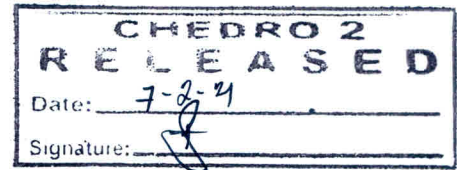




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SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: DBM LAUDS CHED'S 2020 PHYSICAL, FINANCIAL, AND INCOME PERFORMANCE AMIDST COVID-19

DATE : JULY 2, 2021

The Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 2 hereby disseminates the Press Release Statement of **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**, Chairman, Commission on Higher Education, HEDC Building, C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City, on the acknowledgement by the Department of Budget and Management of CHED's 2020 physical, financial, and income performance Amidst COVID-19, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

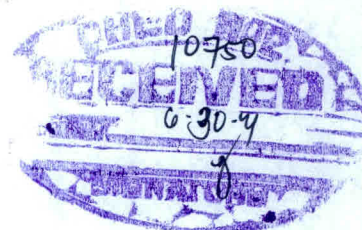
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DBM lauds CHED's 2020 physical, financial and income performance amidst COVID-19

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) successfully reached all of its physical targets, with some indicators recording notably high accomplishment rates.

This is the evaluation of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) after the monitoring and review of agency performance, particularly agency utilization of government funds vis-a-vis plans/targets for the period January to December of FY 2020.

"The accomplishments of CHED proved its flexibility and capacity to deliver beyond its commitments, which is much needed in this pandemic," DBM Undersecretary Tina Rose Marie L. Canda stated in the letter to CHED.

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, CHED's physical performance obtained the highest rating in the percentage of higher education institutions (HEIs) subjected to reform (171%). This rating was attributed to the introduction of alternative modes of learning, to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is followed by the percentage increase of higher education graduates able to demonstrate excellence in the 21st century global knowledge economy (160%). The increase in the percentage of graduates of 5-year courses in private HEIs contributed to the 160% accomplishment rate.

In terms of the percentage of permits issued within the prescribed period, the reason for the 109% accomplishment rate was the conduct of virtual monitoring of HEIs' compliance to the policies, standards and guidelines prescribed by CHED. Processing of travel documents in preparation to actual visits was eliminated, thus, more HEIs were monitored and inspected.

For the output indicator number of scholarships and student grants awarded, the one-time grant to beneficiaries of the Tabang OFW Program and the new scholars under the Tulong Dunong Program helped in reaching 134% accomplishment rate.

Last September 2020, CHED and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) launched the P1B Tabang OFW program to give a one-time educational assistance of P30,000 to dependents of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who were repatriated and could not go back to their overseas work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, the 115% accomplishment rate for the indicator number of faculty members provided with faculty development grants was attributed to both new and continuing local and foreign scholarships.

