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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV Section 10 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "Science and technology are essential in the attainment of national development and progress. The State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization, and to science and technology education training and services."

In line with this Constitutional provision, the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines (UP), in a resolution dated 23 February 1995, approved the establishment of a Technology Management Center.

The establishment of the Center is in response to felt needs of Filipino firms and industries for technology upgrading, productivity improvement and enhanced global competitiveness, on one hand, and to the needs of the Philippine government for expert advice and assistance on science and technology policy-making, assessment and planning on the other hand. Both needs have been made all the more urgent by the recent accession of the country to the World Trade Organization and a more liberal trading regime.

This Bill therefore provides for the designation of the Technology Management Center as a National Center of Excellence for Technology Assessment, Management, Forecasting and Planning. As such, the Center shall provide Congress and other government agencies advice on technology forecasting, assessment and evaluation, planning, policy analysis and other technology-related activities.

The early passage of this Bill will pave the way for the rapid awareness and development of science and technology. Hence, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AT DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, AS A NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT, FORECASTING, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Technology Management Center: Designation as a National Center of Excellence for Technology Management.* – The University of the Philippines (U.P.) Diliman Technology Management Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, is hereby designated as a National Center of Excellence. The Center shall provide Congress and other government agencies, as well as the private business and industry, advice and assistance on technology forecasting, assessment and evaluation, planning, policy analysis, technology sourcing, acquisition, negotiation, upgrading and innovation, as well as other technology-related activities.

SEC. 2. *Functions.* – The Center shall have the following functions:

- (a) To provide advanced education and training in the field of technology management;
- (b) To undertake interdisciplinary research on various aspects of technology management;
- (c) To advise and assist the government in science and technology planning, technology assessment and forecasting, and other aspects of technology management;
- (d) To render consultancy services to local entrepreneurs, business and industry executives, and other technology users;
- (e) To act as a technology resource center for the government and its agencies, as well as for the private sector; and

(f) To manage directly or indirectly, the technology-oriented business ventures of the U.P.

SEC. 3. *Organizational Structure, Staffing and Supervision of the Center.* – The Center shall be headed by a director who shall be assisted by a deputy director, both of whom shall be appointed by the president of the University of the Philippines. The director and his deputy shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

The director and his deputy must be citizens of the Philippines, at least thirty (30) years of age on the day of their appointment, of good moral character, of recognized experience in research and consultancy as well as executive ability and competence in the field of science, technology, business management, public administration, economics, finance, or any other related field. The director and his deputy shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Center, as well as other administrative and supervisory functions. The director is hereby authorized to hire such technical and administrative staff and provide such compensation subject to the Salary Standardization Law, the Civil Service Law and the Civil Service rules and regulations as may be necessary to attract highly-qualified personnel and to ensure staff work of high quality.

The Center shall be attached to the office of the U.P. Diliman chancellor for purposes of supervision and program coordination.

SEC. 4. *Advisory Board: Creation and Composition.* – There shall be created an advisory board which shall have the following functions:

- (a) To help the Center generate resources for its various programs and activities;
- (b) To help the Center develop linkages with appropriate national, regional and international institutions and agencies;
- (c) To bring to the attention of the Center's administration the technology management concerns of the private and public sectors; and
- (d) To conduct an annual review of the Center's activities and performances.

The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:

- (a) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology;
- (b) The chairperson of the House Committee on Science and Technology;

- (c) The undersecretary for research and development of the Department of Science and Technology;
- (d) The president of the U.P. system;
- (e) The director of the Center;
- (f) The chancellor of the University of the Philippines in Diliman; and
- (g) A recognized expert in the field of science and/or technology, representing the private sector and to be nominated by the chancellor of the U.P. in Diliman.

The advisory board shall be co-chaired by the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology and the chairperson of the House Committee on Science and Technology.

The advisory board shall meet once every three (3) months and such other time as may be requested by either of the chairpersons of the Board.

SEC. 5. *Funding.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the University of the Philippines system in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provisions thereof not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,