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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER
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FOR : **ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS AND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN REGION 02**

SUBJECT : **EXPANSION OF LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES TO OTHER DEGREE PROGRAMS APPROVED BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

DATE : **SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

Attached are the copies of the Memorandum from **Hon. Salvador C. Medialdea** Executive Secretary, Office of the President of the Philippines, and Press Release from **Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III**, Commission on Higher Education, regarding the expansion of limited face-to-face classes to other degree programs approved that require hands-on experience in higher education institutions (HEIs) under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

Malacañang approved the conduct of limited face-to- face classes for the following programs of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Modified General Community Quarantine areas:

1. Engineering and Technology programs
2. Hospitality/ Hotel and Restaurant Management
3. Tourism/ Travel Management
4. Marine Engineering
5. Marine Transportation

HEIs intending to reopen their campuses for the conduct of limited face-to-face classes for the above cited programs may now submit application to CHED Regional Office 2 (CHEDRO2) to be guided by CHED-DOH JMC No. 2021-001 on the Guidelines for the Gradual Reopening of Campuses of Higher Education Institutions for Limited Face-to-Face Classes During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For information and guidance.

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Encl.: as stated

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Press Release
28 September 2021

Expansion of limited face-to-face classes to other degree programs approved by PRRD - CHED

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has approved the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) request for the expansion of limited face-to-face classes to other degree programs that require hands-on experience in higher education institutions (HEIs) under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

The urgent need for hands-on experience and the safety of students taking up medicine and allied health courses, who were permitted by the national government to conduct limited face-to-face classes since January 2021, is the key for CHED to recommend on the expansion proposal.

CHED presented to IATF the evidence on the ground that would show that the mechanisms that have been put in place, retrofitting of facilities by HEIs, observance of health protocols, putting up of Crisis Management Committees, coordination with LGUs concerned, etc., were effective in ensuring the achievement of the competencies of students/graduates without compromising their safety.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea on September 21, 2021 issued the authority for face to face activities in the following areas:

1. Engineering and Technology programs
2. Hospitality/ Hotel and Restaurant Management
3. Tourism/ Travel Management
4. Marine Engineering
5. Marine Transportation

"The Commission thanks President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for the approval of limited face-to-face classes for the said programs in order to contribute to the efforts to boost the economic recovery of the country, as this will directly affect human resource development," said CHED Chairman Popoy De Vera.

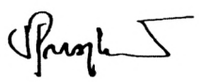
"Based on the data we gathered on the ground, there is a small percentage of students and faculty members who were affected by COVID-19. I'm convinced that it is safe to hold face-to-face classes and it can be expanded to cover other degree programs," De Vera added.

Of the close to 2,000 universities and colleges, about almost half have already opened the school year. Others are planning to start classes in October or November.

