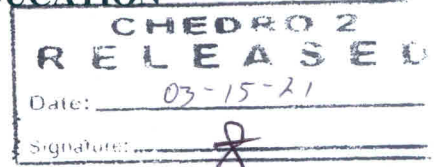




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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Region 02



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 059, series of 2021

FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE ON THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) - PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) PARTNERSHIP TO FORMULATE UNIFIED TERTIARY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

DATE : MARCH 12, 2021

Attached is a copy of the Press Release of **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**, Chairman, Commission on Higher Education, HEDC Building, CP Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City, regarding the partnership of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to formulate a Unified Tertiary Sports Development Program for Higher Education.

The above-mentioned sports development program was forged through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III and PSC Chairman William Ramirez on March 10, 2021.

The cooperation between CHED and PSC through the said program ensures that the Higher Education Institution's Sports Development Plans are aligned with the national sports agenda and benchmarked with international standards.

The signing of the MOA was also attended by PSC Commissioner Celia Kiram, CHED Deputy Executive Director Lily Freida T. Milla and UniFAST OIC-Executive Director Ryan L. Estevez.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Press Release
11 March 2021



CHED-PSC partnership to formulate unified tertiary sports development program for higher ed

Sports education in higher education institutions (HEIs) will enjoy an added boost with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), which will upgrade the skills of tertiary coaches, trainers and faculty members by providing short courses, trainings, accreditation and licensing.

This cooperation was forged through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III and PSC Chairman William Ramirez on 10 March 2021.

The Commission, together with PSC, will also formulate a unified tertiary school sports development program to ensure that the HEI's Sports Development Plans are aligned with the national sports agenda and benchmarked with international standards.

"We welcome this memorandum of agreement as it will allow us to join forces with the PSC in joint projects that we can initiate to promote sports development in higher education. We commit the support of CHED in all the undertakings on higher education sports development and wellness," De Vera said.

According to De Vera, among the priority projects under the program include upgrading skills of coaches in various sports – particularly in higher education institutions and secondary education. The creation of short-term certificate programs like coaching, sports events management, sports medicine and management of sports facilities will also be prioritized.

“Last year, we started funding university-to-university linkages between Philippine and top foreign universities to develop diploma and short-term programs for coaches and faculty members,” he added.

De Vera is referring to the Human Movement Science: A Model for Sustainability (HuMS) Project of UP College of Human Kinetics (UP CHK) in partnership with Universidad Catolica de Murcia (Spain), under the CHED’s International Continuing Professional Education (ICPE) Grant.


This project aims to enhance the knowledge, global competence and skills of the 456 Human Movement Science professionals from 112 SUCs, align the CHK curriculum with global and local targets, and promote the internationalization agenda of the institution.

Ramirez said that the CHED-PSC partnership would create more competitive and excellent coaches and athletes in the collegiate level.

“We at PSC are very happy for this historic MoA signing. This gives us the missing link in providing a professional development in continuous sports education and will cater more to the educational aspect of our teachers in coaching,” he added.

“On part of CHED, we will aggressively continue institutional linkages between the Philippines and the top foreign universities on collaborative research, faculty exchanges, and benchmarking,” De Vera said.

The signing of the MoA was also attended by PSC Commissioner Celia Kiram, CHED Deputy Executive Director Lily Freida T. Milla and UniFAST OIC-Executive Director Ryan L. Estevez.



J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III
Chairman
Commission on Higher Education