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ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE TRAINING CENTERS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the national development plan has set self-reliance as a priority goal in order to accelerate countryside development;

WHEREAS, effective rural development strategy includes science-based production technology, support services and socially oriented programs for agriculturally-based communities where the primary activities are in crop, livestock, fishery, and forestry production;

WHEREAS, implementation of the programs for agriculturally-based communities require the concerted support and complementation of the respective field staffs, development workers and extension workers of the different government agencies;

WHEREAS, the extension workers require a continuous deepening and widening of competence to achieve a wide community participation and strong individual commitment of both the extension workers and the resident local leaders;

WHEREAS, systematic training programs and related activities are necessary to secure constantly developing competence among extension workers and farmer leaders, and such programs need to be continuously assessed and related to national development plans and goals;

WHEREAS, the development implementation and assessment of training programs and other support services in rural development requires the active participation not only of the Departments of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Education and Culture, Local Government and Community Development, and Natural Resources, but also of the agricultural Colleges and Universities;

WHEREAS, agricultural Colleges and Universities have the critical mass of experts and research information necessary to improve the training of extension workers and farmers leaders for development in the Philippines;

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to speed up and facilitate agricultural and rural development through an efficient and effective program for the development, distribution and utilization of applicable technologies by the extension workers of all development agencies and institutions within the government and by all Filipino farmers.

SEC. 2. *Creation of the Philippine Training Centers for Rural Development.* - For the purpose of carrying out the above declared policy, a nationwide network Philippine Training Centers for Rural Development is hereby created. The scope and number of training centers in this network shall be determined by a National Government Board attached to the Department of Agriculture. This Governing Board shall be composed of:

- (a) Secretary, Department of Agriculture, As Chairman
- (b) Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
- (c) Secretary, Department of Education and Culture
- (d) Secretary, Department of Local Governments and Community Development
- (e) Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
- (f) Chancellor, University of the Philippines at Los Baños; and
- (g) One prominent leader or practitioner in rural development

The prominent leader or practitioner shall be appointed by the President for a term of three years.

In the absence of the members under subsection (c) to (f), the officer next-in-rank to him in his department or office shall act in his behalf as member.

The members of the Board or their respective alternates shall receive a per diem as it may approve for Board meetings actually attended by them: Provided, That any such per diems shall not exceed one thousand pesos during any one month for each member.

SEC. 3. *Functions and Responsibilities of The National Governing Board for Rural Development.* - The National Governing Board shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

(a) To organize multi-level training centers to be established in, and administered by development agencies and academic institutions, which shall be called Philippine Training Centers for Rural Development, in order to attain the following objectives:

- (1) Organization and development of a strong national network of training centers which will promote and accelerate rural development.
- (2) Cooperation and complementation of various development agencies and agricultural colleges and universities in order to develop the competence of extension workers/development workers of various agencies and farmer leaders.

(b) To approve and adopt basic policies for the efficient and effective attainment of the objectives of the training centers.

(c) To approve and adopt the general plans and strategies for harmonizing the programs, strengthening the impact, and achieving the effectiveness of the training centers.

(d) To review and approve the over-all budget of and the resource allocation to the various training centers.

(e) To provide the mechanism for the effective coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the programs and operations of the training centers.

(f) To appoint the personnel of the National Coordinating Office in accordance with an approved staffing pattern and fix their salaries and remunerations including per