

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 190, May 11, 1973 ]

## CREATING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING FOR AN ACADEMIC BOARD THEREFOR

**WHEREAS**, the need for an institution to provide for continuing and intensive studies of the diversified problems relative to national defense and security has long been felt in the Department of National Defense;

**WHEREAS**, the Government is strongly committed to the proposition that the defense of the State is the prime duty of every citizen such that the preparation, mobilization and execution of plans which involve the financial, industrial, economic, social and moral forces and resources of the nation are responsibilities which should be borne not only by the Department of National Defense but also by the other branches of the Government as well as the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectively implement these plans, there is an urgent need for a highly reputable educational and doctrinal center to turn out needed qualified military leaders and civilian executives; and

**WHEREAS**, there were pending before Congress prior to the promulgation of Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, House Bill No. 1447 entitled "An Act Creating the National Defense College of the Philippines, Providing for an Academic Board and for Other Purposes" and Senate Bill No. 597 entitled "An Act Creating the National 'Defense College of the Philippines and for Other Purposes";

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081 dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended do hereby order and decree that the above-mentioned bills denominated as House Bill No 1447 and Senate Bill No 597, which are integrated and modified hereunder and made a part hereof, shall henceforth be part of the law of the land;

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Armed Forces of the Philippines an educational institution to be known as the "National Defense College of the Philippines."

**SEC. 2.** The College shall be specifically designed and geared to prepare and train potential national defense leaders and civilian officers of the different branches of the Government for key positions.

**SEC. 3.** The National Defense College of the Philippines as herein established shall be organized and administered by the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, under the general supervision and control of the Secretary of National Defense. It shall be administered through the President of the College with the assistance of an Academic Board to be composed of the Executive Vice-President and the Heads of the College departments, and shall have the power, to confer the degree of Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) upon all its students who will satisfactorily complete the prescribed course of students: Provided, however, That students completed the regular course of the college prior to the