

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 737, July 11, 2008 ]**

**ESTABLISHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH AND  
TRAINING INSTITUTE AS THE RESEARCH AND TRAINING ARM  
OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 10, Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines recognizes the importance of science and technology for national development and progress and the need to prioritize research and development, invention, and innovation, and their utilization by Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, Section 13, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of scientists, inventors, artists, and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, has declared that an effective intellectual and industrial property system is vital to the development of domestic and creative activity, facilitates transfer of technology, attracts foreign investments, and ensure market access for out products;

**WHEREAS**, the same section further states that the use of intellectual property bears a social function and that the State shall promote the diffusion of knowledge and information for the promotion of national development and progress and the common good;

**WHEREAS**, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPO) is the government institution by law to administer and implement policies relating to Intellectual property;

**WHEREAS**, one of the IPO's major functions is to educate Filipinos and build awareness on intellectual property;

**WHEREAS**, education is key to the development of a nation and is vital to the full utilization of intellectual property (IP) as a tool for national development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** There is hereby established the Intellectual Property Research and Training Institute of the Philippines (Institute), which shall serve as the training and research arm of the PIO, and shall be under its direct control and supervision.

**Section 2.** The institute shall be the country's center of education, training, and research on intellectual property. It shall foster IP creation and utilization by raising