

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 620, September 11, 1980]

REORGANIZING PALAYAN NG BAYAN TO PAGKAIN NG BAYAN

WHEREAS, since the Palayan ng Bayan was created on August 2, 1973 under Presidential Decree No. 262 as a project of the Office of the President and the Provincial Governors, involving the development and use of virgin public lands primarily for rice and secondarily for corn and other selected foodcrops, it has successfully contributed to increased production of rice and other foodstuffs, injected substantial revenue into provincial economies, provided additional employment opportunities, and has served effectively as instrument of human settlements; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of Palayan ng Bayan integrated projects has enhanced countryside development, there is now urgent need to reorganize and rename it as "Pagkain ng Bayan" to include the production as well as the primary processing of all foodstuffs (pagkain);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority granted in me by the Constitution, do hereby reorganize Palayan ng Bayan as follows:

1. In place and instead of Palayan ng Bayan, the same is hereby changed and converted to Pagkain ng Bayan as a continuing project of the Office of the President and the Provincial Governors as provided for in Presidential Decree No. 262, to cover in its expansion the production and primary processing of all kinds of foodstuffs (pagkain) contemplated originally in Palayan ng Bayan, as well as other food products.
2. All assets and liabilities, organization and personnel of the Palayan ng Bayan are hereby transferred to Pagkain ng Bayan.
3. City Mayors are hereby allowed to participate in the Pagkain ng Bayan program in the same way as Provincial Governors have been authorized by Presidential Decree No. 262.
4. The maximum loan per hectare for the development and cultivation of raw lands, and loans for other activities related to the attainment of the objectives of Pagkain ng Bayan, shall be determined by the National Advisory Council, depending on project requirements.
5. Crop loans and operational loans shall not exceed one year while loans for investment and capital requirements may be granted for more than one year subject to the approval of the National Advisory Council.