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SECRETARY ERNESTO M. PERNIA, PhD
Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning
National Economic Development Authority
12 St. Josemaria Escriva Drive, Ortigas Center
Pasig City


Dear **Secretary Pernia**,

We are pleased to transmit herewith the certification confirming 23 December as the founding anniversary of the National Economic Development Authority, based on the creation of its forerunner the National Economic Council, under Commonwealth Act No. 2, which was approved on 23 December 1935.

Thank you

Yours truly,


DR. RENE R. ESCALANTE
Chairman

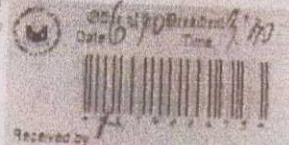
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1st Indorsement
7 June 2019



Respectfully returned to Deputy Executive Secretary Ryan Alvin R. Acosta, Legal Affairs, Office of the President of the Philippines, Malacañang, Manila, the herein certification confirming 23 December as the foundation date of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), based on the creation of its forerunner the National Economic Council, under the Commonwealth Act No. 2 approved by the National Assembly on 23 December 1935. The said certification is issued in line with the request of the NEDA through communication dated 21 May 2019, from Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia, PhD, Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning, for assistance in officially communicating its true founding date, for the appropriate national recognition and observance of said founding date, in view of the upcoming 85th founding anniversary of NEDA in 2020. In view of this, the issuance of a Proclamation recognizing the founding anniversary of the NEDA is recommended, subject to the policy on issuance of proclamations.

Thank you.


DR. RENE R. ESCALANTE
Chairman

Cc: Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia, PhD
Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning
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CERTIFICATION

The National Economic and Development Authority traces its beginnings to the creation of its forerunner, the National Economic Council (NEC), under Commonwealth Act No. 2 that was approved by the National Assembly on 23 December 1935. The NEC's principal mandate was to advise the national government on the formulation and adoption of a State economic program based on the policy of national independence. The Finance Secretary at the time was appointed the acting Chairman. In 1943, during the Second World War, while the country was under Japanese occupation, a National Planning Board was created under Executive Order No. 1, but this was replaced by the Economic Planning Board created under E.O. No. 46 of 1944, tasked to recommend measures for the economic development.

After the war, in response to the recommendation of the Government Reorganization Committee, the NEC was reconstituted in 1947 under the Executive Order No. 94 of 1947, to serve as the government's center of national economic planning. However, a period of inactivity followed when NEC personnel were detailed to the Philippine Council for United States Aid (PHILCUSA), which was organized in 1950 as part of the Quirino-Foster Agreement on the United States' assistance for Philippine development.

A new National Economic Council was created under E.O. 119 of 1955, pursuant to RA 997 of 1954, thereby replacing the old NEC, even as the PHILCUSA was abolished under the same E.O. 119. The new NEC now included an Office of National Planning, Office of Foreign Aid Coordination, and the Office of Statistical Coordination and Standards. In 1960, under RA 2699, the membership of the NEC was increased. In 1962, the Program Implementing Agency, headed by a Director-General of Cabinet rank, was created under EO No. 17, to implement the government's socio-economic program and to undertake economic planning as well.

Pursuant to RA 5435 of 1968, which authorized the Office of the President of the Philippines to reorganize the executive department and the different government agencies, the Integrated Reorganization Plan of March 1972, was submitted to Congress. It provided for the creation of a National Economic Development Authority. This was realized the following year with the issuance of Presidential Decree No. 107 dated 24 January 1973, creating the National Economic **and** Development Authority (NEDA). With the creation of the NEDA, the functions of various socio-economic bodies created by past administrations were now integrated under one government agency.

In 1987, the NEDA was reorganized under EO 230.

In view of the above-cited origin and organic development of the NEDA, 23 December 1935 is affirmed as its founding date.

DR. RENE R. ESCALANTE
Chairman

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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PROCLAMATION NO. 420

MFN 9647

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 23, 2000 TO JANUARY 23, 2001 AS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS, the conscious effort to plan for socio-economic development was institutionalized on December 23, 1935, with the enactment of Commonwealth Act No. 2 creating the National Economic Council (NEC), a forerunner of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);

WHEREAS, development planning is a broad-based participatory activity spearheaded by the government with the involvement of the private sector, non-government organizations and people's organizations;

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to strengthen and broaden public support for *Angat Pinoy 2004*, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 1999-2004;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from December 23, 2000 to January 23, 2001 and every year thereafter as "Development Planning Month".

I call upon the Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning and Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), all heads of NEDA Board agencies, government financial institutions, government-owned and controlled corporations, chairmen of regional development councils, local government units and other instrumentalities of government, the members of mass media, cultural and civic institutions, and non-government organizations to actively participate in and support the celebration of Development Planning Month in the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand.

By the President:

RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 666

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 17 TO 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS
SOCIO-ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND
DECEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS NEDA DAY

WHEREAS, socio-economic planning and development in the Philippines has continuously been observed and sustained since December 23, 1935, when Commonwealth Act No. 2 was enacted creating the National Economic Council, the forerunner agency of the National Economic and Development Authority;

WHEREAS, it is but proper, fitting and appropriate to reaffirm the Government's commitment to socio-economic planning and development and to celebrate every year the foundation day of NEDA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from December 17 to 23 of every year as Socio-Economic Planning and Development Week under the auspices of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Regional Development Councils; and December 23 of every year as NEDA Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

Corazon C. Aquino

By the President:

Catalino Macaraig, Jr.
CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.
Executive Secretary