

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1616, April 10, 1979 ]

## CREATING THE "INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION" FOR PURPOSES OF RESTORING AND ADMINISTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTRAMUROS

**WHEREAS**, major cultural landmarks should be preserved, developed and administered for the perpetuation of Filipino heritage and the enhancement of our national identity;

**WHEREAS**, for four hundred years, Intramuros has been a priceless heritage of the past for the City of Manila and a major historical landmark of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, to preserve and enhance the historical value of Intramuros, the national historical consciousness program demands its restoration, development and maintenance, and for this purpose, it is imperative that a special organization be created, charged with such a vital role and responsibility;

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

**SECTION 1.** *Creation of the Intramuros Administration.*—There is hereby created an agency to be known as the Intramuros Administration, under the direct control and supervision of the Ministry of Human Settlements. The Administration shall be responsible for the orderly restoration and development of Intramuros as a monument to the Hispanic period of Philippine history. As such, it shall ensure that the general appearance of Intramuros shall conform to Philippine-Spanish architecture of the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Century.

**SEC. 2.** *Organization of the Administration.*—The Administration shall be directed by a Board of Administrators, consisting of the Minister of Human Settlements, as Chairman, and as Members, the Mayor of the City of Manila, the Executive Director of the National Historical Institute, the Administrator, and such persons as the President may designate. Its Executive Officer shall be an Administrator, who shall have the same qualifications, privileges and rank of a Deputy Minister. The Administration shall be organized and staffed in accordance with applicable budget and compensation laws: Provided, That it shall be authorized to engage the services of architectural, historical, tourism, and other consultants necessary for its work: Provided, Further, that the President may designate Heads of Ministries of the national government to serve on the Board in an ex-officio capacity. Provided, Finally, That the members of the Board shall receive per diems for each Board Meeting actually attended by them, at rates and subject to such maximum monthly amount as may be approved under P.D. No. 985.

The Board of Administrators shall be responsible for the policies and activities of the Administration. The Administrator shall report to the Board and shall be delegated such authority as the Board may decide.

There shall be an Architectural Committee and such other Committees as may be created by the Board of Administrators, to advise the Administration on the architectural or other policy.

**SEC. 3. *Functions and Powers.***—The Administration shall have the following functions and powers:

(a) To acquire, lease or hold real property and personal property as it deems necessary or convenient in the successful prosecution of its work, and to lease, mortgage, sell, alienate, or otherwise dispose of such personal and real property;

(b) To initiate, plan, undertake and supervise the restoration, upkeep and maintenance of the Intramuros Walls, including the ravelins, moat, Sunken Garden, and public places or areas, plazas, streets and other government properties situated within Intramuros;

(c) To adopt, issue, promulgate and implement regulations pertaining to zoning, building height, dimensions, architectural style and designs, and other specifications of the building construction to be undertaken therein;

(d) To regulate traffic, street usage, and other related matters within the area;

(e) To determine and regulate the architecture of buildings erected within Intramuros, the utilization of the said buildings, the size and nature of display signs, advertising billboards, neon lights, and other external signs and advertisements in buildings;

(f) To require private holders to modify the design of existing buildings so as to comply with approved specifications;

(g) To expropriate property within the bounds of Intramuros;

(h) To sponsor and conduct festivals and to charge and collect admission fees to the restored Gates and other attractions operated by the Administration; and

(i) To undertake other activities necessary to enhance and achieve its objectives.

**SEC. 4. *Transfer of Administration, Properties, and Appropriations.***—The buildings and lands owned by the National Government administered by the Bureaus of Building and Real Property Management and by other offices and agencies of the National Government and the City of Manila, including government-owned or controlled corporations which are located in Intramuros, are hereby transferred to the Administration: Provided That for properties of government corporations and of the City of Manila, arrangements for compensation shall be mutually agreed upon between the Administration and the agencies concerned and recommended to the President for final approval.

The administration of Fort Santiago, the Sunken Garden, the Municipal Golf Links, including concessions within the Sunken Garden and elsewhere on public land and other public properties in Intramuros, are hereby transferred to the Administration: Provided, That the City of Manila may continue operating the Municipal Golf Links.

**SEC. 5. *Operation of facilities.***—The Administration may operate museums, art galleries, theaters, and other cultural/educational facilities that are incidental and suitable to the attainment of its objectives: Provided, That the Administration may