



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TACLOBAN CITY

May 03, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 340, s. 2024

REVOCATION OF RM NO. 250.S. 2024 RE: PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (PCU)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief of the Schools Governance and Operations Division
Chief of the Curriculum Implementation Division
Education Program Supervisors
Administrative Officer V
Human Resource Management Officer II
All Others Concerned

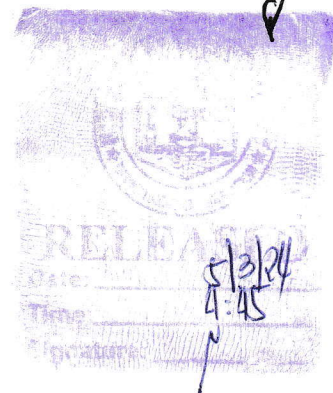
1. Hereto attached is the Regional Memorandum no. 481, s. 2024 or Revocation of RM No. 250, s. 2024 RE: Philippine Christian University (PCU) dated April 23, 2024, informs the pending response from the commission on Higher Education-Central Office (CHED-CO) on the indorsement submitted by the CHED ROVIII relative to the inquiry by this Office on the status of Philippine Christian University's course offerings as a higher education institution, the Regional Memorandum No. 250 which this Office issued on March 6, 2024, is revoked.
2. In the meantime, the Human Resource Merit and Selection Boards in the field offices are instructed to proceed with assessing the documents of all applicants, if any.
3. See Regional Memorandum no. 481, s. 2024 for your guidance and reference.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.

Sherlita A. Palma
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OAR 4-30-2024
SHERLITA A. PALMA EdD, CESO VI
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosures: NONE
Reference: RM. no. 481,s 2024
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

REVOCATION SHOW CAUSE ORDER PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

April 23, 2024

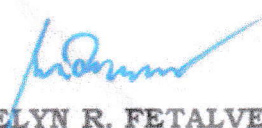
REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **481** s. 2024

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UNIVERSITY (PCU)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

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Regional Director

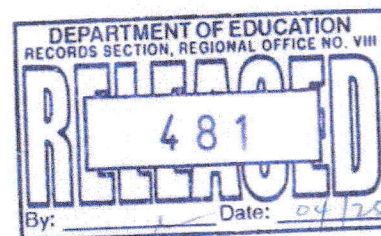
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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
REGIONAL OFFICE VIII



1ST INDORSEMENT
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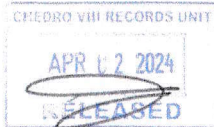
Respectfully indorsed to **DR. JULIETA M. PARAS, CESE, Director IV**, CHED-NCR, Metal Casting Building, Quezon City University, #673 Quirino Highway, San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City, the attached letter from **DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, Regional Director**, Department of Education – Regional Office VIII, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte, inquiring as to the status of the Philippine Christian University (PCU) as a higher education institution, and if there is any decision made by the Commission as regards PCU, for information and appropriate action.

Further, this Office asks whether the programs offered by PCU have corresponding permit/authority from the Commission, and if affirmative, whether these permits may extend to other regions, particularly in Eastern Visayas.

MAXIMO C. ALJIBE, Ph.D., DPM, CESO III
Director IV

Encl: As stated.

Co: **EVELYN R. FETALVERO**
Regional Director
DepEd-Regional Office VIII



Trans: _____
Date: _____

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

Office of the Regional Director

March 13, 2024

MAXIMO C. ALJIBE, Ph.D., DPM, CESO III
Director IV
Commission on Higher Education Regional Office VIII
Tacloban City

Sir,

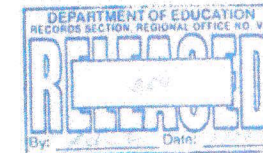
This has reference to the attached letter of Dr. Junifen F. Gauuan, University President, Philippine Christian University (PCU), dated March 9, 2024, seeking to withdraw (his Office's Regional Memorandum (RM) No. 250, s. 2024 relative to the Show Cause Order dated August 14, 2023, that was issued by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to PCU. In the said letter, Dr. Gauuan emphasizes that the allegations against PCU were inaccurate and that the Cease and-Desist Order against their institution was not approved by the Commission En Banc. PCU also attached Government Recognitions, particularly on the programs being offered in Region VIII.

In this light, this Office would like to inquire as to the status of PCU as a higher education institution. Further, this Office would like to know of any decision made by that Office related to PCU for our proper guidance and request for an official copy of any document pertaining thereto.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
Regional Director



JUNIFEN F. GAUUAN, PhD
University President
Philippine Christian University
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Office of the President

March 9, 2024

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV

Regional Director
Department of Education
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
Region VIII, Eastern Visayas

Subject: Withdrawal of DEPED Memorandum Order Dishonoring the Credentials of PCU Graduates

Dear Madam:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Philippine Christian University (PCU) to address and refute the allegations that have been brought to our attention. It is crucial to us that we maintain transparency and open communication, and we take any concerns raised seriously.

We would like to emphasize that the allegations made against PCU are inaccurate and, in some instances, misleading. Cease and Desist order was not approved by CHED Commission En Banc, only the Show Cause Order was approved. Hence, the Cease and Desist Order can be considered "Null and Void" ab initio.

Be that as it may, we have sent a letter of explanation regarding CHED's Show Cause and Cease and Desist Order and we have completely answered all allegations to prove that such has no basis. In fact, it has been almost seven (7) months now and CHED has not responded to our letter dated September 7, 2023. (Please see ANNEX A)

CHED's Cease and Desist Order was to stop offering transnational education and academic degree programs without CHED approval. PCU neither offered transnational education nor offered academic programs without CHED approval.

There was no transnational education program to stop or report about anymore with respect to our Thailand and Middle East programs because we have already stopped them three (3) years before prior to the start of the covid pandemic. Furthermore, CHED had been duly informed of these transnational education programs when we started it and PCU also possessed the Autonomous Status with CHED during that time.

