

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7889

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES IN MINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "University of
the Philippines in Mindanao Act."

SEC. 2. The Board of Regents of the University of the
Philippines is hereby authorized to carry out the establishment
of an autonomous campus of the University of the Philippines in
Mindanao.

SEC. 3. The campus of the University of the Philippines in
Mindanao shall be sited in the Bureau of Plant Industry
reservation in Bago Oshiro, Plantation Unit Land Title No. TCT-
1910-(061), in Davao City in an area not exceeding four hundred
hectares to be set aside by proclamation of the President of the
Philippines. The campus shall be utilized exclusively for
educational purposes and for such other activities related to
research and training activities of the University of the Philippines
in Mindanao.

SEC. 4. The Board of Regents of the University of the
Philippines shall have full authority to determine the instruction,
research, and extension programs, schedule of preparatory work
and initial operations, organizational structure, qualifications and
number of academic and other personnel, enrollment and other
matters related to the administration and operation of the
University of the Philippines in Mindanao: *Provided*, That the
academic program shall put an emphasis on science, technology
and agriculture education: *Provided, further*, That the medical

education program shall adopt a community-relevant step-ladder approach with the view of encouraging graduates to serve in Mindanao.

SEC. 5. The University of the Philippines in Mindanao shall provide a special scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving muslims and other members of cultural communities to qualify for admission to the University.

No student shall be denied admission to the University of the Philippines in Mindanao by reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

SEC. 6. The University of the Philippines in Mindanao shall network and collaborate with other state colleges and universities in such areas which shall contribute to the development of Mindanao.

SEC. 7. The Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines shall submit a report to the President of the Philippines, Congress and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on the actions the University has taken pursuant hereto within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 8. The amount of Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the income of the duty-free shops as the initial operating expenses of the University of the Philippines in Mindanao. Thereafter, such additional amount as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, February 20, 1995.