

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 57, March 04,
1999]**

**APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
EDUCATIONAL REFORM ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR
MINDANAOAN MUSLIMS**

WHEREAS, Art. XIV, Sec. 2 (3) of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, the country needs a new generation of young Filipino leaders and agents of change from among Mindanaoan Muslims to participate fully in the affairs of the State and assist in integrating their people and culture into the mainstream of Philippine Society;

WHEREAS, there is need to provide de-serving and less privileged Muslims in Mindanao access to quality education to prepare them for leadership positions in their chosen field of specialization; and,

WHEREAS, scholarship assistance is necessary to ensure access of deserving and qualified Muslim students to enroll in priority courses offered in leading local and foreign educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Implementation of the Educational Reform Assistance Package (ERAP) For Mindanaoan Muslims. — The Educational Reform Assistance Package for Mindanaoan Muslims or the ERAP for Mindanaoan Muslims is hereby approved for implementation. The program shall provide opportunities to qualified and deserving Muslim student to enroll in undergraduate and post-graduate priority courses in the fields of Agriculture, Agri-Business, Science and Technology, Engineering, and Teacher Education major in either Mathematics, Science or Languages.

SECTION 2. Program Components. — The ERAP for Mindanaoan Muslims shall have two components, as follows:

a. *Undergraduate Scholarship.* — This shall cover local scholarship for deserving and qualified incoming college freshmen Muslims in Mindanao who shall enroll in identified priority courses. The scholars shall enroll in public or private higher education institutions identified by the CHED as Centers of Excellence (COEs) or Centers of Development (CODs).

b. *Post-Graduate Scholarship.* — This, shall cover local and foreign scholarship for