In regards stoppage of academic degree programs without CHED approval, we are attaching herewith the scanned copies of the Government Recognitions (GRs) particularly the programs being offered in Region VIII (Please see ANNEX B):

- Master of Education
- Master in Management
- Master in Business Administration
- Doctor of Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration

In this connection, may we respectfully request your office to withdraw your memorandum order dishonoring the credentials of PCU graduates.

Your action had created undue psychological and financial injuries to our students, particularly employees of Region VIII. Your action had also injured the integrity and reputation of Philippine Christian University.

We would not like to take legal action against you. We would prefer that your action will be corrected so we can settle this issue amicably.

We are fully committed to addressing and rectifying any legitimate concerns regarding our offered programs if there's any. Our priority is to uphold the high standards we have set for ourselves in providing quality education.

We look forward to continue providing excellent experience and more importantly quality education to all students including employees of Region VIII who dream of improving their lives through continuous career advancement.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

JUNIFEN F. GAUVAN, PHD
University President

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March 6, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. **250** s. 2024

ISSUANCE OF SHOW CAUSE ORDER TO PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (PCU) BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter dated February 26, 2024, from the Office of the Director IV, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Regional Office VIII relative to the press release issued by CHED on the latter's issuance of a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) for alleged various offenses.
2. Given this, the Human Resource Merit and Promotion Selection Boards (HRMPSBs) of the Schools Division Offices are directed to dishonor credentials from the university until the CHED releases a final decision.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum are desired.

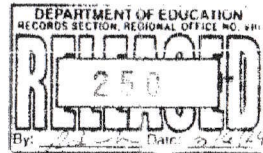

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
 Regional Director

Enclosures: None
 References: None

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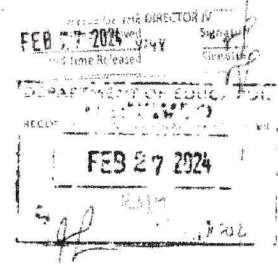
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GRN to REC



26 February 2024

Dr. Evelyn R. Fetalvero, CESO IV
 Regional Director
 Department of Education
 Regional Office VIII
 Candahug, Palo, Leyte



Dear **Fetalvero**:

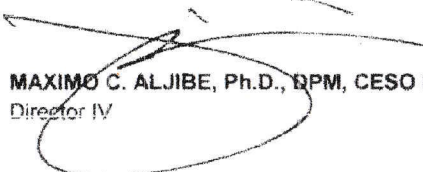
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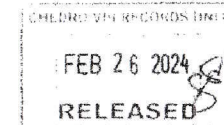
In consideration of the public interest and protection, the Commission on Higher Education – Regional Office VIII resends this request for assistance in disseminating the attached Press Release from the Office of the Chairperson, Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, regarding CHED's issuance of a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED on its initial findings.

We also wish to inform your good office that as of this date, CHEDRO VIII's Registry of Graduate School Programs does not include any recognized extension Graduate Program offered by any public or private higher education institutions from another region. Moreover, there are no recognized special graduate programs of any Region 8 public institution nor recognized extension undergraduate & graduate extension classes of any Region 8 private institutions.

Thank you so much for being our partner in ensuring quality education for all.

Very truly yours,


MAXIMINO C. ALJIBE, Ph.D., DPM, CESO III
 Director IV



2/26/2024



Press Release
21 August 2023

CHED issues show cause order vs Philippine Christian University

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on August 15, issued a show cause order against Philippine Christian University (PCU) following a series of offenses verified by CHED on its initial findings.

To protect the public and pursuant to existing laws and regulations, PCU is ordered to immediately cease and desist from offering and implementing any and all programs for which it does not have official CHED permit, recognition or authorization to offer or conduct, including but not limited to, transnational higher education, distance education and fully online classes.

By authority and upon instruction of the CHED Commission en banc, in accordance with Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 and Republic Act No. 7722, CHED's issuance of the show cause order to PCU is due to the following offenses:

1. Offering transnational higher education (TNHE) programs without the requisite government permit, in violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, s. 2023;
2. Failure to provide relevant data on its international institutional partners, i.e., notarized MOAs, accomplished activities, among others, in violation of RA 11448, its IRR, and CMO No. 6, s. 2023;
3. Non-compliance with the prescribed faculty to student ratio for its Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program;
4. Posting public announcements about TNHE programs without the proper CHED authorization in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR;
5. Partnering with institutions that are not recognized by their respective governments as quality higher education providers nor accredited by recognized accrediting body(ies) in its country of origin, in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR, and
6. Offering shortened graduate programs through extension classes via distance education and online modalities without authority, in violation of CMO No. 27, s. 2005.

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



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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SHOW CAUSE ORDER
WITH PREVENTIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

To: **DR. JUNIFEN F. GAUAN**
President
Philippine Christian University

Date: 14 August 2023

By authority and upon instruction of the CHED Commission en banc, in accordance with Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 and Republic Act No. 7722, and pursuant to the requirements of due process, the Philippine Christian University (PCU) is ordered to show cause, through a verified comment, why no sanctions should be imposed on PCU for the following offenses:

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The enumerated offenses are based on the initial Findings of the Commission after verification of the complaints and monitored activities of the PCU. Attached are key documents you may use as reference.

Please submit your verified written comment within five (5) days from receipt of this Order to the Legal and Legislative Service Office located at the 3/F Higher Education Development Center Building, CHED Compound, C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City. The comment may be submitted via email to chedlegal@ched.gov.ph.

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For queries and clarifications, you may contact Atty. Jesus Kristina S. Suarez Edgip at 0977 815 159.

