

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 840, October 16, 1982 ]**

**COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH COMPLEX AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AT LOS BAÑOS**

WHEREAS, food and agriculture continue to be the focus of national efforts to improve the well-being of our people and to further strengthen the foundations of our national economy;

WHEREAS, recognizing the role and demonstrated competence of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, the following specialized research institutes and laboratories have been established thereat to form the initial core of a nationally-directed effort to bring science and technology to bear on the issues of food and agriculture for the country's near-and-long-term needs, namely:

Institute of Plant Breeding (1975)

National Crop Protection Center (1976)

National Plant Genetic Resources Laboratory (1978)

National Institutes of Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology (1979)

WHEREAS, there is now a need to establish the complementary research organization to complete the array of interdisciplinary efforts in food and agricultural research;

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

Section 1. The following new institutes are hereby established at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, to form part of the national agriculture and life sciences research complex thereat, namely:

Farming Systems and Soil Resources Institute

Institute of Food Science and Technology

Institute of Animal Science

The Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines is hereby authorized to organize the abovementioned institutes from out of existing staff, physical facilities and programs of the University and its constituent units.