

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 79, July 12, 1988 ]**

**TRANSFERRING THE MALIGAYA RICE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER AND THE MINDANAO EXPERIMENT STATION TO THE PHILIPPINE RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 1061, dated November 5, 1985, as amended by Executive Order No. 60, dated November 7, 1986, created the Philippine Rice Research Institute to "develop x x x a national rice research program so as to sustain and further improve the gains already made in rice production, improve the income and economic condition of small rice farmers, expand employment opportunities in the rural areas, and ultimately promote the general welfare of the people through self-sufficiency in rice production";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Rice Research Institute is a body corporate attached to the Department of Agriculture under Section 19 of Executive Order No. 116, dated January 30, 1987, to serve as the national research, coordinating and funding agency for rice and rice-based research and development programs;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government to unify the efforts of various agencies and institutions working on rice research and development to generate an in-depth approach to the present and future problems on rice in the country; and

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Executive Order No. 116, which reorganized the Department of Agriculture, authorizes changes therein to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services, subject to the prior approval of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the transfer of the Maligaya Rice Research and Training Center in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, and the Mindanao Experiment Station in Midsayap, North Cotabato, together with the existing plantilla positions, operational funds and the income derived from the rice seed production of the said stations, to the Philippine Rice Research Institute to serve as the umbrella organization overseeing all aspects of rice research and development in the country.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**  
President of the Philippines

By the President: