

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 46, December 07, 1998]

ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM (PCER)

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM) submitted its findings to the Philippine Congress on the education system and made several policy recommendations. Most of those policy recommendations have been translated into educational laws but other important recommendations remain to be acted upon;

WHEREAS, it has been more than five years since the EDCOM's report and recommendation, and many important changes have taken place since then in education, culture and science;

WHEREAS, a country's investment in human capital is crucial to its economic and social development;

WHEREAS, under the 10-point action plan of the Estrada Presidency, it is mandated to create a Presidential Commission on Educational Reform (PCER), to define a budget-feasible program of reform, and identify executive priority policy recommendations and item for a legislative agenda on education;

WHEREAS, the PCER is a multi-sectoral body comprised of representatives from government line agencies public and private schools at all levels, teachers, private industry, NGOs, and other concerned sectors;

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

SECTION 1 Presidential Commission on Educational Reform (PCER)

There is hereby established the Presidential Commission on Educational Reform (PCER), under the Office of the President, which shall be a multi-sectoral body comprised of representatives from government line agencies, the University of the Philippines, the Open University – University of the Philippines; public and private schools at all levels; teachers; the agriculture and industry sectors; the information technology sector; state colleges and universities; other concerned sectors.

SEC. 2. Structure.

a. The Commission will be chaired by a person with outstanding record in education and of proven integrity appointed by the President for the duration of the life of the Commission.

Members of the Commission will include the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports; the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education; the Director-General of the Technical Education Skills Development Authority; the Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority; a representative of the Philippine