

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 661, March 12, 1981]

**CREATING A TASK FORCE ON THE ACCELERATED BLISS
DEVELOPMENT OF THE TONDO FORESHORE**

WHEREAS, the Tondo Foreshore, historically the largest and most depressed slum community in the country, is the venue of the first integrated and comprehensive slum improvement and resettlement project of the government and serves as the model for the nationwide Slum Improvement and Resettlement Program;

WHEREAS, the slum improvement and resettlement program in the Tondo Foreshore has provided the framework and the foundation for the development of the community to be pursued to final completion, thereby achieving the establishment of a human settlement as conceptualized under the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program;

WHEREAS, the slum improvement and resettlement program has improved the quality of life of beneficiary families in the Tondo Foreshore, but the blight and slum-like appearance of the community have continued to undermine the significance of the developmental effort of the government in the area;

WHEREAS, the people of Tondo Foreshore have demonstrated their determined effort to eliminate the remaining blight and slum-like appearance of their community through self-help housing improvements and it is the objectives of government to support such community effort as the basis of an accelerated BLISS development in the area;

WHEREAS, the accelerated BLISS development of the Tondo Foreshore shall provide the opportunity to create a model for the second stage development effort that should follow in every slum or blighted community which is the target of the nationwide slum improvement and resettlement program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Task Force on the accelerated BLISS Development of the Tondo Foreshore which shall be composed of the Minister of Human Settlements as Chairperson and the following as Members:

(1) The Minister of Natural Resources (2) The Minister of Trade (3) The Minister of Public Information (4) The Minister of the Budget (5) The Minister of Industry (6) The Minister of Public Highways (7) The Minister of Public Works (8) The Minister of Finance (9) The Minister of Agriculture (10) The Minister of Social Services Development

Section 2. The functions of the Task Force shall be as follows:

- a. To pursue accelerated development of Tondo Foreshore into a human settlement as conceptualized under the BLISS Program;
- b. To determine the source and make available such funds needed to support housing material and construction loans to bona fide beneficiaries and other corollary and special projects to be undertaken in pursuance of the objectives of the Task Force;
- c. To cause the immediate resolution of land issues in the Tondo Foreshore leading to the award to beneficiaries of land titles over their allocated homelots;
- d. To promote and strengthen community participation and involvement in all aspects of the development effort;
- e. To cause the design and implementation of an expanded livelihood program;
- f. To cause the completion of on-going works and the construction of major infrastructure support requirements of the Tondo Foreshore;
- g. To determine and cause the design and construction of special projects such as the development of the Metro Manila Commission Center in selected sites of the Tondo Foreshore;
- h. To establish adequate and desirable design and standards for the redevelopment of housing and related social infrastructure in the Tondo Foreshore;
- i. To submit periodic report to the President on the program of the accelerated BLISS development in the Tondo Foreshore.

The members of the inter-ministry committee may designate their respective representatives, provided, that such representatives are empowered to decide and/or act on their Minister's behalf.

The Task Force shall have an Executive Committee which shall be headed by the Deputy Minister of Human Settlements with the following as Members:

(1) The Director, Bureau of Lands (2) The Commissioner, National Land Titles and Deeds Registration Administration (3) The Director-General, Technology Resource Center (4) The General Manager, National Housing Authority (5) The Deputy Minister of Public Works (6) The Deputy Minister of the Budget (7) The General Manager, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (8) The Vice-Governor, Metro Manila Commission (9) The Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines

Section 3. The National Housing Authority, as agency-in-charge of the Tondo Foreshore Development Project, is designated lead agency in the planning and implementation of the development programs to be undertaken by the Task Force. The Tondo Foreshore Development Project Office of that agency shall be expanded to provide the organizational capacity that the accelerated development programs shall require. Technical personnel from government agencies, particularly from the Ministry of Human Settlements and its attached agencies, may be detailed to the Tondo Foreshore Project for the above purpose.