

**[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1003-A, December
16, 1976]**

**CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, SEC. 9(1), Article XV of the Constitution provides that "(T) he State shall promote scientific research and invention", and enjoins that "(T) he advancement of science shall have priority in the national development";

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the foregoing constitutional mandate, there is need to provide meaningful incentives to those engaged in scientific and technological research, as well as to give due recognition to outstanding achievements in technology and the sciences;

WHEREAS, the development of science and technology has largely brought about the material progress of the country;

WHEREAS, the professionalization of the government scientific and technological research services will contribute to a large extent in effecting the constitutional objectives of promoting scientific research and invention and the advancement of science and technology for national development.

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 created the National Academy of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to as the Academy, which shall be composed of outstanding scientists to serve as a reservoir of competent scientific and technological manpower for the country. The Academy shall be attached to the National Science Development Board (NSDB) for general coordination. The Secretariat of the Academy shall be provided by the NSDB.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Decree, a scientist shall be defined as an individual who has earned a doctoral degree in any field of the sciences in an accredited University and has demonstrated and earned distinction in independent research or significant innovative achievement in the basic and applied sciences, including agricultural, engineering, and medical sciences, in mathematics and in the social sciences as manifested by his published works in recognized scientific and technical journals; Provided, that, in highly meritorious and extremely exceptional cases the foregoing doctoral degree requirement may be waived.

SEC. 3. The general administration and direction of the affairs of the Academy shall be vested in an Executive Council of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among at least ten members nominated by the Academy.

SEC. 4. The members of the Executive Council shall serve for a term of three (3) years; Provided, That, in case of any vacancy, the appointee thereto shall serve only the unexpired term.

SEC. 5. A scientist who is a Filipino citizen and who is in sympathy with the purposes of the Academy may become a member therein when his nomination for