

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 512, October 26, 1978 ]**

**CREATING A TASK FORCE ON THE FORMULATION OF A  
NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that science and technology is a critical resource in the promotion of national development and improvement of people's well-being;

WHEREAS, it is a constitutional responsibility to strengthen and develop science and technology to the fullest possibility as per Article XIV Section 4 of the Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, an effective solution to the problems confronting the country requires a science and technology program responsive to and effective in meeting our national development goals and objectives.

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

Section 1. It is hereby declared that for the purpose of supporting national development for the benefit of majority of the people, a competent study be conducted to formulate a national action program on science and technology development and delivery.

Section 2. It is hereby further declared that a national action program on science and technology be formulated in conjunction with the aforementioned study, to consist of the following:

a. Overall program plan on science and technology development and delivery which provides policy guidelines, priority programs and general scheme for development in this concern;

b. Project studies, which must include, but not limited to, the following:

(1) identification and establishment of a network of research institutes necessary to support the needs of industry and of government according to prioritized key sectors, to include determination of manpower, resource and organizational requirements;

(2) formulation of a program on the utilization of Filipino expertise here and abroad, to include schemes on how such experts may be mobilized to support national development efforts and a review and assessment of the Balik-Scientist program and the Science Attache System;

(3) development and organization of an inter-linked information system on science

and technology in order to systematically organize the necessary foreign and local information base and monitor developments on science and technology;

c. Technology delivery programs and impact projects relating to, but not limited to, agricultural development, industrial development, infrastructure programs and delivery of social services.

Section 3. To achieve the above mentioned purposes and objectives, there is hereby created a Task Force on the Formulation of a National Action Programs on Science and Technology.

a. The Task Force shall be composed of the Chairman of the National Science Development Board as Chairman and the following as members:

- (1) The Director General National Economic and Development Authority
- (2) The Minister Ministry of Industry
- (3) The Minister Ministry of Agriculture
- (4) The Minister Ministry of Energy
- (5) The Minister Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications
- (6) The Minister Ministry of Health
- (7) The Minister Ministry of Education
- (8) The Deputy Minister Ministry of Human Settlements
- (9) The Director General Technology Resource Center
- (10) The Director National Manpower and Youth Development Council

b. The specific functions, duties and powers of the Task Force are as follows:

- (1) To assess current and proposed policies, programs and structure of science and technology;
- (2) To provide guidelines on the formulation of projects and plans constituting the action program on science and technology;
- (3) To determine technology delivery pilot projects relating to but not limited to agricultural development, industrial development, infrastructure programs and delivery of social services;
- (4) To establish and supervise a Task Force working staff which shall provide support services;
- (5) To contract academic and research institutions and consultancy services in specified areas as may be deemed necessary to further the achievement of its objectives;