

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 257, July 31, 1973]

CREATING THE PEFTOK INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Expeditionary Force to Korea ((PEFTOK) veterans having gloriously fought in the battlefields of that country on the side of the free world and having contributed to the preservation of democratic institutions in this part of the globe, would not want to render at naught the role and sacrifice they made at the cost of the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms;

WHEREAS, the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines include PEFTOK veterans, and more than any other body of government personnel they have been called upon to carry and are now carrying a great share of the great burden of suppressing the activities of men actively engaged in a criminal conspiracy to seize political and state power in the Philippines, and the burden of eradicating widespread lawlessness, anarchy, disorder and wanton destruction of lives and property now prevailing throughout the country;

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the proclamation of martial law is to effect economic reforms to enhance the atmosphere of foreign and local investments, and in the process, create jobs for the country's unemployed; and

WHEREAS, the PEFTOK veterans, through their PEFTOK Veterans Association, have signified their desire to render service to the New Society not only in the preservation of peace and order but also in the economic uplift of the Filipino people in general and their fellow PEFTOK veterans in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, 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, as amended, do hereby create a corporation to be known as the PEFTOK Investment and Development Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation. Its principal domicile and place of business shall be in Quezon City, Philippines, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may determine.

SECTION 1. The Corporation shall be a body corporate and shall be subject to the provisions of the Corporation Law insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Decree, or with the provisions of this Decree, or with the purpose for which this Corporation is formed, and shall have the general powers mentioned in said law, and such other powers as may be necessary to enable it to accomplish its purposes.

In particular, the Corporation, shall among others be vested with the following powers:

- a. To create, generate, develop, improve, promote, and enhance any and all kinds of investment opportunities or fields of investment whether now in being or not and whether new or old; and for the purpose, the Corporation shall invest in, purchase, acquire, hold, use, sell, lease, assign, transfer, alienate, dispose or encumber real and personal property of every kind and description, including shares of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, evidence of indebtedness,

and other securities and interests in property, and shall exercise all rights, powers and privileges connected with on incident to the ownership, possession, interest in, and use of such real and personal properties; and may undertake, organize, form, promote, develop, or establish businesses and all forms of enterprise, whether here or abroad, as are necessary, suitable, or convenient to be undertaken, organized, formed, promoted, developed or established to carry out, directly or indirectly, the purposes and interests or to enhance the businesses or to render more valuable or profitable any of the rights, properties, interests or enterprises of this Corporation;

- b. To promote and develop agriculture in the Philippines and turn to account the resources of land and rights therein, to carry on and conduct an agricultural enterprise by means of planting, cultivating, constructing, raising, purchasing, processing, threshing, milling, and selling any and all plants, trees, fish, livestock, crops and other products of the soil; to engage in the production and manufacture of any kind of materials and substances which may be of use or convenience for utilization of agricultural products; to buy, sell, import, export, or in any manner trade in same, and to carry on studies and experiments in the cultivation, manufacturing and marketing of such products, in connection therewith;
- c. To manufacture, buy, sell, and in all ways deal in, and with respect to articles, goods, wares, merchandise and commodities of all kinds and descriptions, to engage in and conduct, in all branches and details, the business of manufacturing and trading;
- d. To enter into and perform contracts, undertakings and obligations of every kind and character;
- e. To acquire and/or lease lands from the Philippine Government for agricultural, pastoral and related purposes in excess of the areas allowed to private corporations, associations by existing laws which may prove beneficial both to the Corporation and the Government;
- f. To borrow money and to incur indebtedness, without limit as to the amount, and in excess of the capital stock of the Corporation and to issue bonds, debentures, debenture stock, warrants, notes or other obligations therefor, and to secure the same by any lien, charge, grant, pledge, deed of trust or mortgage of the whole or any part of the real and/or personal property of the Corporation then owned and/or thereafter to be acquired, and/or to issue bonds, debentures, without any such security;
- g. To grant loans to stockholders for the purpose of enabling said stockholders in joining cooperative associations which are owned or controlled by PEFTOK veterans: *Provided*, That the amount of such loans shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the par value of the stocks actually owned by said stockholders: *Provided, further*, That such loan shall be payable in full within a period of not exceeding one year;
- h. To engage in and carry on the business of general wholesale and retail merchants, importers, exporters, commission merchants, brokers, factors, agents, manufacturers, processors, dealing in or with any and all classes of materials, merchandise, supplies and commodities of every kind and nature;
- i. To carry on any other lawful business whatsoever which may seem to the Corporation capable of being carried on in connection with the foregoing purposes and powers, or calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interest of the Corporation or to enhance the value of its property, and to have, enjoy and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges which are now or