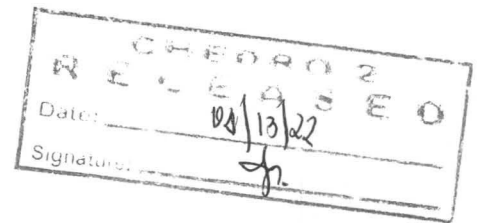




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FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: CHED PARTNERS WITH TOP INNOVATION AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN CANADA TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONALIZATION COLLABORATION

DATE : APRIL 11, 2022

Attached for the information of all concerned is the press release statement of **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III**, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), on the partnership of CHED and Ryerson University, Canada to foster Philippine and Canadian universities' sharing of expertise and best practices, to promote the development of higher education programs on innovation, science and technology, and to encourage faculty and student exchanges, and research and joint projects development.


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Press Release
08 April 2022

CHED partners with top innovation and research university in Canada to strengthen internationalization collaboration

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) partnered with Ryerson University, a publicly-funded research university in Toronto, Ontario to foster Philippine and Canadian universities' sharing of expertise and best practices, and development of higher education programs on innovation, science and technology; faculty and student exchanges, and research and joint projects development.

CHED Chairman Popoy De Vera and Ryerson University President Mohamed Lachemi recently signed the Joint Statement on Higher Education Cooperation during the visit of the CHED Delegation at Ryerson University.

The signing of an agreement between CHED and Ryerson University was facilitated by the efforts of Consul General Orontes V. Castro who has been meeting with universities around the Toronto area upon his arrival in the Consulate during the pandemic to expand opportunities for students and faculty members in both countries. The Embassy of Canada in the Philippines also assisted to push through the visit and signing at Ryerson University.

Under the leadership of Philippine Ambassador to Canada Rodolfo Robles, the consulates in British Columbia, Alberta, Toronto and the embassy in Ottawa have been aggressively assisting CHED in its internationalization initiatives.

With more than 45,000 students, Ryerson University is a prominent university in Canada with expertise in polytechnic courses and innovation and entrepreneurship programs.

Ryerson is ranked in Canada's Top 50 Research Universities. Some of the highest subject rankings of Ryerson are Physical Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, and Arts and Design.

The 2022 World University Rankings by the Times Higher Education also includes Ryerson for having developed a culture of entrepreneurship, making it one of the largest experiential learning programs in the world.

Leaders of Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs) who joined the Canada trip all acknowledged the opportunities presented by the MOU signing.

"We are envisioning a partnership for satellite incubation centers in the Philippines with Ryerson University who is a leader in innovation and research. This will drastically expand access to resources such as information, field experts and possible funding that can apply and accelerate solutions to local and international settings," said World Citi Colleges (WCC) and WCC Aeronautical and Technological College (WCC-ATC) President Raymond Patrick V. Guico.

"Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) is moving to create a global teaching and learning environment by enhancing faculty and student mobility through research collaboration and global innovation, projects and capacity building in selected areas like nursing , medicines and allied health sciences ; renewable energy and engineering with Ryerson University," said MMSU President Shirley Agrupis.

Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) President Prose Ivy Yepes also hoped to build a strong partnership with Ryerson University in Canada along with its strategic research themes in food innovations, alternative energies, technology and intelligent systems saying that this collaboration will surely foster mutual interests in creating global solutions to pressing problems of both countries.

"With the continuing efforts of Philippine HEIs to internationalize and the facilitating role of our consulates in Canada, I am confident that university-university linkages will immediately commence after this MoU signing," De Vera added.



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