

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8651, June 10, 1998]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ADIONG MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL SUR, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ADIONG MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Adiong Memorial Polytechnic College in the Municipality of Ditsaan-Ramain, Province of Lanao del Sur, is hereby converted into a State college to be known as the Adiong Memorial Polytechnic State College, hereinafter referred to as the State College.

"SEC. 2. The State College shall primarily provide higher professional, technical and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extension services and advanced studies in agriculture, forestry, ecology, and other allied courses as may be relevant.

"The existing high school shall be transferred to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports: *Provided*, That this high school shall be allowed to remain and operate within the campus of the State College until it shall have been transferred to another location, or until its students shall have been accommodated in other public or private high schools.

"SEC. 3. The State College shall also offer short-term technical and vocational non-degree courses within its area of specialization, as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary to carry out its objectives and to meet the needs of the nation.

"SEC. 4. The State College shall have the general powers of a corporation as set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the State College and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the President of the State College insofar as authorized by the Board of Trustees.

"SEC. 5. The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

"(a) Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),

chairman;

"(b) President of the State College, vice chairman;

"(c) Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the Senate, member;

"(d) Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the House of Representatives, member;

"(e) Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), member;

"(f) President of the faculty association of the State College, member;

"(g) President of the student council of the State College, member;

"(h) President of the alumni association of the State College, member;
and

"(i) At least two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization chosen from among the list of at least five (5) persons qualified in the city or the province where the school is located, as recommended by a search committee constituted by the school president in consultation with the Chairman of the CHED based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position, members.

"The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the president of the State College, the education committee chairmen of the Senate and the House, and the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority shall have an ex officio term of office.

"The term of office of the president of the faculty association, the president of the student council and the president of the alumni association shall be coterminous with their term/terms of office.

"The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of four (4) and two (2) years, respectively.

"SEC. 6. The Board shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution on education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, as well as the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722.

"SEC. 7. The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under existing laws:

"(a) To enact rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be

necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the State College;

"(b) To receive and allocate all sums as may be provided for the support of the State of College in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the State College;

"(c) To import duty-free essential commodities, materials and equipment for educational or technological programs as an exception to existing laws, provided such commodities, materials and equipment are not available locally at a comparable price;

"(d) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit of the State College and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donor;

"(e) To fix tuition fees and other necessary school charges such as, but not limited to, matriculation fees, graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose;

"(f) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment, and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

"(g) To approve appointments of vice presidents, deans, directors and heads of departments and confirm the appointments of faculty members and other officials and employees made by the president of the State College.

"(h) To fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, and administrative officials and employees in accordance with the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System;

"(i) To approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic councils as herein provided;

"(j) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation, to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contributions in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, or in any field of specialization of the State of College; and to authorize the awarding of certificates for completion of non-degree and nontraditional courses;

"(k) To establish branches in the Province of Lanao del Sur, if and when it becomes essential and necessary, where there is no existing school offering similar programs or courses, to promote and carry out equal access to educational opportunities as mandated by the Constitution;

"(l) To establish chairs in the State College and to provide fellowships for