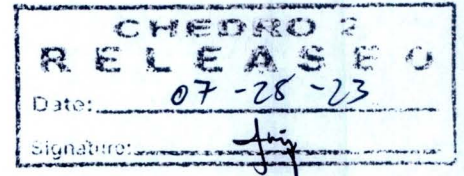




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FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 02

SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE: STATEMENT ON MISLEADING NEWS REPORT THAT PBBM PROVIDED INACCURATE FIGURES IN THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS DURING THE SONA

DATE : JULY 27, 2023

Attached for the information of all concerned is the press release statement of CHED Chairperson **DR. J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III** refuting a news report that claimed President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. provided inaccurate figures on Philippine Higher Education Institutions included in global university rankings during his second State of the Nation Address.

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Statement on misleading news report that PBBM provided inaccurate figures in the world university rankings during the SONA

26 July 2023

This is to respond to a recent news report released today by the Philippine Star entitled, “Fact check: Marcos falsely claims 52 Philippine HEIs included in world university rankings” on the basis that there are only 10 Philippine universities shown in THE World University Rankings, QS and CWUR.

Philippine Star’s claim that there is “No clear and substantive evidence can be found pointing to the 52 HEIs that Marcos stated in his second SONA” is NOT TRUE. The Commission furnished this data to President Marcos based on the published reports of Quacquarelli Symonds (QS World, Asia, and Stars), Times Higher Education (THE World, Asia, and Impact Rankings), and the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

CHED reiterates its position that as of May 1, 2023, there are 52 Philippine Higher Education Institutions included in world university rankings. These World University Rankings are Times Higher Education (THE), Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Times Higher Education (THE), and the World University Rankings for Innovation which are all recognized prestigious university rankings. These three (3) world university ranking metrics are identified by CHED pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the RA 11448, otherwise known as the Transnational Higher Education Law.¹

The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) is not a CHED-recognized international ranking metric.

Should the CWUR be included in this group, there will be even more than 52 Philippine higher education institutions recognized in international world rankings.

¹ Section 13: Quality Assurance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the RA 11448, or the Transnational Higher Education Law, acknowledges institutions belonging in the QS, THE, and WURI rankings as at par with international standards.

The Philippine Star also only included the THE and QS metrics which do not do justice to the exemplary performance of Philippine universities which are recognized in WURI and QS Stars.

The reputation of these university rankings are readily available and accessible in the following official websites:

THE: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/>

QS: <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/>

WURI: <https://www.wuri.world/>

I urge the public to be vigilant in accepting information, especially from those who claim to be 'fact-checkers.' CHED assures the public that we will only provide correct information based on verified data.

Let us be united and take pride in celebrating each and every Filipino success, especially recognitions in the international landscape.



J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA

Chairman

Commission on Higher Education

No	HEIs	Type		QS World 22	QS Asia 22	THE Impact 22	THE World 22	THE Asia 22	WURI 22	QS Stars		Number
1	Adamson University	Private			651+							1
2	Ateneo de Davao University	Private			501-550							1
3	Ateneo De Manila University	Private		651-700	124	2022	2022	Reporter				5
4	Batangas State University	SUC				101-200						1
5	Benguet State University	SUC								3		1
6	Biliran Province State University	SUC							101~200	3		2
7	Cagayan State University	SUC								3		1
8	Caraga State University	SUC								3		1
9	Cavite State University	SUC								3		1
10	Cebu Normal University	SUC							101~200			1

31	Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology	SUC				801-1000							1
32	Our Lady of Fatima University	Private							101~200				1
33	Pangasinan State University	SUC								3			1
34	Panpacific University	SUC								3			1
35	Philippine Normal University	SUC				801-1000							1
36	Polytechnic University of the Philippines	SUC								3			1
37	Saint Louis University	Private								3			1
38	Samar State University	SUC							101~200	3			2
39	Silliman University	Private			501-550								1
40	Southern Leyte State University	SUC				801-1000				3			2

41	St. Paul University Philippines	Private							101~200			1
42	Tarlac Agricultural University	SUC				1001+			101~200	3		3
43	Tarlac State University	SUC				601-800				3		2
44	University of Asia and the Pacific	Private				1001+						1
45	University of Eastern Philippines	SUC				1001+						1
46	University of Perpetual Help System DALTA	Private								3		1
47	University of Santo Tomas	Private		801-1000	177					5		3
48	University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines	SUC				601-800				3		2
49	University of the Philippines	SUC		412	77			129				3
50	Visayas State University	SUC					601-800			3		2

51	West Visayas State University	SUC								3		1
52	Xavier University	Private			601-650							1