For strict compliance

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA, III, DPA
Chairman

Attachments

Annex A - Email inquiry from the Chinese Services Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) regarding PCU's accreditation to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program

Annex B - Report on the Status of Permits/Government Recognitions of Transnational Higher Education (TNHE) Programs from the CHED International Affairs Service

Annex C - Email inquiry from Ms. Ann Rosilyn "Keith" D. Fan on whether the Manila Transnational Education and Extension Program is duly recognized by CHED

Annex D - Certification from CHED National Capital Region on the list of graduate programs PCU is authorized to offer

Annex E - Screenshots of an Instagram feed allegedly showing photos of the 'Christian University of the Philippines Shandong Zibo Campus'


Annex F - Screenshots of a Facebook post by our Rahid Andres Ursium promoting PCU's fully online 'Non-Thesis Master's Degree'

Annex G - Screenshot of a Facebook post promoting PCU Cavite's Graduate School of Business and Management

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We are also continually building-up our digital libraries.

Application	Description	Nature (Open access/subscription /HEI-developed)	Identity / Logo
E-Resources (http://resources.pcu.edu.ph)	E-resources or Electronic resources are materials in digital format accessible electronically and is available online at http://resources.pcu.edu.ph within https://www.pcu.edu.ph . This includes electronic journals (e-journal), electronic books (e-book) online databases in varied digital formats, Adobe Acrobat documents (.pdf), WebPages and more.	(PCU) / HEI-developed, managed by the University Library Services and the Information and Communications Technology Center (ICTC) and is partnered with Aldersgate College.	
Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)	OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) is an online bibliography of a library collection that is available to the public which includes different genres of books and maintains the University Library databases online. <i>It allows users to search books on parameters such as title, author's name, volume, and keywords with mere clicks.</i>	Open access on electronic databases from the National Library of the Philippines.	
Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk Stations (STARBOOKS)	STARBOOKS or the Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk Stations is a stand-alone information source designed to reach those with limited or no access to S&T information resources and is managed by the University Library Services.	Open access (stand-alone kiosk) from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) managed by the University Library Services.	
World Book Online	World Book Online is an engaging, verified, and trustworthy digital resource for grades pre-K through high school and is part of the support services of the University for its Basic Education Units.	Open access managed by the University Library Services.	
e-library USA American Spaces Philippines	American Spaces Philippines is the United States Embassy in the Philippines' "spaces for information, collaboration, and engagement".	Open access managed by the University Library Services.	
PHL CHED Connect	PHL CHED Connect Platform contains higher education materials in various formats that are useful for teaching, learning and research purposes.	Open access managed by the University Library Services.	

<p>Gale One File: Custom 100</p>	<p>Gale One File: Custom 100 is a customized resource for libraries to choose journals, periodicals, and news sources from around the world to fill the unique needs of users of the University.</p>	<p>Open access managed by the University Library Services.</p>	
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1. Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the Manila Campus:

1.1 Eastern Communications – Primary ISP

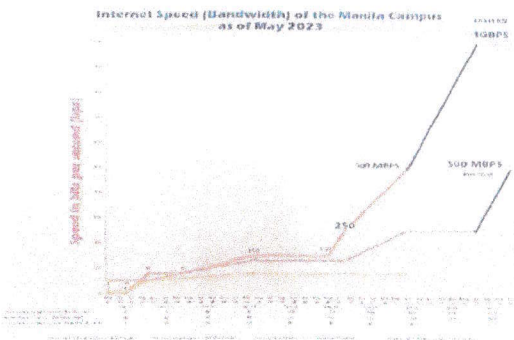
Bandwidth: 1 gbps / 1,000 mbps
*(Upgraded from 500 mbps – July 2022,
 Service Type: Internet Direct Service (IDS)*

1.2 Eastern Communications – UHSM Back-up

Bandwidth: 80 mbps (backup – bundled)
*(Upgraded from 50 mbps – February 2021,
 Service Type: Fiber Digital Subscriber Line)*

1.3 Philippine Global Communications – Alternate ISP

Bandwidth: 500 mbps
*(Upgraded from 250 mbps – January 2023,
 Service Type: Internet Direct Access (IDA)*



2. Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the Cavite Campus:

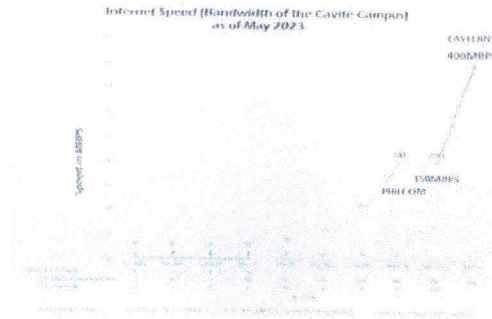
2.1 Eastern Communications – Primary ISP

Bandwidth: 400 mbps
*(Upgraded from 200 mbps – August 2022;
 Service Type: Internet Direct Service (IDS)*



2.2 Philippine Global Communications – (PHILCOM) - Alternate ISP

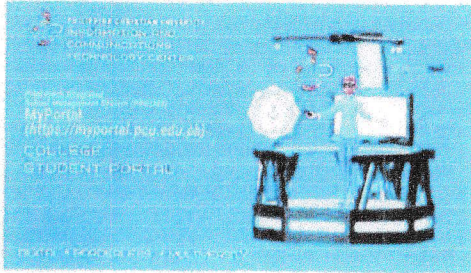
Bandwidth: 150 mbps - September 2021)
(Service Type: Internet Direct Access (IDA)



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PRIISMS ONLINE PORTAL:

PRIISMS is a **Software as a Service (SaaS)** cloud computing platform and the new **School Management System** portal of the Manila, Cavite and all other campuses of the University that manages the University's official transactions with the faculty, students, and parents.



With **PRIISMS**, incoming students may be able to register for online admission and existing students may be able to do **online transactions from Admission to Application to Enrollment to Graduation**.

