

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4059, June 18, 1964]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COCO NUT RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Name and Location.*—There is hereby created the Philippine Coconut Research Institute, hereinafter referred to as the PHILCORIN, with its main executive office in the City of Manila.

The PHILCORIN shall be under the supervision and coordination of the National Science Development Board.

SEC. 2. *Purposes and Objectives.*—The PHILCORIN shall have the following purposes and objectives:

- a. To conduct scientific researches and investigations on: (1) the botanical and genetical aspects of coconut improvement; (2) the agronomical problems relating to coconut culture; (3) the etiology and control of "kadang-kadang" and other diseases of coconut; and (4) the biology and control of important insect pests of coconut;
- b. To compile scientific information and disseminate results of scientific and technological researches on coconut; and
- c. To train people for the development of the coconut industry.

SEC. 3. *General Corporate Powers.*—The PHILCORIN shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued to contract and be contracted with; to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for corporate purposes; to receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest; to adopt a seal and alter the same; to promulgate and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act; and, generally, to do all such acts and things as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Specific Powers.*—The PHILCORIN is authorized and directed:

- a. To establish or help establish, maintain, and operate one central research center and such other research centers and sub-stations in any part of the Philippines as may be deemed necessary;
- b. To procure materials, supplies, and equipment as may be necessary to prosecute successfully its researches and experimental works;
- c. To conduct scientific and technological seminars, conventions and conferences of coconut researches or send delegates and observers to such conferences and conventions ;

- d. To solicit, receive and award grants, bequests and donations given for the purpose of aiding scientific and technological research and investigation on coconut to government and private institutions; and
- e. To secure patent rights to its inventions and discoveries and to exploit the same.

SEC. 5. *Composition of the Board of Trustees.*—The corporate powers of the PHILCORIN shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of the Chairman of the National Science Development Board, who shall serve as Chairman; the Chairman of the Philippine Coconut Administration; the Dean of the U. P. College of Agriculture; the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry; one recognized scientist to be pointed for a term of three years by the Chairman of National Science Development Board; two representatives of coconut growers; one representative of coconut manufacturers or processors; and one representative of coconut exporters: *Provided*, That of the representatives of coconut growers first appointed, one shall serve for one year, the other for two years, and thereafter every representative so appointed shall serve for two years; the representative of the coconut manufactures/processors shall serve for two years; and the representative of the coconut exporters first appointed shall serve for one year and thereafter every representative so appointed shall serve for two years: *Provided, however*, That the representatives of coconut growers, & the representative of coconut manufacturers/processors and the representative of coconut exporters shall be appointed by the corresponding organization of coconut growers, coconut manufacturers/ processors or coconut exporters, whichever may be the case, having the largest amount of donations to the support and maintenance of the PHILCORIN during the next preceding fiscal year: *Provided, finally*, That the term of office of the representatives from the private sector shall commence on July first, of the corresponding year.

The Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be elected from among the representatives of the coconut growers, manufacturers, and exporters mentioned above.

Representatives of foreign organizations, associations or entities extending assistance and support to PHILCORIN shall act as advisers and may participate in the deliberations of the Board: *Provided*, That said representatives shall not be entitled to vote on any matter taken by the Board.

SEC. 6. *Powers of the Board of Trustees.*—The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To formulate plans and programs, and to promulgate such policies, procedures, rules and regulations consistent with the proper and effective implementation of the purposes of the PHILCORIN;
- b. To receive and administer funds provided by law for the support of the Institute; and
- c. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such manner as it may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 7. *Compensation of Members of the Board.*—The members of the Board of Trustees, shall receive a *per diem* of fifty pesos each per session of the Board: