



APPENDIX 4.18

FERDINAND MARCOS'S SELF-SERVING PRESIDENTIAL DECREES

To Marcos loyalists, Ferdinand Marcos should be remembered as a benevolent lawgiver, e.g., the president who declared the country a land reform area (but limited agrarian reform to rice and corn lands) and mandated employers to give thirteenth month pay to all of their employees (who earned up to PHP 1,000.00 a month, as per Presidential Decree No. 851, s. 1975). But a number of Marcos decrees can accurately be described as self-serving. Marcos is perhaps the only president to name a public institution after his father (converting the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology into the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology) and, more egregiously, ratifying the illegal naming of one after himself. In the latter case, Marcos elevated Bayombong Hospital, a municipal-level institution, whose name had been changed to Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital by the Municipal Council of Bayombong, into the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Veterans Regional Hospital via presidential decree. Had Marcos not done so, the renaming could have been challenged as illegal based on Republic Act 1059 (see footnote 1 on page 20); Presidential Decree 306 implicitly amended Republic Act 1059. Thereafter, Marcos clarified via another presidential decree that the “regional” hospital was under the administrative supervision and control solely of the national-level Department of Health, making it a national hospital in all but name.

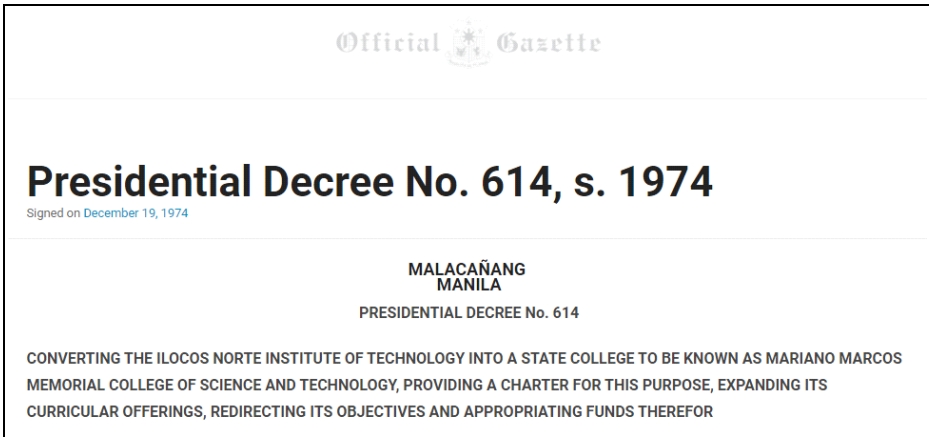


Figure 1. A screenshot from the Official Gazette.

Source: Republic of the Philippines. 1974. "Presidential Decree No. 614, s. 1974, Converting the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology into a State College to Be Known as Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology, Providing a Charter for This Purpose, Expanding Its Curricular Offerings, Redirecting Its Objectives and Appropriating Funds Therefor." <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1974/12/19/presidential-decree-no-614-s-1974>.

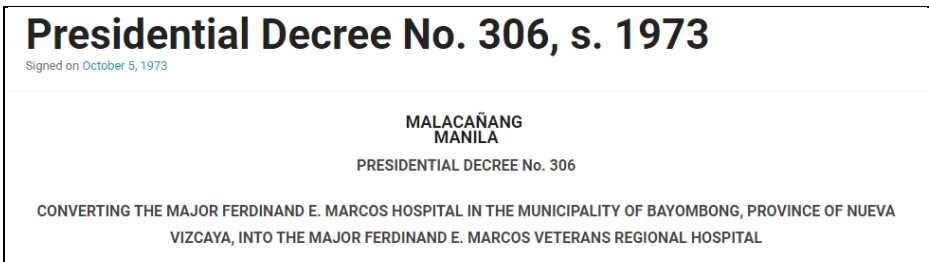


Figure 2. A screenshot from the Official Gazette.

