Batas Pambansa Bilang 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines:

- a. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums of money as may be *provided* for the support and maintenance of the University;
- b. To prescribe rules for its own government and to enact for the government of the University such rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be