

EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED UNDER THE CABINET RESOLUTION DATED 06 JUNE 1956

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299, October 12, 2000

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WHEREAS, the Special Committee on Scholarships (SCS) was created through a Cabinet Resolution dated 06 June 1956, and mandated, to ensure that the requirements of the Economic and Development Program of the Government for skilled manpower and knowledge workers are met through the efficacious availment of foreign-assisted training programs available to the Government;

WHEREAS, the Economic and Development Program of Government embodies the vision and priorities of the President; WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that SCS operations are “guided by declarations of policies that may be issued from time to time by the Office of the President...” as provided for in Executive Order (EO) NO. 129, s. 1968;

WHEREAS, the pursuit of the Economic and Development Program of the Government involves the corresponding development of the government’s human resources;

WHEREAS, the development of the government’s human resources requires a continuing education program especially in the tertiary and post-graduate levels;

WHEREAS, the foregoing concerns may be adequately addressed by expanding the membership of the SCS to include representatives from the Office of the President and the Commission on Higher Education;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of Republic Act No. 8760, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2000, authorizes the President of direct organizational changes in any department or agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITY ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Reconstitution of the SCS. The composition of the Scholarship Committee Secretariat created under the Cabinet Resolution of June 6, 1956, is hereby amended as follows:

Chairman

- Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

Members

- Undersecretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs
- Undersecretary of Department of Education, Culture and Sports
- A member of the Commission on Higher Education
- A member of the Civil Service Commission

- A representative of the academic community
- A representative from the Office of the President/Presidential Management Staff

The Chairman and members of the Committee may designate qualified and competent representatives to act in their stead.

SEC. 2. SCS Secretariat. The Scholarship Assistance Secretariat of NEDA shall continue to serve as the Secretariat of the SCS.

SEC. 3. Powers and Responsibilities of the SCS. The SCS shall continue to exercise the powers and responsibilities vested upon it by the Cabinet Resolution creating the SCS, dated 06 June 1956, and Executive Order No. 129, dated 06 May 1968.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. The Cabinet Resolution of 6 June 1956, Executive Order No. 129 s. 1968, and all other executive orders, circulars, rules and regulations issued by the Office of the President or by any department, bureau, office or agency, inconsistent herewith, are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th of October, in the year of Our Lord, 2000.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

By the President:

(Sgd.) RONALDO B. ZAMORA

Executive Secretary

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