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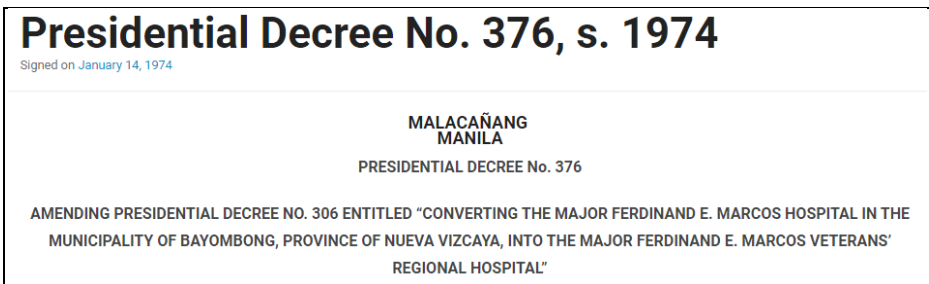


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PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 614, s. 1974
CONVERTING THE ILOCOS NORTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THIS PURPOSE, EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, REDIRECTING ITS OBJECTIVES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Signed on December 19, 1974

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines directs the State to establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development and further prescribes that all educational institutions shall aim to develop scientific, technological and vocational efficiency;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 6-A also known as the Educational Development Decree of 1972 promulgated on September 29, 1972, it had been declared a policy of the government to reorient the educational system toward an accelerated national economic growth and meaningful social development.

WHEREAS, the conversion of the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology into a state college to be known as Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology, providing for its own charter, broadening for this purpose its curricular offerings and redirecting its objective would serve to better achieve the above national goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree to be part of the laws of the land the following:

Section 1. The present Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology located in the Municipality of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby converted into a state college to be known as Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to in the Decree as the State College.

Section 2. The State College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional, and vocational instruction and training in science, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technician or vocational course. It shall also promote research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

Section 3. In addition to its present secondary and collegiate curricular offerings, the State College shall offer other undergraduate

and graduate courses in the fields of science, agriculture and industrial field as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary. It shall also offer opportunity or short-term technical or vocational courses within its areas of specialization to meet the needs of the region.

Section 4. No student shall be denied admission to the State College by reason of sex, ethnic considerations, or religious belief or affiliation.

Section 5. The head of the State College shall be known as the President of the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees comparable to that being received by Presidents of similar educational institutions of like enrolment and standing.

The powers and duties of the President of the State College in addition to those specifically provided for in this Decree, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of a State College or University.

Section 6. The governing body of the State College shall be the Board of Trustees of the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology. It shall be composed of the Secretary of Education and Culture as Chairman, the Regional Director of the National Economic Development Authority, the President of the State College, and four (4) prominent citizens of Region No. 1 to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the four appointed members one shall be an authority on science, one on agriculture, one on arts and trades and one on technology, Provided, That at least one of the four appointed members shall be an alumnus of the former Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology or State College. Of the first group appointed, the President shall designate one to serve for one year; one to serve for two years; one to serve for three years; and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for the term of four years and until their successors who should be an expert in the same field shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of a permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

When the Secretary of Education and Culture is unable to perform his duties as Chairman of the Board due to illness, absence or

other cause, or in case of vacancy in the office, the Undersecretary of Education and Culture shall temporarily perform the functions of the Chairman of the said Board. The Chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the Board.

Section 7. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or Secretary thereof.

Section 8. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of one hundred pesos per meeting actually attended but not more than three hundred pesos a month; Provided, that they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

Section 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration, and the exercise of all the powers of a corporation as provided in section Thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen Hundred Fifty-Nine as amended otherwise known as the Corporation Law:

- (a) To receive and appropriate for the purposes specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the State College;
- (b) To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the State College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in any of the fields of specialization of the State College, or in recognition of public service. Provided, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate some personal favor;
- (c) To authorize the President of the State College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;
- (d) To appoint, on recommendations of the President of the State College, a vice-president, deans, directors, secretary of the State College, registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other officials and employees of the State College, to fix their compensations, hours of service, and such other duties

and conditions as it may deem proper, to grant to them, in its discretion, leave of absences under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding; to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing; to establish chairs in the State College, and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs as may be necessary;