In **PRIISMS**, College Students (and soon the Graduate School Students and the Basic Education students) **may now view their official Grades online from their teachers/instructors/professors, see the trend of their Academic Curricula, view their assessment and billing and pay fees online thru a number of payment gateways.**

PRIISMS which stands for **PR**incetech **I**ntegrated **S**chool **M**anagement **S**ystem the new **School Management System** portal implemented last July 2022 in all campuses is powered by Prince Technologies



ANNEX B.I

List of Full Time Faculty Members under the Graduate School of Business and Management as of SY 2022 -2023

**Philippine Christian University
Department of Graduate School in Business Management
Faculty Profile**

NAMU	Highest Degree Completed	Major Field	No. of Years	Status	Current Teaching
DR. CELIA C. ANTONIO	Doctor of Education, University of the Philippines	Development Administration	1995	Full-time	English Literature
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Education, University of the Philippines	Business & Education	1995	Full-time	Advanced Financial Services, Marketing, Advanced Organizational Development & Leadership, Social Administration, Public Administration, Research Methods, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Public Administration, Master's Management, Master's Administration, Doctor of Education, Master's Administration	Public Administration, Development Administration	1995	Full-time	Business Administration, Educational Management & Administration, Administration, Management, Advanced Curriculum, Development & Program, Social & Educational, Public Administration, Social Administration
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration, Master's Educational Administration, Master's Education, Master's Education, Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration, Master's Education	Psychology, Educational Administration	1995	Full-time	Advanced Curriculum, Development & Program, Social & Educational, Public Administration, Social Administration
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Master's Business Administration, Doctor of Education, Education Technology	Management, Business Administration, Information Technology	1995	Full-time	Advanced Financial Services, Management, Business Administration, Management, Financial Services, Public Administration, Social Administration, Research Methods, Management Information Systems, Program Management, Research Methods, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration, Master's Management, Master's Administration	Development Administration	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Education, Master's Management, Master's Educational Management, Doctor of Public Administration, Master's Business Administration, Master's Education, Doctor of Philosophy	Business & Management, Public Administration	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	PhD in Development Administration, Doctor of Education, Master's Education, Social Science	Social Work, Development Studies	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Master's Business Administration, Master's Business Administration	Business & Management	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Public Administration, Master's Management, Master's Public Administration	Public Administration	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems
DR. ANNE L. ANTONIO	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration	BA	1995	Full-time	Management Information Systems, Management, Administration of Education, Performance Educational Planning, Educational Management, Management Information Systems, Management Information Systems

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THE INITIATOR

On the morning of September 8, our delegation paid a visit to the Inner Mongolia Arts University and held a signing ceremony for a cooperation memorandum. The event was attended by Party Committee Secretary Liu Qiangui, Deputy Secretary Huang Hai from Inner Mongolia Arts University, and other important officials.

Dr. James Liao Yong, Vice President of Philippine Christian University, with his delegation visited Inner Mongolia Arts University, Guangxi Arts University, and Youjiang Medical University for Nationalities in Inner Mongolia and Guangxi provinces in September 2021. They discussed international education collaboration between Chinese and Filipino institutions in depth with the party committee secretaries and presidents of each university.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO UNIVERSTIES SUPPORTS ASEAN SPIRIT

On the morning of September 8, our delegation paid a visit to Guangxi Arts University on September 28. They had a meeting on the exchange and cooperation of arts education between the two universities with Wei Junping, Member of the Party Standing Committee and the Vice President together with Yuan Yuan, who is the Director of the Party and Government Office and also the Director of the International Exchange Office.

At the forum, Vice President Wei Junping introduced the basic situation of faculty, scale, international exchange and cooperation, and the development of Sino-foreign cooperative projects of Guangxi Arts University; he hoped that the two universities could realize in-depth exchanges and cooperation, condense the characteristics of "ASEAN", and serve the declaration of doctoral programs.

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Vice President Liao Yong expressed his appreciation for Guangxi Arts University's successes in terms of international exchanges and collaboration. He believes that cooperating in the field of art education has a lot of potential, and he hopes that the two institutions will continue to collaborate in the areas of teacher development and talent training.

COLLABORATION MAKES US STRONGER



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The PCU and the Youjiang Medical University for Nationalities signed a Memorandum of Agreement on Joint Training of Doctor of Nursing on September 28 in Nanning, at the 2021 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Joint Exhibition and Forum. Vice President Dr. Liao Yong and Professor Huang Longran, members of the Party Standing Committee and Vice President of Youjiang Medical University for Nationalities, were among those present at the signing ceremony.

Vice President Liao Yong also delivered a detailed presentation, including the benefits of strengthening PhD efforts and the plan to hire additional faculty/staff and PhD supervisors.

INCREASING TIMELINESS AND RELIABILITY



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My delegation will continue to work for each other to carry out international cooperation and exchange, and to promote the development of education and talent training.

Our visitation in this September provided a platform for international interaction for both sides of the university, as well as a platform to build and strengthen friendships, as well as a chance for universities to seek good educational advice and establish joint growth plans. PCU's international interchange and collaboration will undoubtedly bring a limelight to a higher stage.

virtual meeting



Dr. James Liao Yong and Jiang Tao respectively signed the academic exchange agreement and student exchange agreement on behalf of their respective schools, and jointly cultivated undergraduate, master and doctoral degrees, established scientific research cooperation and laboratories for green energy and green materials; teachers and students exchange visits and the academic qualification improvement project was discussed and a consensus on cooperation was reached.

At the meeting, the principals of the two universities introduced the basic situation of the school. Jiang Tao said that Hubei University attaches great importance to international exchanges and cooperation, actively participates in the internationalization of higher education, and enhances the international atmosphere of the campus through various means. It is hoped that the two schools, relying on their respective resource advantages, will be in close contact, unite and cooperate to achieve mutual benefit and win-win results.



