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DEPARTMENT ORDER
No. 6, s. 1978

CREATING A TECHNICAL PANEL FOR TECHNICIAN EDUCATION
AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. It is a declared national policy to enhance the socioeconomic development of the country by providing optimum support to the training and development of lower, middle and upper level manpower of the type required by the economy.
2. In consonance with the above policy, the Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) is now engaged in carrying out a ten-year program consisting of projects in pursuance to Presidential Decree No. 6-A, otherwise known as the Educational Development Act of 1972. Among the said projects is the establishment and/or operation, upgrading or improvement of technician institutes, the first set of which are the three prototype institutes covered by Credit Agreement 349-PH with the World Bank.
3. There is a need to provide direction and enhance the formulation of national standards for the establishment, management and operation of technician institutions for input process and output consistency along the dynamic and effective management policies of the Government, in order to relate technician education to national needs more effectively. The rules and standards for the establishment and operation of technician institutes shall cover, qualitatively and quantitatively, programs, facilities, personnel, management and other related areas of technician education.
4. Accordingly, in order to ensure the continuing observance and maintenance of proper processes, there is organized under the Department of Education and Culture a Technical panel for Technician Education to operate and serve as a staff or consultative and advisory body to the Bureau of Higher Education. The Panel shall also perform such functions as are necessary relative to the operation and governance of the Manila Technician Institute (MTI), Visayas (Bacolod) Technician Institute (VTI), and Iligan Institute of Technology (IIT) in accordance

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with Letter of Instructions No. 654: provided, however, that in the case of IIT the concurrence of the Mindanao State University Board of Regents shall be sought.

5. There shall be seven (7) members of the Technical Panel for Technician Education, who shall be appointed or designated by the Secretary of Education and Culture, as follows:

- a. The Director of the Bureau of Higher Education (BHE), as Chairman;
- b. A representative from the National Economic and Development Authority;
- c. The Executive Director of EDPITAF;
- d. The Director-General of the National Manpower and Youth Council;
- e. A representative from a state or private institution offering technician education; and
- f. Two representatives from the private industrial sector.

The heads of Manila Technician Institute (MTI), Visayas (Bacolod) Technician Institute (VTI) and Iligan Institute of Technology (IIT) shall automatically become ex-officio non-voting members of the Panel but such does not disqualify them from being appointed as full-fledged members.

6. Subject to the authority of the Secretary of Education and Culture, the Technical Panel shall have the following functions:

- a. To study, in cooperation with NEDA and other appropriate agencies, the current and prospective national and regional demand for, and supply of, technicians in various technology areas, and to formulate and recommend for adoption and implementation such development plans in technician education that will provide the framework for determining the appropriate scope, type and number of technician programs to be offered.
- b. To formulate, and recommend for adoption and implementation, qualitative standards of education inputs, processes and outputs with respect to admission, enrolment, faculty, curricula and courses, facilities, student services, instructional equipment, library resources,

management, financing and other related criteria, which shall be applicable to all technician education programs in public and private institutions through a national system of accreditation to be developed by the panel.

- c. To provide technical assistance in the supervision, inspection and regulation of all existing institutions offering technician courses, for purposes of the maintenance of government authority to operate therefor, and the grant of corresponding government authority to operate with respect to new institutions of courses based on the standards approved by the Secretary of Education and Culture.
- d. To study and recommend action on applications on training fees and such other school charges for technician education programs based on standards approved by the Secretary of Education and Culture.
- e. To study and recommend the allocation of resources for public and private technician education institutions including loans, grants and such other financial assistance, to ensure the effective utilization thereof.
- f. To study and recommend action on the budgets of public institutions offering technician education programs on the basis of their development plans, regional role, program quality and resources, among others.
- g. Within approved budgets, to recommend grants for, and/or funding of the conduct, research and development of programs, facilities, staff and instructional methodology and technology through a national and regional network of research and development centers.
- h. To formulate and recommend for adoption and implementation such rules and regulations governing all technician education programs as may be necessary to carry out their purposes and functions in accordance with the approved input, process and output standards set for obtaining government incentives and funds.
- i. To review all programs initiated by regional directors, provide technical assistance if necessary, and recommend final action on such programs.
- j. To do such other acts, and to effect such expenditures as may be deemed necessary and proper for the attainment of this Department Order, subject to existing policies and rules.

7. A secretariat under the Bureau of Higher Education, headed by an Executive Secretary, shall be provided and maintained as supportive staff to the Technical Panel. The services of consultants on full-time or part-time status, may likewise be provided and maintained either through detail from existing government institutions or agencies or funded from the appropriations as may be provided.

8. Funding for the operation of the Technical Panel and its secretariat as well as consultant staffs will be drawn initially from the Government's counterpart to the Second Education Loan from the World Bank; provided, however, that until such time that the staff of the Technical Panel is established and operational, the Technician Education Development Sector, EDPITAF, in close coordination with the Bureau of Higher Education, shall perform the duties and functions of the said staff, based on such working arrangements and procedures approved by the Secretary of Education and Culture.

9. This Department Order supersedes Department Order No. 57, s. 1975 creating an Ad Interim Board on Technical Education and defining its functions and responsibilities.

10. This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary of Education and Culture

References:

Department Order: (No. 57, s. 1975)
Department Memorandum: No. 23, s. 1977

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