

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1287, January 20, 1978 ]

## **CREATING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the arts complement the sciences in the improvement of the quality of human life and in working for the integrated and total development of the nation;

**WHEREAS**, it is the total person who can make the most meaningful contribution toward a just and humane society, and in developing national pride and identity;

**WHEREAS**, a just and humane society is necessary for the growth and full development of the precepts on which the new Philippine society is built; and

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Constitution provides that arts and letters shall be under the patronage of the state;

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a high school to be known as the Philippine High School for the Arts, which shall be attached to the Cultural Center of the Philippines for policy and program implementation with special emphasis on subjects pertaining to the arts, with the end in view of preparing its students for a career in the arts.

**SEC. 2.** The School shall be headed by a Director. He shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees as hereinafter provided, which Board shall also fix his compensation and the term of his office. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Decree, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of any high school in the Philippine educational system.

**SEC. 3.** The Philippine High School for the Arts shall have a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the President of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, as chairman, the Undersecretary of Education and Culture as vice-chairman, and the following members: the Director of the Philippine High School for the Arts, and a representative for each of the following fields: music, dance, drama and visual arts. The members shall receive a per diem of two hundred pesos (P200.00) per session of the Board.

The members of the Board representing music, dance, drama and visual arts shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.

**SEC. 4.** The Board shall have all the powers and prerogatives of a board of directors of a private corporation. It shall also have the following powers, among others:

- a. To fix the site of the school;
- b. To receive and appropriate for the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the high school;
- c. To approve appointment made and contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of teachers, lecturers and other employees of the school, subject to the provisions of Section twelve of this Decree; to fix