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**APPROVAL TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINE APEC  
STUDY CENTER NETWORK (PASCN)**

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**WHEREAS**, during the meeting of the APEC Leaders' Education Initiative (ALEI) in November 1993, the APEC members agreed that the APEC Study Centers to be established should utilize existing universities and research institutions in order to promote APEC-related studies and promote programs for greater exchange of scholars and students;

**WHEREAS**, the PASCN is presently composed of 8 universities and 2 research institutions, wherein 7 of the 10 PASCN member-institutions are based in Metro Manila, only 1 is from the Visayas region and 2 are from Mindanao;

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**WHEREAS**, the PASCN members, during the third General Assembly meeting on 11 December 1997, established the criteria on the recruitment of new members;

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee recognized the need to expand its membership in order to enhance the research capabilities of these academic/research institutions, particularly those in the regions and further enhance and deepen the country's perspective on APEC issues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the proposal to expand the membership of the PASCN, as contained in Annex I of this resolution, be approved.

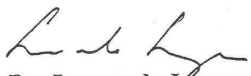
Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1999.

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## Expansion of PASCN Membership

### 1. Weights Used

Based on the new set of criteria for membership in the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN), the Secretariat conducted another pre-qualification of Universities to come up with the shortlist of Universities to be visited by the Secretariat to be considered for membership in the PASCN. The Secretariat put the following weights on the three criteria used, viz:

- Research Capability - 50%

The maximum point of 50% was given to those universities which have "High" research capability, while a 40% rating is given to those with "Good" research capability

- Graduate Program in International Economics, Social Sciences and Applied Sciences- 40%

The Universities which offer quality graduate programs in more than three of the fields/areas included in the PASCN priority courses were given the maximum point of 40%.

- Potential Access to Internet - 10%

Those Universities who either already have access to internet or whose locations allow access to an Internet Service Provider are given the maximum 10%.

### 2. Sources of Data/Information

The research capability of the universities were obtained primarily from the results of a study conducted by the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE) which was commissioned by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) which assessed the quality of various Graduate Centers nationwide. The CHED, FAPE and NEDA also provided their own assessment of the research capabilities of these higher education institutions (HEIs) based on the extensive assessment studies and monitoring and evaluation reports done in the past few years on these HEIs.

On the other hand, the data/information on the graduate program offerings of these HEIs were obtained from the CHED database. The quality of the graduate program offerings is also based on CHED reports as well as the assessment done by CHED Technical Panels on different course offerings of Universities (especially as it relates to the evaluation of Universities in connection with the CHED Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development classification).

Finally, the CHED Database provides the address (including e-mail address) of these Universities.

| University                         | Location       | Region | Research Capability (50%) | Graduate Program in International Relations, Social Sciences, or Applied Sciences (40%) | Potential Access to Internet (10%) | Total Score (100%) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ateneo de Davao University      | Davao          | 11     | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 2. St. Louis University            | Benguet        | CAR    | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 3. Benguet State University        | Benguet        | CAR    | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 4. Central Luzon State University  | Nueva Ecija    | 3      | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 5. Silliman University             | Dumaguete      | 7      | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 6. Central Philippine University   | Iloilo         | 6      | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 7. Ateneo de Zamboanga             | Zamboanga      | 9      | 50                        | 30  | 10                                 | 90                 |
| 8. Ateneo de Naga                  | Camarines Sur  | 5      | 50                        | 30  | 10                                 | 90                 |
| 9. Mariano Marcos State University | Ilocos Norte   | 1      | 35                        | 40  | 10                                 | 85                 |
| 10. Notre Dame University (Marbel) | South Cotabato | 11     | 40                        | 30  | 10                                 | 80                 |
| NCR Universities                   |                |        |                           |   |                                    |                    |
| 11. University of Sto. Tomas       | Manila         | NCR    | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |
| 12. Centro Escolar University      | Manila         | NCR    | 50                        | 40  | 10                                 | 100                |

#### 4. Next Steps

The visits by the Secretariat to these Universities will be made to validate the data/information gathered on the graduate program offerings of these Universities and their research capabilities through discussions with University officials, ocular inspection of facilities and interviews of selected faculty and students.

After the visits, these Universities will then be evaluated based on the two remaining criteria for membership in the PASCN; i.e., Interest of high level officials of the institution to become members of the PASCN and the unanimous approval by current PASCN members (the last one to be done by referendum).