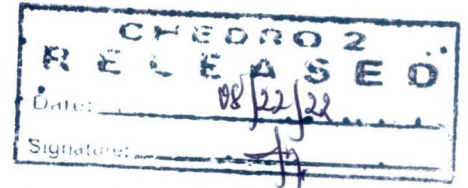




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FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: STATEMENT ON SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS' CLAIM ON THE P7 BILLION "QUESTIONABLE RELEASES" UNDER CHED

DATE : AUGUST 17, 2022

Attached for the information of all concerned is the press release statement of CHED Chairperson **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III** on Senator Risa Hontiveros' claim on the P7 billion "questionable releases" under CHED.

As per statement, CHED has always been fully transparent and accountable in its implementation of RA 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTE) Act. The beneficiaries of UAQTE are the beneficiaries mandated by the law. No UAQTE funds have been released to students who are not beneficiaries under the law.

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**Statement on Senator Risa Hontiveros' claim on the P7 billion
"questionable releases" under CHED**

11 August 2022

We take seriously the allegations raised by Senator Risa Hontiveros that CHED UNIFAST has nearly 7-Billion "questionable releases" for the implementation of its programs.

The alleged "questionable releases" have been answered squarely by CHED-UNIFAST in its reply to the COA while observations (e.g. inefficient billing) requiring action from CHED-UNIFAST have been corrected as these allegations stem from COA observations 3-4 years ago (AY 2018-2019 and AY 2019-2020).

CHED has always been fully transparent and accountable in its implementation of RA 10931 or the UAQTE. The beneficiaries of UAQTE are the beneficiaries mandated by the law. No UAQTE funds have been released to students who are not beneficiaries under the law.

Nevertheless, CHED is ready to meet with Sen Hontiveros to clarify her concerns. I will hold a press conference next week to explain the side of CHED & UNIFAST.

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
Chairman
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