

## **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 322, June 12, 1971 ]**

### **ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER**

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for more rational allocation and faster development of the country's resources to meet the growing demands of the people; calling for more effective and efficient approaches, strategies, measures; with comprehensive and continuing planning that integrates the economic, social, and physical aspects of development programs;

WHEREAS, these require a high degree of coordination, horizontally among planners and vertically between planners and implementors, as well as more responsive and viable administrative and operational machineries, even as the Government has already moved towards the unification of national planning agencies with the end in view of harmonizing development programs;

WHEREAS, underlying all successful decision-making, planning, budgeting, programming, and implementation processes are continuous flows of data and information on requirements, resources, and accomplishments, which are collated, processed, analyzed, reviewed, and interpreted for key decision-makers so as to better enhance the directions, magnitudes, and priorities embodied in development programs;

WHEREAS, national progress is necessarily anchored on basic, scientific, and engineering research and documentation;

WHEREAS, the most rational employment of computers in the Government would be based on cooperative undertaking, time and cost-sharing, and the eventual setting up of computer installations that are program or project-oriented, rather than agency oriented;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby establish, within the Office of the President, the NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER (NCC), as a joint project of the Presidential Economic Staff (PES), the Department of National Defense (DND), and the National Science Development Board (NSDB), with functions and responsibilities, organized and staffed as follows:

1. The Center shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a. It shall provide the information bases for integrated planning and implementation of development programs and operational activities at the national level by developing and operating decision-making, policy-formulation and management systems for the Office of the President, national planning bodies, and key agencies in the Executive Branch of the Government. The total system thus conceived shall include an inquiry system for the President and his principal assistants.