Vice President Dr. Liao Yong and His Counterparts Paid a Visit to the Consulate General of the Republic of Philippines Chongqing China

May 11, 2022, Dr. James Liao Yong, Vice President of Philippine Christian University, paid a visit to the Consulate General of the Republic of Philippines in Chongqing China, along with his counterparts: Hu Bin, President of Chongqing Education Association for International Exchange, Xiang Cai, President of Chongqing Technical Education, Gao Bo, secretary general of Chongqing Technical Education, and Zhang Lifang, CEO of Chongqing Mengai Education. They were warmly received by Consul General Mayo and Vice Consul General Sun Yaren upon their arrival.



Consul General Mayo as she warmly welcomes the guests by highlighting the real situation of technical education in the Philippines.

She anticipates multiple exchanges and cooperation between the Philippines and Chongqing on technical education (auto, electric), higher education, construction, engineering, agriculture and forestry, clean energy, electric and telecommunications, mathematics, and other theoretical and scientific joint research.

Since Chongqing and Manila are sister cities, it further strengthens the connection of excellent education resources between the Philippines and Chongqing.

Hu Bin said Chongqing Education Association for International Exchange has built a cooperation relationship with Philippine Christian University. They have reached a preliminary intention agreement to build "Luban Workshop" (Luban, born in 507 BC, Chinese craftsman master) between Chongqing Yubei Technical Education Center and Philippine Christian University.

Chongqing Education Association for International Exchange and Philippine Christian University will lead other Philippine universities to establish a Sino-Philippine Technical Education Alliance, further expanding and deepening the two nations' technical education exchange and cooperation.

Comprehensive discussions will be held on the academic recognition, the linkage of the academic system, mutual curriculum learning, teacher-student exchanges, language teaching, Chinese skills training, and the construction of practice and training bases, to inject new vitality into Sino-Philippine technical education exchanges and cooperation.

There are important measures to promote high-quality development of modern technical education in Chongqing; build a high-quality modern technical education system, establish a contingent of high-level "double-professionally-titled" teachers, and nurture high-quality talents.

Our school shall fully promote the construction of the "Luban Workshop". Bringing excellent courses and curriculum systems such as Tourism and Hospitality Management, Nursing and Health, and Housekeeping to train national technical talents directionally. We are aiming at assisting Chongqing Technical education and Chongqing students "go global", thus cultivating international technical talents and achieving global employment, we are also aiming to "welcome in" Philippine students to promote domestic technical education internationally. #30



Hu Bin, president of Chongqing Education Association for International Exchange, introduced the education situation of Chongqing and the cooperation opportunities between our two nations to Consul General Mayo.



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August 10, 2023

DR. JULIETA P. PARAS, CESO III
Director IV, CHED National Capital Region
2nd floor Higher Education Development Center
C. P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City



Subject: LETTER OF EXPLANATION ON AUTHORITY TO OFFER PROGRAMS

Dear Madam:

We are respectfully submitting our supporting documents and explanations regarding the authority of PCU to offer programs which are not yet listed in the CHED-MIS as per your letter dated July 17, 2023, which we received August 3, 2023.

1. Bachelor of Multimedia Arts (Not in CHED MIS database):

The Autonomous Status granted by CHED to PCU was effective until May 31, 2023. During the effectivity of the PCU Autonomous status, we sent a letter-of-intent to offer Bachelor of Multimedia Arts on July 1, 2022. We also submitted the complete requirements for Government Recognition (GR) last August 4, 2023. (see Annex A)

2. Bachelor of Arts Broadcasting (Major: Broadcasting)

PCU has been offering the Bachelor of Arts In Broadcast Communication program since 1949 as per DEPED / CHED Government Recognition No. 328 s. 1949 DCO. In addition, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) granted Philippine Christian University - Manila to operate the Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Communication program effective Academic Year 2014-2012. (see Annex B)

The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

3. Bachelor of Science in Criminology

Our initial application for Government Recognition (GR) of the Bachelor of Science in Criminology was submitted January 29, 2015 (see Annex C). The program underwent RQAT evaluation last February 19, 2016 (see Annex D) which found some deficiencies. We submitted a revised application on May 31, 2023 (see Annex E) which already included all documents showing compliance with RQAT requirements.



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4. Master in Management (Majors: Criminal Justice, Engineering Management, Environmental Planning, Industrial Security Management, Social Development -Not in CHED MIS database)

PCU has been offering the Master in Management (MM) program since 1987 as per CHED Government Recognition No. 028 s. 1987 DCO

A letter of intent dated September 16, 2023 (Ref # 10-0907894) was sent to your office for the offering of additional specializations for Master in Management program

We submitted a letter of application and the requirements for Government Recognition for additional majors for May 27, 2023 (see Annex F); the following are the new specializations for Master in Management program: Engineering Management, Environmental Planning, Industrial Security Management, Criminal Justice, International Finance, International Business, International Marketing, Accounting, International Healthcare System, International Tourism and Hospitality Management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Crisis Management and Disaster Resilience, National Security Administration, and Police Administration

Another letter of intent dated April 30, 2023 was sent to your office to offer another MM specialization, i.e., *Social Development* (see Annex G)

Our computer system also reflected the wrong MM specialization

- in regards **Industrial Security Management**, we will correct the Course Title in the PCU computer system which failed to reflect the word **Industrial**, thus showing that we are offering MM in Security Management instead of MM in Industrial Security Management
- in regards **Engineering Management**, we will correct the Course Title in the PCU computer system which failed to reflect the word **Management**, thus showing that we are offering MM in Engineering instead of MM in Engineering Management

5. Master of Arts in Education (Majors: Biology, Chemistry, Early Childhood, Physical Education, Physics and Music)

PCU has been offering the Master Arts in Education program since 1953 as per CHED/DEPED Government Recognition No. 630 s. 1953 DCO

We submitted a letter of intent to offer additional specializations on June 10, 2020 (see Annex H)

- Music
- Art Education



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- Technology Education

Because we did not receive response from CHED during the pandemic, we re-submitted a follow up letter of intent on March 10, 2023 (see Annex I), per chance our original letter was lost

- Educational Technology
- Special Education
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Early Childhood
- Educational Management
- English
- Filipino
- Guidance and Counseling
- Math
- Physical Education

The MAED Programs not listed in the CHED MIS are part of these two (2) letters of intent

6. Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management (Major: *Human Capital and Labor Relations* -Not in CHED MIS database)

PCU has been offering the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management (PhD-BM) program since 2011 as per Government Recognition No. 029 s. 2011 CCO. A letter of intent (see Annex J) to offer additional specializations, i.e., Human Capital and Labor Relations was submitted to the CHED office dated March 27, 2023.

