

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81, March 05, 1999 ]**

**TRANSFERRING THE SPORTS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
(DECS) TO THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) AND  
DEFINING THE ROLE OF DECS IN SCHOOL-BASED SPORTS**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the country, foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry through a unified national sports promotion and development program;

WHEREAS, under Section 5 of Executive Order No. 117 (s. 1987), the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) is mandated to formulate, plan, implement and coordinate policies, plans, programs and projects for physical education;

WHEREAS, Section 16 thereof mandates the DECS - Bureau of Physical Education and School Sports (BPESS) to develop human resources through mass-based sports education; promote the revival of indigenous games and sports; identify and nurture sports talents and promote excellence in sports, traditional games and other physical activities;

WHEREAS, in view thereof, DECS-BPESS supervises and implements various sports programs and projects at the national, regional, provincial and district levels and provides financial augmentation to other government and non-government organizations for the conduct of their respective sports activities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. 6847 (s. of 1990), the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) is mandated to plan, implement and oversee an integrated amateur sports promotion and development program for the country, being the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all amateur sports development programs and institutions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is need to rationalize the implementation of sports programs and activities with the end in view of avoiding duplication and maximizing limited resources for sports development;

WHEREAS, Section 21, Chapter 8, Title II, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 defines the organization of the Office of the President as consisting of the Office of the President Proper and the agencies under it;

WHEREAS, the PSC, by virtue of Section 23, Chapter 8, Title II, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 and Section 4 of R.A. 6847 (s. 1990), is an agency attached to the Office of the President; and,

WHEREAS, paragraph 2, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the