[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4126, June 20, 1964]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY CATARMAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, INTO A UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PHILIPPINES, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUND THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion.* — The Samar Institute of Technology in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of Samar, is hereby converted into a university which shall be known as the University of Eastern Philippines, hereinafter referred to as University, the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC 2. *Purposes.* — The University shall primarily give technical and professional training, advanced instruction in literature, philosopy, the sciences and arts, besides providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches.

SEC 3. *Powers of the University.* — The following are the powers of the University:

a. It shall have the general powers as set forth in Section thirteen of the Corporation Law;
b. It shall have the power to acquire public lands for its expansion and/or beneficial use; and
c. It shall be authorized, through its college of engineering, to undertake the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements and such sums as may be necessary for this purpose shall be included in the annual appropriation for the University. All public works appropriations in the name of the Samar Institute of Technology are hereby transferred to the University as provided for in this Act: *Provided,* That the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements as authorized in the Public Works Acts of the Government shall be undertaken by the college of engineering as heretofore provided.

SEC. 4. *Governing Board; Composition; Manner of Appointment; Compensation; Meetings; Performance of Functions.* — The government of the University is vested in a board of regents to be known as the Board of Regents of the University of Eastern Philippines. The Board of Regents shall be composed of the Secretary of Education who shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the Board; the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate; the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the President of the University, the President of the Alumni Association; and four additional members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments: *Provided,* That two of the additional members shall be selected from

the residents of the Province of Samar particularly of the northern municipalities.

Of the four additional members first appointed as provided above, the President of the Philippines shall designate two to serve for three years and two to serve for six years. Thereafter, those appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of six years until their successors are appointed and qualified. In case of vacancy among the members of the Board of Regents such vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and such appointees shall hold office for the unexpired terms only. No person in the employ of the University or in any other educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, whether as dean, professor, instructor, lecturer or otherwise shall be eligible for membership in the Board.

A vice-chairman shall be elected from among the members of the Board who shall act as chairman in the absence of the Secretary of Education. The Board of Regents shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month and may hold as many special meetings as may be necessary. The members shall serve without compensation but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred either in attendance of the meetings of the Board or other official business.

SEC. 5. *Powers of the Board of Regents.* — The Board of Regents shall have the following specific powers and duties:

a. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sum as may be provided by law for the support of the University;
b. To provide for the establishment of one or more Colleges of Liberal Arts, a College of Social and Political Science, a College of Veterinary Science, a College of Commerce and Business Administration, a College of Engineering, a College of Agriculture, a College of Nursing, a School of Fisheries, a School of Surveying, a Conservatory of Music, a School of Graduate Studies, and such other colleges and schools as the Board of Regents may deem necessary;
c. To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science or art: *Provided,* That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration:
d. To establish chairs in the colleges and schools mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs;
e. To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the University Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses; and all special fees;
f. To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing evidence of special merit;
g. To contract for technical services, under certain conditions;
h. To prescribe rules for its own government;
i. To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of pal and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the University, or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student or students, in. accordance with the direction or instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Regents may, in its discretion, determine.
j. To appoint upon recommendation of the President of the University, professors, associate professors, assistant professors, other members of the teaching