

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 721, August 24, 1981 ]**

**CREATING THE BUREAU OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, FOREIGN STUDENTS AND FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Education and Culture is engaged in a continuing development of our youth to prepare them to be responsible citizens of the Republic;

WHEREAS, the said Ministry is committed to a policy of admitting foreign students to enrol in our schools and universities, subject to our rules and regulations, as part of our foreign policy of promoting and enhancing cultural and educational exchanges among members of the United Nations, particularly among ASEAN countries;

WHEREAS, because of our present policy of admitting foreign students from both democratic and communist countries, a considerable number of foreign students are now enrolled in our schools and universities;

WHEREAS, there is a need of closely regulating, supervising, and monitoring the entries of foreign students to this country in the interest of national security;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to strengthen the collection of information of foreign students, per Presidential Decree No. 51, amending Article III, Chapter I, Part XIX on National Security of Integrated National Reorganization Plan, and in compliance with LOI No. 52-B, dated January 19, 1973; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the existing Office handling youth development and the entries of foreign students be enlarged and converted into a regular Bureau under the Ministry of Education and Culture.

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

Section 1. The existing Foreign Students, Foreign Schools and Former Chinese Schools Office is hereby converted into Bureau of Youth Affairs, Foreign Students and Foreign Schools headed by a Director and an Assistant Director in the Office of the Minister of Education and Culture;

Section 2. The said Bureau shall be composed of three divisions, namely, (1) Youth Affairs Division, (2) Permit, Evaluation and Supervision Division, and (3) Research and Documentation Division;

Section 3. Funds for the foregoing purposes shall initially be provided out of salary savings or salary lapses in calendar year 1981. Henceforth, operation expenses of the Bureau shall be incorporated in the regular budget in the ensuing calendar year;