
MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 291
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE EXPOSITION COMMISSION TO MANAGE AND DIRECT THE
EXPOSITION TO BE INAUGURATED IN 1941

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty which empowers the President of the Philippines either directly or through any department, bureau, office or agency as he may create to carry out the provisions of said Act, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, do hereby create the Philippine Exposition Commission to manage and direct an exposition in the Philippines to be inaugurated in 1941 to commemorate the Sixth Anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth Government. The Philippine Exposition Commission shall be under the general supervision and control of a board to be composed of a chairman and such members as the President may from time to time appoint.

The Commission shall have authority to acquire by purchase, lease, or donation such land as may be necessary on which to hold the exposition, to direct the construction and laying out of the grounds and buildings, to incur all necessary expenditures in the acquisition, transportation and insurance of the exhibits, and to perform such other duties and acts as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the purposes of Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty and this Order. The Philippine Exposition Commission shall also have authority to enter into suitable arrangements with the Philippine Exposition, Inc., for the use of the personnel, properties, and other facilities of the latter under such conditions as may be beneficial to the public interest.

The Commission shall take charge of the Exposition Fund created in Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty, including the advances provided for in said Act, and such other funds as may hereafter be appropriated or donated to or by the Government for this purpose, and shall disburse these funds in accordance with a budget approved by the President. Subject to the approval of the President, the Commission shall have authority to appoint such personnel as may be necessary for the performance of its functions and to fix their salaries and conditions of employment. All expenses that may be incurred by the Commission to carry out the provisions of Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty and this Order, including traveling and other incidental expenses of officers and employees and expenses for publicity and official entertainment, shall be a proper charge against the funds under the control of the Commission.

All Heads and Chiefs of Departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies of the National Government, provincial governors and provincial officials, and municipal mayors and municipal officials are hereby required to furnish every assistance in their power not inconsistent with law to the Commission and its duly appointed agents for the successful carrying out of the purposes of Commonwealth Act Numbered Five hundred and fifty and this Order.

Upon request of the Commission and subject to the approval of the President, government officers and employees may be detailed with the Commission to perform such duties as may be assigned to them, but such work shall be performed without additional compensation: *Provided, however,* That

the officers or employees so designated shall be entitled to necessary traveling expenses to be paid from the funds under the control of the Commission.

The Commission shall render to the President of the Philippines, from time to time, reports on the progress of the work and a quarterly account of the receipts and expenditures.

Done at the City of Manila, this fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the fifth.

MANUEL L. QUEZON
President of the Philippines

By the President:
JORGE B. VARGAS
Secretary to the President

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