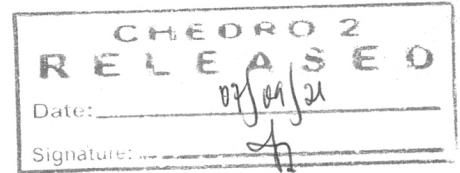




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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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

**SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: UNIFAST BOARD WELCOMES NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES (COCOPEA)**

**DATE : JULY 8, 2021**

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Attached is a copy of the Press Release Statement of **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**, Chairman, Commission on Higher Education, welcoming the new Chairman of the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA) by the UniFAST Board, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
**JULIETA M. PARAS, Ed.D., CESE**  
Director IV

*Encl.: as stated*



Press Release  
05 July 2021

### **UniFAST Board welcomes new Chairman of the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA)**

The Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Governing Board welcomes its newest board member, Dr. Anthony Jose Tamayo of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU), as he received the chairmanship of the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA) in a turnover ceremony during the 8th COCOPEA National Congress on June 15, 2021.

Dr. Tamayo, who is also concurrent president of the University of Perpetual Help System-DALTA succeeded Dr. Lourdes Almeda-Sese of the Philippine Association of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAPSCU).

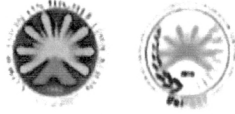
The chairmanship of COCOPEA rotates among its five-member associations every two years and the chairman serves as one of the voting members in the 12-member UniFAST Governing Board.

"We want to thank Dr. Sese for the two years of diligent and active service she rendered to the UniFAST Governing Board. We are grateful for the cooperation that Dr. Sese has extended to the Board and even for the most difficult times when we have to make crucial decisions together," said CHED and UniFAST Governing Board Chairman Popoy De Vera.

"Congratulations to Dr. Tamayo on this chairmanship. The UniFAST Board is excited to work with you and we hope to continue the same strong cooperation towards providing our Filipino students universal access to quality tertiary education at all levels," added De Vera.

Founded in 1961, the COCOPEA is the lead in public policy development on behalf of the five educational associations, namely PAPSCU, PACU, Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP), Association of Christian Schools, Colleges, and Universities (ACSCU) and the Tech-Voc Schools Association of the Philippines (TVSA). Together with its more than 2,000 members, it is the biggest organization in the country that promotes and safeguards the interest of the private education sector.

**J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**  
Chairman  
CHED and UniFAST Board



Commission on Higher Education and  
Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education



**Thank you for your service  
in representing COCOPEA  
to the UniFAST Board!**

**Dr. Lourdes Almeda-Sese**

President, Philippine Association of Private Schools,  
Colleges and Universities (PAPSCU)  
President, St. Michael's College of Laguna

**Congratulations on the Chairmanship  
and welcome to the UniFAST Board!**

**Dr. Anthony Jose M. Tamayo**

President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities  
President, University of Perpetual Help System-DALTA



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