

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1201, September 26, 1977 ]

## CREATING THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.

**WHEREAS**, there is a present need for adequate research studies and materials properly oriented to the formulation of plans and policies relative to national development.

**WHEREAS**, under the existing set-up, the demand for research studies are in part supplied by the research output of academic and other research institutions but these research efforts are not, however, fully responsive to the requirements of national planning and policy making;

**WHEREAS**, research in the social sciences and economics under the existing set-up has given rise to the problem of the weakness of the link between public policy formulation and research because of the orientation and character of pure academic research;

**WHEREAS**, an effective means of bridging this gap is to establish a national research institution that will perform policy-oriented research on all aspects of the Philippine economy and assist the government in formulating plans and policies for national development;

**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 to be part of the law of the land:

**SECTION 1.** *Creation of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies.*—There is hereby created a nonstock, non-profit government corporation to be known as the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, hereinafter referred to as the Institute, which shall be attached to the National Economic and Development Authority for policy and program coordination.

**SEC. 2.** *Purposes and Objectives.*— The Institute shall have the following purposes and objectives:

- a. To develop a comprehensive and integrated research program that will provide the research materials and studies required for the formulation of national development plans and policies. Such program shall be evolved through constant interaction between the institute and the appropriate government agency or agencies;
- b. To serve as the common link between the government and the existing research institutions, and for this purpose, to provide a forum wherein various research studies are discussed and evaluated;
- c. To conduct and undertake research requested by government or its agencies and to arrange for research to be conducted by other research institution and individuals, locally and abroad;
- d. To conduct joint studies with domestic research institutions in the academic, government and business sector; and
- e. To establish a repository for economic research information and other related activities.

**SEC. 3. Powers.**— The Institute shall have the following powers:

- a. To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal;
- b. To collect, receive and maintain a fund or funds from government appropriations and from donations, grants, gifts, bequests, loans from domestic and foreign sources, and to apply the income and principal thereof to the promotion of its aims and purposes;
- c. To own, manage and hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for the Institute's purposes;
- d. In furtherance of its purpose and objectives, to extend financial assistance to, and enter into contracts of every kind and for any lawful purpose, with any person, firm, association or corporation, domestic or foreign, or others in which it has a lawful interest;
- e. To invest its funds in such undertaking as it may deem wise or necessary to carry out its objectives; and
- f. In genera), to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Decree.

**SEC. 4. Board of Trustees.**—The affairs of the Institute shall be managed by a Board of Trustees hereinafter referred to as the Board, to be headed by the Secretary of Economic Planning, or his representative, as Chairman and four (4) other members who shall be initially appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Secretary of Economic Planning. The appointive members shall serve for a term of four years; *provided*, that, of the first four members appointed, one shall serve for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, respectively. In case of a vacancy in the appointive membership of the Board, the successor appointee, who shall be appointed by the remaining Board members, shall serve only the unexpired term; *provided*, that, if the remaining Board members do not constitute a majority, the appointment shall be done by the President.

Per diems and allowances for members of the Board shall be as determined by the Board subject to existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Board.

**SEC. 5. Functions and Responsibilities of the Board**—The Board of Trustees shall have the following functions:

- a. To formulate and adopt policies and measures for the management and operation of the Institute;
- b. To appoint the President of the Institute who shall come from along the appointive members of the Board;
- c. To approve the staffing pattern for the Institute;
- d. To promulgate rules and regulations for the discharge of its powers and functions and the internal operations of the Institute; *Provided*, that, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall exercise the power to appoint, promote, discipline or remove the personnel of the Institute;
- e. To manage the financial affairs of the Institute and approve an annual budget of receipts and expenditures of the Institute according to its requirements; and
- f. To monitor and review periodically the programs and projects of the Institute;