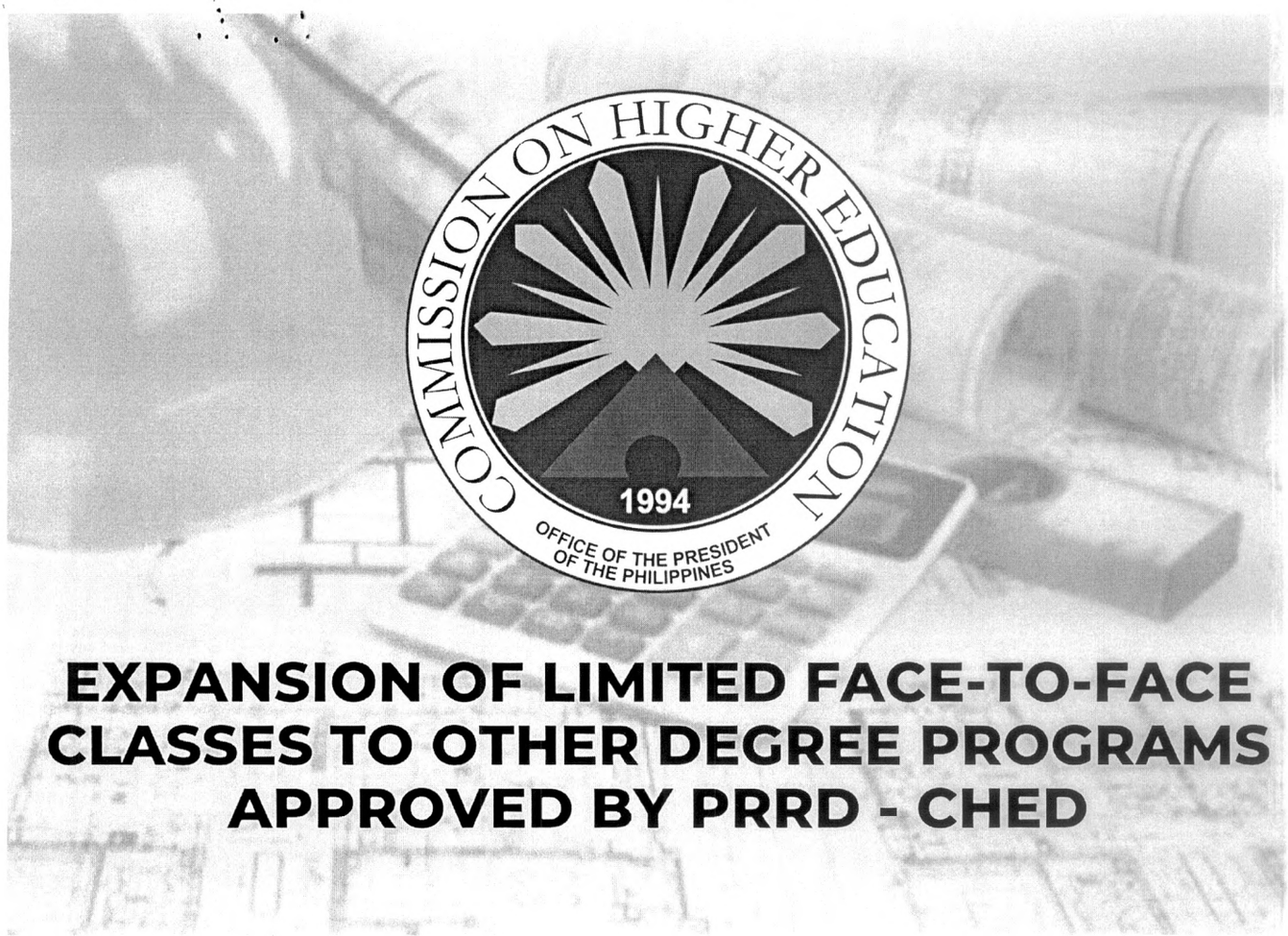
"I have been in constant discussion with NTF Chief Implementor Carlito G. Galvez and we are now aggressively pushing for the vaccination of all faculty, staff and students in HEIs to add another layer of protection to our face-to-face classes. Some of our HEIs have completed the vaccination of their employees and students. We aim to do it for other HEIs as more vaccines arrive," De Vera said.

"We assure our students, parents and faculty that holding in-person classes is safe. Our guidelines are strict," he added.

HEIs intending to have limited face-to-face classes as part of their flexible learning policy may now apply for authority with CHED Regional Offices concerned.



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



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Office of the President of the Philippines Malacañang

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : **THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : **RESUMPTION OF LIMITED FACE TO FACE CLASSES FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN AREAS UNDER MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

DATE : SEP 21 2021

Please be informed that the President has approved the recommendation of the IATF in its Resolution No. 134-A (s. 2021) to allow the conduct of limited face-to-face classes for the following programs of Higher Education Institutions in Modified General Community Quarantine areas:

(i) Engineering and Technology Programs;
(ii) Hospitality/Hotel and Restaurant Management;
(iii) Tourism/Travel Management;
(iv) Marine Engineering; and
(v) Marine Transportation.

Provided that for Hospitality/Hotel and Restaurant Management, limited face-to-face classes shall be conducted only in Department of Tourism (DOT)-accredited hotels and other accommodation establishments operating as Regular Hotels as defined under relevant DOT Guidelines.

Further, the IATF is hereby authorized to approve similar requests for other programs of Higher Educational Institutions, regardless of the community quarantine classification they are under, subject to the favorable joint recommendation of the Department of Health and the Commission on Higher Education, and relevant laws, rules and regulations.

For information and appropriate action.

By authority of the President:

SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA

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