

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 420, September 07, 1990 ]**

**CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
INTO A REGULAR GOVERNMENT AGENCY, REPEALING  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1287 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the arts complement the sciences in improving the quality of human life by means of the complete and harmonious development of the individual;

WHEREAS, it is the person completely and harmoniously developed who can contribute most meaningfully towards the creation and enhancement of a democratic, just and humane society imbued with national identity and pride;

WHEREAS, the Philippine High School for the Arts has been organized under Presidential Decree No. 1287 (1978), to search for and develop highly talented children exceptionally gifted in the arts, with the objective of providing a continuing source of artists of excellence and leaders in the preservation and promotion of the Filipino heritage in the arts;

WHEREAS, the government is committed to fulfill its constitutional mandate to foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression and to place arts and letters under the patronage of the State;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the regularization and conversion of the Philippine High School for the Arts as a regular government agency have been recommended by the Department of Budget and Management pursuant to its mandate under Executive Order No. 165 (1987) and Executive Order No. 5 (1986);

WHEREAS, per the Secretary of Justice Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50 (1986), as amended, empowers the President of the Philippines to amend or repeal the laws creating government-owned or controlled corporations which have been identified for divestment, dissolution, regularization, merger or consolidation, not later than December 6, 1991;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Abolition and Creation. The Philippine High School for the Arts is hereby abolished. In lieu thereof, a regular government agency is hereby created in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order, with the same name and hereinafter referred to as High School.

SEC. 2. Mandate. The High School is hereby mandated to implement a general secondary level program, combined with a special curriculum oriented to the arts

and geared to the early recognition and development of highly talented children exceptionally gifted in the arts, thus providing a continuing source of artists of excellence and leaders in the preservation and promotion of the Filipino heritage in the arts.

SEC. 3. Advisory Council. The High School shall have an Advisory Council, composed of the following members:

- (a) President of the Cultural Center of the Philippines who shall be the Chairman, ex-officio;
- (b) Undersecretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, who shall be the Vice-Chairman, ex-officio;
- (c) Artistic Director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, ex-officio;
- (d) Director of the Bureau of Secondary Education of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, ex-officio;
- (e) Director of the Philippine High School for the Arts, ex-officio;
- (f) A representative from each of the fields of music, dance, theatre arts, visual arts, and literature to be appointed by the Chairman, upon recommendation of the Governing Board.

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once a month. A quorum of the Advisory Council shall consist of the majority of all its members holding office at the time the meeting is called and present thereat. Each member of the Advisory Council shall receive an honorarium in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Powers and Functions. To accomplish the mandate of the High School, the Advisory Council shall advise the Director on the following:

- (a) Fixing of the site of the school;
- (b) Receipt for, and appropriations for the ends specified by law, of such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the High School;
- (c) Approval of appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of teachers, lecturers and other employees of the High School, fixing of their compensations and other conditions of employment, with concurrence by the Secretary of Budget and Management; and their removal for cause after due notice and hearing;
- (d) Providing fellowships for faculty members and approval of the grant of scholarships, stipends and other allowances to deserving students;