

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1943, June 27, 1984 ]

## **CONVERTING THE BASILAN NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE INTO THE BASILAN STATE COLLEGE, DEFINING POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**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 prescribes that all educational institutions shall aim to develop scientific, technological and vocational efficiency;

**WHEREAS**, under Presidential Decree No. 6-A otherwise known as the Educational Development Decree of 1972, promulgated on September 29, 1972, it had been declared a policy of the government to reorient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development;

**WHEREAS**, the province of Basilan in Western Mindanao is endowed with rich natural resources the exploitation, utilization, and conservation of which will certainly accelerate its development, thereby contributing immensely to the economic growth of the region, in particular, and of the country, in general;

**WHEREAS**, an adequate system of public education at the tertiary level is believed to be an effective instrument of the New Society in facilitating the socio-economic upliftment of the people of that province, and in effecting a more equitable sharing of the country's wealth and income that will ultimately make them productive, progressive, and dignified citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Basilan State College will, likewise, relieve the city of Zamboanga from congestion and other concomitant problems arising from over-population, such as housing, sanitations, transportation, and peace and order;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Basilan State College will, in the ultimate analysis, serve as an instrument for the promotion of the socio-economic advancement of the various cultural communities inhabiting therein;

**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 Basilan National Agro-Industrial School in the province of Basilan is hereby converted into a State College to be known as the Basilan State College, hereinafter referred to in this Act as the State College.

**SEC. 2.** The State College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional, and vocational instruction and training in science, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technical or vocational courses. It shall promote research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

**SEC. 3.** In addition to its present secondary and collegiate offerings, the State College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of science, agricultural and industrial fields as the Board of Trustees may deem

necessary. It shall also offer opportunity or short-term technical or vocational courses within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the region.

**SEC. 4.** No student shall be denied admission to the State College by reason of sex, ethnic considerations, or religious belief or affiliation.

**SEC. 5.** The head of the State College shall be known as the President of the Basilan State College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees comparable to that being received by president of similar educational institutions of like enrolment and standing, subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws.

The powers and duties of the President of the State College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of a president of a state college or university.

**SEC. 6.** The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Basilan State College. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education and Culture or his duly designated representative as chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority of Region IX, the President of State College, the Chairman of the Regional Executive Council, Region IX as ex-officio members, and three (3) prominent citizens of the province to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the three appointed members one shall be an authority on science and technology, one on agriculture, and one on the professions; Provided, they have demonstrated competence and ability in their respective areas,

Of the first group appointed, the President shall designate one to serve for one year, and one to serve for two years, Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors who should be an expert in the same field shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

When the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports is unable to perform his duties as chairman of the Board due to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of a vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall temporarily perform the functions of the chairman of the said Board. The chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the Board.

**SEC. 7.** A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or Secretary thereof.

**SEC. 8.** The member of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance similar to that of other colleges of the same category and standing; Provided, That they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.