- (e) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the College Council as hereinafter provided;
- (f) To fix tuition fees, matriculation fees, graduation fees, laboratory fees, and such special fees as will constitute a special trust fund for the State College;
- (g) To provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;
- (h) To prescribe rules for its own government and to enact for the government of the State College such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the State College;
- (i) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same for the benefit of the State College, or the departments thereof, or for aid to any student or students, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine. All such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and to be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donors, to import duty free commodities for educational purposes as an exception to existing laws; and
- (j) To authorize the State College to undertake construction and/or repair of its buildings, machinery and equipment and other facilities, any provisions of law or executive order to the contrary notwithstanding, provided that the funds for the purpose shall come from its appropriation.

Section 10. On or before the fifteenth day of the second month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, conditions and needs of the State College.

Section 11. There shall be a College Council consisting of the President of the State College and all members of the faculty with the rank of professors. The Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules of discipline, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the State College, as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees subject to review by the Board of Trustees. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of degrees. Through the President of the State College or its duly authorized committee, the Council shall have disciplinary power over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline.

Section 12. The body of instructors and professors of the State College shall constitute the faculty of the State College.

The faculty shall be exempt as such from any civil service examinations or regulations as a requisite to appointment.

Section 13. No member of the faculty of the State College shall attempt directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Trustees, to influence students or any person in the State College towards any ideology, political or otherwise, which preaches the overthrow of the government through violence or subversion.

Section 14. There shall be a Secretary of the State College who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President of the State College. He shall also be the Secretary of the Board and shall keep such records of the State College as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 15. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex-officio treasurer of the State College and all accounts and expenses therefor shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representatives.

Section 16. Heads of Bureaus and offices of the National Government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the President of the State College, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the State College and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office such apparatus, equipment, supplies or the services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to the public

service. Employees so detailed shall perform such duty as required under such detail and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular official service.

Section 17. All assets of the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology, whether fixed or movable, records and personnel, are hereby transferred to the Mariano Marcos Memorial College of Science and Technology.

Section 18. In addition to the present appropriation of the Ilocos Norte Institute of Technology, the sum of five million pesos is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the improvement, operation and maintenance of the State College. Thereafter funds for the maintenance and operation of the State College shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 19. The Secretary of Education and Culture is hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary for the immediate implementation of this Decree.

Section 20. All laws, decrees, executive orders contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the Decree are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 21. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR

Executive Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 306, s. 1973
CONVERTING THE MAJOR FERDINAND E. MARCOS HOSPITAL IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG, PROVINCE OF NUEVA
VIZCAYA, INTO THE MAJOR FERDINAND E. MARCOS VETERANS
REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Signed on October 5, 1973

WHEREAS, it is a historical fact that the Bayombong Hospital in Nueva Vizcaya played a vital and historical role in the resistance movement against the Japanese Forces, being the hospital which the then Major Ferdinand E. Marcos "raided" and evacuated to the

mountain headquarters of the 14th Infantry, USAFIP, to become the nucleus of the Regimental Hospital of the said unit;

WHEREAS, the said Hospital and its personnel contributed in large measure to the success of guerilla operations in Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, Ifugao and other adjoining provinces;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing facts and wishing to perpetuate the remembrance of a historical event, the Municipal Council of Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, has unanimously approved a resolution changing the name of the Bayombong Hospital to Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital;

WHEREAS, there is increasing need to extend greater assistance to the country's war veterans, their offsprings, orphans, widows and other relatives, including the "bolo-men";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081 dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1 dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby order and decree to be part of the laws of the land the following:

Section 1. The Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital in the Municipality of Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya is hereby converted into a veterans regional hospital to be known as the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Veterans Regional Hospital, hereinafter referred to as the Veterans' Hospital.

Section 2. The Veterans' Hospital shall have a minimum capacity of one hundred beds.