7. Master of Science in Social Work

A letter of intent dated March 18, 2021 was sent to your office to offer Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW) (see Annex K). PCU received an acknowledgement receipt from CHED regarding our intent to offer MSSW. We also submitted a letter of application and the requirements for Government Recognition last August 4, 2023 (see Annex L). We have also submitted both printed and digital copy of all documents.

8. Doctor of Education (Major: Educational Management & Pedagogy)

PCU has been offering the Doctor of Education major in Educational Management and Pedagogy program since 1995 as per Government Recognition No. 98 s. 1995 CCO / 21 s. 1999 CCO. PCU also submitted letter of intent and the requirements for additional specializations of the Doctor of Education program, to wit., Art Education, Music



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Education, Physical Education, Guidance and Counseling, Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education, Dance Education, Physics, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry
(see Annex M)

9. Bachelor of Science in Entertainment and Multimedia Computing

PCU offers Bachelor of Science in Entertainment and Multimedia Computing (BSEMC) with majors in Digital Animation and Game Development as per CHED Reference No 20 09 19880 (see Annex M). PCU has zero (0) enrollment under BSEMC program. The encoded value of "1" under number of enrollees was supposed to be under the Bachelor of Science in Office Administration (BSOA) instead, the enrollment was encoded under BSEMC which is supposed to be an enrollment under BSOA program. (see Annex D)

10. Master of Arts in Nursing (Major: Nursing Administration)

Our records show a number of communications between CHED and PCU regarding our application for Government Recognition for Master of Arts in Nursing program. We have

The College of Nursing was granted Level II Accreditation for Master of Arts in Nursing by the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) and Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities Accrediting Council, Inc. (ACSCU) (see Annex P). One of the requirements of this Level II Accreditation is Government Recognition. Unfortunately, we cannot now find the Government Recognition for Master of Arts in Nursing which we believed was shown during that accreditation. (Annex Q)

11. Master of Information Technology (Major: Data Analytics and Software Development)

PCU submitted to CHED-NCR a curriculum revision application for Master of Information Technology through your drop box during the pandemic period. We cannot retrieve the files with regards to program curriculum revision application because of the untimely demise of the Officer-in-Charge for CHED Program Applications, Dr. Adonis Andilab.

Master of Information Technology program old curriculum and new curriculum with specializations in Software Development and Data Analytics are attached to this document. (Annex R)

12. Bachelor of Business Administration (Major: Marketing & Management, Operation Management)

PCU has been offering Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) with majors in Financial Management, Operations Management and Marketing Management. A letter of 2nd endorsement was sent by Dr. Leonida S. Calagui to PCU dated



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November 7, 2018. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system. (Annex S)

13. Bachelor of Science in Microfinance and Management Accounting

PCU offers Bachelor of Business Administration with majors in Finance, Economics, Marketing, Management and Microfinance as per CHED/DEPED approved Government Recognition # 387 s. 1955 DCO. Attached is the curriculum for Bachelor of Business Administration major in Microfinance. (Annex T)

PCU has acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

14. Bachelor of Elementary Education (Major: Science)

PCU offers Bachelor of Elementary Education with CHED/DEPED GR # 243s. 1963 DCO. The said curriculum does not have any specialization. We have just acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

15. Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (Major: English Language Studies)

PCU offers Bachelor of Arts major in English as per CHED/DEPED GR # 328 s. 1949 DCO.

PCU has acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

JUNIE N. CALUAN, Ph.D.
University President



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

LETTERS OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION

NO. 100
DATE: 1953

In accordance with the public declaration of the President of the Philippines, signed on the 15th day of August, 1953, and the Department Order No. 100, dated August 15, 1953, the Commission on Higher Education has the honor to recognize the **UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST** as a **UNIVERSITY** and to grant the **DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION** to the holders of the **DEGREE OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND PEDAGOGY** in the **UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST**.

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February 24, 1953

Attest:
SECRETARY

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Education
MANILA

Approved by the Commission on Higher Education, Manila, on the 15th day of August, 1953, and the Department Order No. 100, dated August 15, 1953.

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Attest:
SECRETARY



Republika ng Pilipinas
(Republic of the Philippines)
MINISTERIO NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION
No. _____ 1954

1954

By virtue of the authority in me vested by Act 2706, as amended by Commission Order 189, I, **FRANCISCO DELA CRUZ**, Director of Education and Culture, do hereby recognize the course in **PHILIPPINE HISTORY** offered by the **_____** School, **_____** City, **_____** Province, **_____** Region, **_____** District, **_____** Division Office.

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION

for the

PHILIPPINE HISTORY course
offered by the **_____** School,
_____ City, **_____** Province,
_____ Region, **_____** District,
_____ Division Office.

It is provided, however, that the Minister of Education and Culture reserves the right to satisfy himself, either personally or through accredited representatives, of the fact that the instruction and the conditions affecting instruction in this course, comply with all the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

In the case of failure on the part of the above named school to observe and maintain any of the required standards of the Ministry of Education and Culture affecting the course herein approved, the authority hereby granted may be revoked and cancelled, the records of the students who have actually attended the said course may be taken over and kept in the files of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and the guaranty bond advanced by the said school declared forfeited in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Act 2706.

