

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 340, June 10, 1997 ]**

**CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND PLAN FOR A NEW CAPITAL CITY FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

**WHEREAS**, the National Development Summit held on 8-9 June 1997 adopted a Pole-Vaulting Strategy which will make our country's development from hereon citius (faster), fortius (stronger), and altius (higher);

**WHEREAS**, the Pole-Vaulting Strategy builds on the confidence gained over the past five years in putting our house in order and starts the long process of building a new home for the succeeding generations of Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, part of the process of building a new home for our people is the establishment of a new city which will be the Capital City of a new and better Philippines in the 21st Century;

**WHEREAS**, with the rapid developments in telecommunications, multi-media, construction, and knowledge-based technologies, the Filipino people deserve a New Capital City that will reflect these changes in the global community;

**WHEREAS**, a New Capital City for the Philippines in the 21st century should be ecologically sound, aesthetically pleasing, culturally affirming, and utilizing high-technology (intelligent city);

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of our people if the New Capital City could also serve as a physical and cultural symbol of renewal, excellence and new-found pride, and a model for the development of similar potential areas in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, toward the integrated and harmonious planning for a New Capital City for the Philippines in the 21st century, there is need to constitute a Task Force that would ensure the active participation of the government and the private sector.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. CREATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND PLAN FOR A NEW CAPITAL CITY FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 21ST CENTURY.** There is hereby created a Presidential Task Force to Formulate a New Capital City for the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force".

**SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.** The Task Force shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways, and composed of representatives of the following: