

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 674, March 25, 1981 ]**

**ESTABLISHING THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL  
MEDICINE**

WHEREAS, communicable diseases constitute most of the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the control of communicable diseases is one of the government's priorities for national development in the field of health;

WHEREAS, a strong biomedical research component with full cooperation between academic institutions and field agencies is necessary for the effective pursuit of programs for the control of communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, for the foregoing consideration, the Philippine Government has agreed to cooperate with the Government of Japan in the development of a research program for tropical medicine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the terms of an exchange of notes between the Philippine Government and the Japanese Government, the Government of Japan has constructed and equipped a research facility for tropical medicine at Alabang, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for the maintenance and operation of the above facility as the venue for continuing technical cooperation between the two governments in the field of tropical medicine;

WHEREAS, the maintenance and operation of a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine will provide the biomedical research support for communicable disease control program in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

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, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine. – There is hereby created a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SEC. 2. Scope and Coverage of Tropical Medicine. – For purposes of this Executive Order, the scope and coverage of tropical medicine shall pertain to diseases that are