It is stipulated, moreover, that the authority hereby granted does not extend to any branch of the said school, whether located in the same municipality or city, or in other municipalities or cities, nor to any other course, grade, or curriculum year.

The foregoing Recognition supersedes and cancels all previous records of Government approval affecting the course or separate parts of the course herein recognized.

Given at the City of Manila, Philippines, this **_____** day of **_____**, Nineteen
Hundred and **_____** (1954).

Recommended by:

Minister of Education and Culture

FRANCISCO DELA CRUZ
Director of Higher Education

(not valid without
Ministry seal)

Office of the Regional Office

6/6/54

Republic of the Philippines
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT SPORTS
 Department of Education
 Division Office - Marikina City

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION (GR)
 No. 029, Series 2011

In pursuance of the authority vested by Act No. 7722, as amended, and the Department Order No. 52, s. 1992, Department Order No. 17, s. 1993, and Department Order No. 17, s. 1993, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, do hereby grant:

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION

PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
 Taft Avenue, Manila

to the

POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
 leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in
 Development Administration Course
 commencing on the date.

It is provided, however, that the Regional Director reserves the right to satisfy himself that the instructions and the conditions affecting instruction in this course comply with all the requirements of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

In case of failure of the school to observe and maintain any of the required standards of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports affecting the course herein approved, the authority hereby granted shall be revoked and the records of the students who attended this course shall be taken over and kept in the files of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. The grantee school of the school shall be declared forfeited in accordance with the provision of Section 3 of Act No. 7722.

It is also stipulated that the Government Recognition hereby granted does not extend to any branch of the said school nor to any other course, grade, or calendar year.

Given at Quezon City, Philippines, this 20th day of December, 2011, in the presence of the undersigned and Ninety-four (94) members.

For the Secretary of Education,
 Culture and Sports

transmitted by



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION (GR)

No. 029
 Series of 2011

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and by virtue of Resolution No. 524-A-2008, of the Commission en banc, this Government Recognition (GR) of the **PH.D. IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** of the **PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY-MANILA**, Taft Avenue, Manila, is hereby granted effective **School Year 2011-2012**.

This Government Recognition (GR), however, is subject to revocation if the herein grantee fails to operate in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines and/or fails to maintain the prescribed standards of instruction and/or fails to comply with the rules and regulations pertaining to the organization, administration and supervision of private/public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines. This Government Recognition (GR) does not extend to any branch of the grantee, whether located in the same place or elsewhere.

Quezon City, Philippines, December 27, 2011

FOR THE COMMISSION

Patricia B. Licuanan
PATRICIA B. LICUANAN, Ph.D.
 Chairperson

(NOT VALID WITHOUT SEAL)



THE FEDERATION OF ACCREDITING AGENCIES
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grants

LEVEL IV ACCREDITED STATUS

to the

MASTER IN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

at

PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Taft Avenue, Manila

*by having satisfactorily met the standards
and fulfilled all the requirements of the*

Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities
Accrediting Agency, Inc. (ACSCU-AAA)

*in accordance with Memorandum Order Number 1, Series of 2001
of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)*

Given this 18th day of May 2023,
Quezon City, Philippines

This certification is valid until May 2027.

Attested by

ANGELITO P. PLODREÑO
Executive Director, ACSCU/AAI

BETSY JOY B. TAN, Ph.D.
President, FAAP

07 September 2023

COMM. J. PROSPERO DE VERA, III

Chairman

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

2nd Floor, Higher Education Development Center Building

C.P. Garcia Avenue, U.P. Campus Diliman,

Quezon City

Dear Chairman De Vera:

With reference to the verified letter, with request for extension of time to file verified explanation, dated August 22, 2023, which **PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY ("PCU")** submitted on 22 August 2023, in connection with the Show Cause Order with Preventive Cease and Desist Order, dated 14 August 2023, issued by this Honorable Office, it is PCU's humble position that it should not be held accountable for any of the alleged violations contained in the Order, based on the following grounds:

With regard to No. 1, the alleged offering Transnational Higher Education (TNHE) programs without the requisite government permit, in violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, S. 2023.

As we have initially explained, PCU, having been given an Autonomous Status, has been granted "Privilege to offer a new course/program in the undergraduate/graduate level/s without securing permit/authority from the CHED."¹