There shall be established Field Hospitals in historic sites where units or contingents of the USAFIP, NL were established, or other guerilla outfits bivouacked, or engaged in the resistance movement, depending on the need therefor and the availability of funds to be determined by the Secretary of Health or his representative and a representative of the Board of Directors of the USAFIP, NL, Inc.: Provided, however, That one Field Hospital shall each be established in Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya, and in Barrio Panupdupan, Lamut, Ifugao.

The Field Hospitals shall be directly under the administrative control and supervision of the Director of the Veteran's [sic] Hospital and shall have at least a twenty-five bed capacity. The staff and employees of the Field Hospitals shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon recommendation of the Director of the Veterans' Hospital established herein.

Section 3. The Veteran's [sic] Hospital shall continue to be under the administrative control of the Department Health.

Section 4. The Veterans' Hospital shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The members of the staff and other employees shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health upon recommendation by the Director of the Veterans' Hospital.

The Field Hospitals shall each be headed by a Chief of Hospital appointed by the Secretary of Health in accordance with law.

Section 5. The following shall be entitled to free medical services:

- (a) USAFIP, NL Veterans;
- (b) "Bolo-men" whose services are duly attested to by competent officers of any USAFIP, NL unit or contingent;
- (c) Wives of USAFIP, NL Veterans of "bolo-men" or widows thereof; and
- (d) Children or orphans of USAFIP, NL Veterans or "bolo-men" of minor age.

The following shall be entitled to fifty-percent discounts in hospital fees:

- (a) Relatives of USAFIP, NL veterans within the fourth degree of affinity or consanguinity, not entitled to the benefits provided for under the first paragraph of this Section; and
- (b) Relatives of "bolo-men" within the same degree as stated in the preceding sub-paragraph.

Section 6. The local governments concerned shall contribute their respective shares for the operation and maintenance of the Veterans' Hospital and its Field Hospitals in accordance with existing laws.

Section 7. The Veterans' Hospital shall be entitled to receive financial or any other form of assistance from appropriate funds of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, the Veterans' Foundation of the Philippines, the Philippine Veterans' Administration and other agencies or instrumentalities.

Section 8. The staff and employees of the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital shall be absorbed by the Veterans' Hospital, subject

to existing laws: Provided, That no official or employee shall suffer a demotion in rank or salary.

Section 9. All parcels of land, buildings, equipment and facilities owned by the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital, as well as all obligations and appropriations thereof, shall be transferred to the Veterans' Hospital.

Section 10. In addition to the amount already appropriated for the Bayombong Hospital, there is hereby appropriated the sum of five hundred thousand pesos for the Veterans' Hospital[.] The sum of one hundred fifty thousand pesos for the two Field Hospitals herein established is hereby also appropriated. Hereafter such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Veterans' Hospital, the two Field Hospitals established and the other field hospitals to be established under this Decree shall be included annually in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 11. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) ROBERTO V. REYES
Acting Executive Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 376, s. 1974
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 306 ENTITLED
“CONVERTING THE MAJOR FERDINAND E. MARCOS HOSPITAL IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG, PROVINCE OF NUEVA
VIZCAYA, INTO THE MAJOR FERDINAND E. MARCOS VETERANS’
REGIONAL HOSPITAL”

Signed on January 14, 1974

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 306 dated October 5, 1973, converted the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Hospital in the Municipality of Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya into the Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Veterans' Regional Hospital;

WHEREAS, in order to give due recognition to the status of said hospital as a Veterans' Regional Hospital and to promote the greater

efficiency and administrative flexibility thereof, there is reason to place it directly under the Department of Health, thereby removing it from any form of supervision or control of any regional office of said department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby order and decree to be part of the laws of the land the following:

Section 1. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 306 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 3. The Veterans’ Hospital shall be directly under the administrative supervision and control of the Department of Health and as such shall not be subject to the supervision and/or control of any regional office of said Department.”

Section 2. This decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of January in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) ROBERTO V. REYES
Assistant Executive Secretary