

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 941, March 09, 1984 ]**

**IMPLEMENTING THE ILOCOS NORTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM,  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, it is the established policy of the Government to promote economic growth, social justice, and equitable distribution of income within regions and provinces of the country;

WHEREAS, under a Tripartite Agreement entered into by and between the Office of the Governor, Province of Ilocos Norte; the National Economic and Development Authority; and the Ministry of Public Works and Highways, a development planning project, of Ilocos Norte was started and has completed a Comprehensive Framework Plan for the Province;

WHEREAS, the Plan has identified the critical development needs and requirements as well as the concrete sets of project packages and programs to be systematically developed and implemented to update the quality of life of the people in the area;

WHEREAS, in order to satisfy the requirements of both local and foreign financing, it is necessary to prepare detailed investments studies and engineering designs of projects eligible for funding;

WHEREAS, in order to realize the provincial development objectives consistent with national and regional development goals, there is an urgent need to create an organization to undertake, oversee, manage, coordinate and monitor all development initiatives and investments in the area including those requiring detailed project preparation and subsequent implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. There is hereby created the Ilocos Norte Development Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program which shall be directly, under the Office of the President. The Program shall implement the comprehensive provincial development plan and for this purpose oversee and coordinate all programs and projects of government agencies, offices, authorities and instrumentalities in the Province. It shall also undertake the detailed preparation and development of projects for financing by national and international aid and financing institutions including but not limited to the undertaking of investment studies, engineering and design of projects identified in the Provincial Investments Development Folio.

SEC. 2. Creation of the Program Office. There is hereby created a Program Office

which shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Oversee and coordinate the entire development program, including projects and activities of national government agencies, offices, authorities and instrumentalities in the area;
- b. Conduct detailed project preparation and investment studies including engineering and program design of projects identified in the Provincial Investments Development Folio in accordance with acceptable guidelines at levels and standards acceptable to external financing institutions and national funding agencies;
- c. Review the plans, budgets, and work-programs, as well as proposed projects of national agencies within the context of the Provincial Investments Development Folio and the Comprehensive Development Framework Plan;
- d. Review and endorse the requests of implementing agencies, offices, authorities, and instrumentalities to budget release in accordance with the approved projects and programs for the area;
- e. Apply for, receive and accept grants and donations of funds, equipment, materials, and services needed by the Office from sources within and outside the country in accordance with accounting and auditing requirements;
- f. Arrange and/or negotiate with local and foreign financing institutions for the implementation of programs and projects either through loan or technical assistance/grant financing, subject to the approval of the President;
- g. Call on any ministry, office, agency, authority or any instrumentality or the private sector for purpose of enlisting support for the implementation of its programs and projects;
- h. Avail of the expertise of any government agency or instrumentality or of any private individual or firm whose services are deemed indispensable for the attainment of the goals and objectives of its programs and projects;
- i. Create such inter-agency sectoral committee or task forces and project offices as may be necessary to undertake its programs and projects;
- j. Draw up the appropriate administrative and management mechanism and organizational structure including administrative systems procedure to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of its programs and projects; and
- k. Undertake such other related functions as may be necessary for effective implementation of the entire Program.

SEC. 3. The Policy Coordinating Council. To provide overall policy guidance in Program implementation and facilitate inter-agency complementation, a Policy Coordinating Council is hereby created with the Governor of Ilocos Norte as Chairman and the representatives of the following agencies/offices as members:

The National Economic and Development Authority The Ministry of Public Works and Highways The Ministry of Budget The Ministry of Natural Resources The Ministry of