

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1518, June 11, 1978]

CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO THE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS, AND EXPANDING ITS PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines directs the State to establish 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, it has been declared a policy of the government under Presidential Decree No. 6-A, otherwise known as the Educational Development Decree of 1972, to reorient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Commission to Survey Philippine Education (PCSPE) recommended that high priority be given to the provision of technical and vocational education and retraining programs in order to meet current and projected needs for trained manpower in a developing society;

WHEREAS, to attain the development of vocational, scientific and technological efficiency necessary for national economic growth and meaningful social development, it is desirable that the education and training of the manpower potential in vocational, technical, industrial, technological and professional skills be approached through a technological program of education;

WHEREAS, the Philippine College of Arts and Trades as a government industrial education institution has been very closely associated with the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education in Singapore, which cooperation has established regional linkage with ASEAN countries;

WHEREAS, to carry out the various programs with which to attain the objectives and goals, there is need to lead in applied research and extension services so that the Philippine College of Arts and Trades could provide consultation and advisory expertise on the national, regional and institutional levels to the other trade-technical, industrial and technological schools, both public and private, and industry in institutional planning and management, curricular development, supervisory and administrative staff development, equipment prototype research, designs and manufacture using available indigenous materials, and technology transfer and dissemination; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine College of Arts and Trades is the oldest industrial school in the country, and as such, has, since 1901, proved a strong agent of change in manpower development for industrial and engineering technicians, and for supervisory and managerial skills and has continued to do so in the implementation of the government policies in its accelerated programs;

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 Philippine College of Arts and Trades is hereby converted into the "Technological University of the Philippines," hereinafter referred to in this Decree as the University. The present campus in the city of Manila shall be known as the University College.

SEC. 2. The University shall provide higher and advanced vocational, technical, industrial, technological and professional education and training in the industries and technology, and practical arts leading to certificates, diplomas, and degrees. It shall provide progressive leadership in applied research, developmental studies in technical, industrial and technological fields and production using indigenous materials, effect technology transfer in the countryside; and assist in the development of small and medium scale industries in identified growth-centers.

SEC. 3. The governing body of the University shall be the Board of Regents of the Technological University of the Philippines which shall be composed of the following:

Minister of Education and Culture, Chairman
President of the University, Vice-Chairman
Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Member

Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in the professions or fields or specialization of the University, one representing the alumni association of the University, the other chosen from the prominent citizens of Metro Manila, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Minister of Education and Culture, Members.

The first group of appointive regents shall serve for two (2) years and four (4) years, respectively. Thereafter, the appointees shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. In case of permanent vacancy, the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

In the absence of the Minister of Education and Culture the Minister shall authorize a representative, preferably the Deputy Minister concerned and at the least a director, to sit in the meetings of the board: Provided, however, that during these meetings the President of the University shall preside as Vice Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 4. The Board of Regents of the University shall exercise policy-making functions in accordance with the general policies, plans, and programs on education as may be formulated by the National Board of Education and the Minister of Education and Culture and the general policies, plans, and programs on national and regional development as may be issued by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The Minister of Education and Culture as Chairman of the Board of Regents shall see to it that the general educational policies, plans and programs as formulated and promulgated are adopted and observed by the University.

SEC. 5. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 hereof, the Board of Regents shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to the general powers as provided in Section Thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred Fifty-Nine, as amended, otherwise known as the Corporation Law:

- a. To enact for the government of the University such rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of