

MALACAÑANG  
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 57

CALLING A FORESTRY CONFERENCE AND NAMING THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, our forest resources are essential to the welfare of  
our people and the economic well-being of our country;

WHEREAS, wanton destruction of these resources has been going  
on through illegal kaingin making and destructive logging practices;

WHEREAS, the evil aftermath of such destruction is now seen in  
the loss of soil fertility in areas depleted of forests, in unregu-  
lated flow of rivers resulting into destructive floods and failure  
of irrigation systems during periods of critical need, in unfavorable  
climatic conditions and in the general hardship of our people;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary not only to stop such destruc-  
tion but also to find ways and means for the orderly utilization and  
proper conservation of these resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAMON MAGSAYSAY, President of the Philippines,  
by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby call a Forestry  
Conference in Manila from September 30 to October 1, 1954, and desig-  
nate the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources to formulate  
plans, to take charge of, and coordinate all activities relative to  
it and empowering him to call upon any agency or instrumentality of  
the Government for such assistance he may require for the purpose.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of September, in the  
year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Inde-  
pendence of the Philippines, the ninth.

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(SGD.) RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) FRED RUIZ CASTRO  
Executive Secretary

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