

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

CREATING THE INTEGRATED SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND REORIENTATION (ISKOLAR) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE ACTION OFFICERS COMMITTEE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YEAR-ROUND ISKOLAR TRAINING PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Section 10 (o) of R.A. 8044, series of 1995, or the "Youth in Nation-Building Act" provides for training and a national secretariat for the Sangguniang Kabataan National Federation pursuant to R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) is the most organized and pervasive youth organization nationwide and is the most viable group for which the government may initiate and provide skills and leadership training incorporating values education among others.

WHEREAS, the National Youth Commission (NYC) pursuant to its mandate under R.A. 8044, series of 1995, has formulated the Integrated Sangguniang Kabataan Organizational Leadership and Reorientation (ISKOLAR) Program, a capability-building scheme which aims to provide technical guidance to the educational, leadership, advocacy and legislative needs of the present and future Sangguniang Kabataan officials from the national down to the local levels;

WHEREAS, under the Medium Term Youth Development Plan (MTYDP): 1999-2004, the ISKOLAR Program is one of the flagship programs for the sector;

WHEREAS, there is need to create and institutionalize a body that will assist the NYC in ensuring the successful implementation of the ISKOLAR Program nationwide during the plan period and beyond;

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

**Section 1. Approval of the Integrated Sangguniang Kabataan Organizational Leadership and Reorientation (ISKOLAR) Program.** The ISKOLAR Program as formulated by the NYC is hereby approved for implementation. The Program which envisions generations of empowered Sangguniang Kabataan leaders who shall actively act as catalysts of change and development in Philippine society, shall have the following objectives:

1. To provide SK officials with skills and knowledge necessary to become more effective, efficient and responsive leaders;

2. To strengthen the moral values of the SK consistent with the four pillars-- Maka-Diyos, Maka-Tao, Maka-Bayan, Maka-Kalikasan, the theory of principle-centered leadership and development politics;
3. To assist the SK leaders in the formulation of local youth agenda and a plan of action in consonance with the Medium Term Youth Development Plan: 1999-2004 and subsequent Plans; and
4. To develop the SK leaders into self-reliant, dynamic and creative community leaders and agents of change.

**Sec. 2. Creation of the Integrated Sangguniang Kabataan Organizational Leadership and Reorientation (ISKOLAR) Program Executive Committee** . There is hereby created the Integrated Sangguniang Kabataan Organizational Leadership and Reorientation Program Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "EXECOM," that will plan, coordinate and oversee the implementation of the ISKOLAR Program.

**Sec. 3. Composition**. The ISKOLAR EXECOM shall be composed of the Secretary of Interior and Local Government as Chairman, the Chairperson of the NYC as Co-Chairperson, and senior officers with the rank of at least Director (or its equivalent) of the following agencies, as members:

- a) Commission on Higher Education;
- b) Commission on Human Rights;
- c) Dangerous Drugs Board;
- d) Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- e) Local Government Academy;
- f) National Disaster and Coordinating Council;
- g) National Movement of Young Legislators; and
- h) University Center Foundation

**Sec. 4. Functions and Responsibilities of the EXECOM**. The EXECOM shall have the following functions:

- a) Oversee the implementation and ensure the success of the Program;
- b) Serve as the policy-making and implementing body of the ISKOLAR Program;
- c) Call upon any government department or agency for the necessary assistance and support for the Program; and
- d) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

**Sec. 5. The ISKOLAR Action Officers.** The members of the EXECOM shall designate their respective ISKOLAR action officers from their existing personnel, both in the national and regional levels, and, whenever applicable, at the provincial, city of municipal levels. The ISKOLAR action officers shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Act as the point person of the agency in the implementation of the Program;
- b) Coordinate the implementation of the agency's module in the ISKOLAR Program;
- c) Monitor and evaluate the program and submit reports to the EXECOM and Program Secretariat;
- d) Liase with the Program Secretariat regarding the implementation of policies and activities agreed upon by the members of the EXECOM.
- e) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the EXECOM.

**Sec. 6. Program Secretariat.** The Chief Executive Officer of the NYC is hereby directed to provide a Secretariat for the ISKOLAR Program. The Secretariat shall provide administrative and technical support, and perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the EXECOM.

The NYC shall also act as the Over-all Program Coordinator of the Program.

**Sec. 7. Institutional Linkages and Partnerships.** The EXECOM is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporation for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions.

The EXECOM may call on the private sector groups (business community, academe, social and civic organizations) and other non-government organizations to provide technical and funding assistance for the Program.

The EXECOM is further authorized to enter into partnership agreements with the private sector and with the concerned committees of Congress, whenever necessary, provided that all legal requirements and government rules and regulations are complied with, including rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA).

**Sec. 8. Funding.** The agencies involved in the implementation of the Program are hereby authorized to allocate funds from their respective budgets to provide for the

implementation of the ISKOLAR Program subject to existing government auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

The E XECOM may solicit funding support and contributions from the private sector and foreign institutions for the program, subject to existing government rules, regulations and legal requirements of COA, Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), as may be necessary.

**Sec. 9. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *SEPTEMBER*, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety eight.

By the President:



RONALDO B. ZAMORA  
Executive Secretary



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