

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5655



Introduced by Congresswoman Ma. Milagros H. Magsaysay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Considering the rapid evolution of science and technology, it is essential for every Filipino to be equipped with the basic knowledge on the advanced technologies and acquire comprehension of the modern sciences to be at par with the rest of the world and be globally competitive.

Section 10 of Article XIV of the Constitution states, among others that "science and technology are essential for national development and progress". This same section states that "the State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization; and to science and technology education, technology training and services".

Inasmuch as the impact of science and technology has been proven to leapfrog economies worldwide, the government should lead to strengthen and enhance science and technology capabilities in areas critical to national economic and social development. The Department of Science and Technology, which is the agency task to motivate and act as the forefront of the government's drive to apply scientific and technological capabilities to promote and sustain the nation's economic and social development and growth through the promotion of programs must focus on cutting-edge science and technology research, design and development and promote the setting up of science and technology centers in the countryside to provide venues where scientific and technological advances can be learned and availed of by the people.

Establishing a National Science and Technology Center in Olongapo City, Zambales will give our constituents the opportunity to acquire relevant information regarding science and technology which will help uplift the lives of our people through science education, training, technology fora and incubators, technology transfer, as well as research and development. The Center is envisioned to pursue the State policy to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

In the light of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ma. Milagros H. Magsaysay".

MA. MILAGROS H. MAGSAYSAY
Representative
First District - Zambales

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN
OLONGAPO CITY, ZAMBALES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Science and Technology, a science and technology center in Olongapo City, Zambales located in the First District of Zambales to be known as the Olongapo City National Science and Technology Center.

SEC. 2. The Department of Science and Technology shall issue the necessary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Science and Technology under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Zambales National Science and Technology Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,