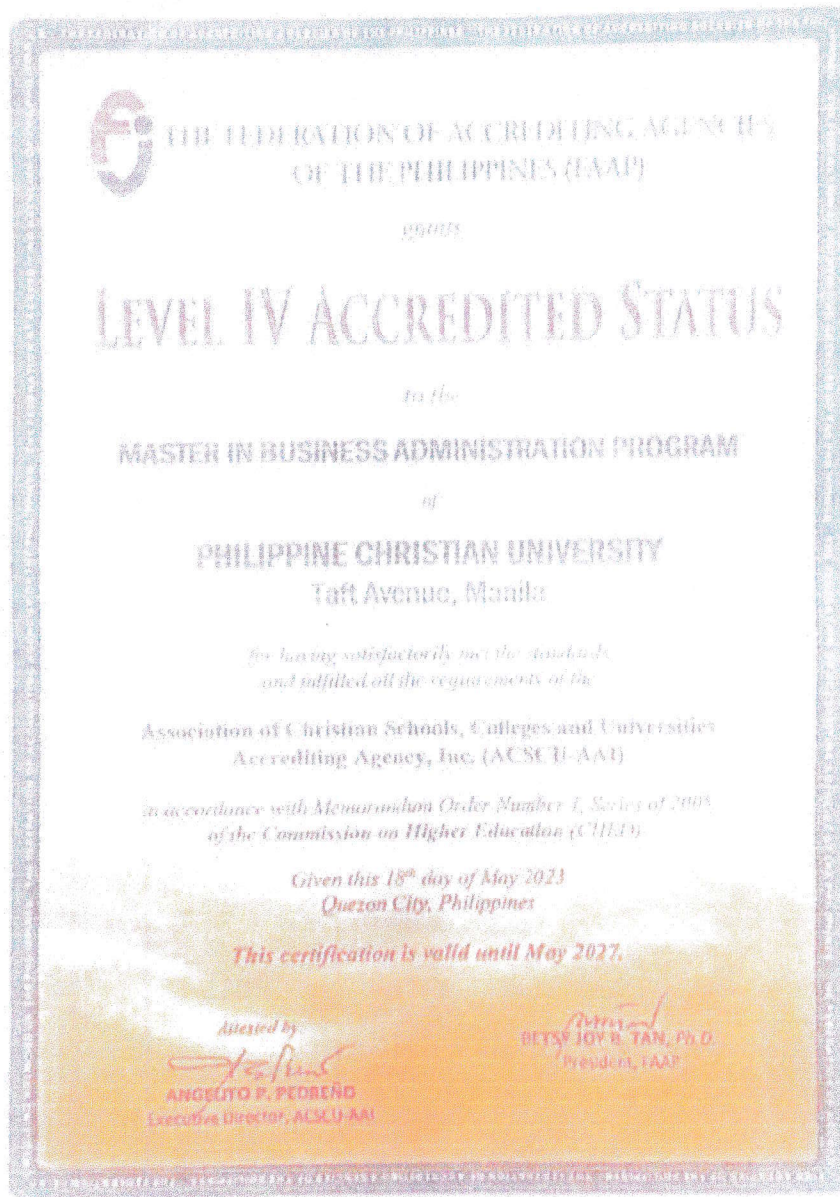
Same status was granted in favor of PCU, pursuant to CMO No. 58, Series of 2017 and CMO No. 07, Series of 2021, which were subsequently validated by a Memorandum, dated 01 June 2023, prepared and submitted to the CHED Chairman, by Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla, CESO IV, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Deputy Executive Director / Director, International Affairs Service, stating, among others, that,

"This Office recognizes the benefits to autonomous and deregulated HEIs, however, to uphold the objectives and purpose of the TNHE Act (RA 11448), we recommend that the transnational arrangements of the HEIs, whether through GR/GA or autonomous/deregulated status, should be subjected to review applying the said law.

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PCU's authority, based on the records at hand, was acknowledged by former Chief OPSD, Eleanor BA. Fernandez, as OIC Office of the Director IV, OPSD (March 31-April 23, 2017) pursuant to CMO No. 62 s. 2016 in a letter dated 31 March 2017, a copy of which is herein attached as "Annex P". At the time the authority to offer program via TNHE, the PCU was under a Deregulated Status which was valid from

¹ CMO No. 32, Series of 2001.



1 April 2016 to 31 May 2019, then later on granted Autonomous Status from 1 June 2019 to present.”²

Clearly, PCU, having granted an Autonomous Status, has been exempted from securing the required permits when courses and programs were offered. In other words, when PCU offered TNIE programs, a permit need not be obtained because it was exempted from complying with said requirement, as a consequence of its autonomous status.

Nevertheless, there has never been an instance that PCU abused such privilege but, instead, it observed utmost prudence, specifically when it comes to compliances with certain rules and regulations being enforced by this Honorable Office, as evidenced by copies of documents duly submitted to and received by this Honorable Office, attached and marked as ANNEXES “1” to “4,” to wit:

ANNEX “1”	Copy of the notarized Memorandum of Agreement between PCU and Al-Andalus International School, dated Sept. 4, 2007, submitted to and received by CHED on 22 September 2016
ANNEX “2”	Copy of the notarized Memorandum of Agreement between PCU and Global Mission Cambodia Center, dated June 1, 2016, which was submitted and received by CHED, on 22 September 2016
ANNEX “3”	Copy of the notarized Memorandum of Agreement between PCU and Bellarmine Global Education Co. Ltd., dated January 7, 2016, submitted and received by CHED on 22 September 2016
ANNEX “4”	Copy of letter-acknowledgement of PCU’s application for permit to operate TNE, dated 19 July 2016, signed by Dr. Leonidas S. Calagui, Director IV, CHED-NCR

The documents enumerated above speak for themselves and prove that PCU has judiciously exercised its rights and privileges as an autonomous university and it religiously adhered to existing rules, regulations and orders, particularly the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, S. 2023, of Republic Act No. 11448.

As matter of fact, PCU’s willingness to comply with CHED’s rules, regulations and orders was even confirmed by Atty. Milla in her Memorandum where she stated that,

“Furthermore, per OPSD matrix received by this Office, PCU offers international extension programs with its host partner institutions namely Bellarmine Global Education Co., Ltd, Thailand, Global Mission Cambodia Center (GMCC), Cambodia and Al-Andalus International School.”

Likewise, documents would show that PCU complied with this Honorable Office’s policy aimed at maintaining quality standards, related to the implementation and operation of the TNIE programs, among which:

ANNEX “5”	Copy of the Outcomes-Based Integrated Syllabi
ANNEX “6”	Copy of the letter Digital Course Modules

² ANNEX “B,” CHED Show Cause Order

ANNEX "7"	Copy of the Subscription to NEO Learning Management System by Cypher Learning
ANNEX "8"	Copy of the Subscription to Premium Zoom for Education - Virtual Conference Tools
ANNEX "9"	Copy of the Subscription to Google Workspace for Education
ANNEX "10"	Copy of the Subscription to Microsoft Office 365
ANNEX "11"	Copy of the Subscription to Digital Libraries
ANNEX "12"	Copy of the Subscription to Internet Service Provider – Eastern Communications @ 1 GBPS, PHILCOM @ 500 MBPS
ANNEX "13"	Copy of the Subscription to School Management System Portal – PRIISMS Online (Software as a Service)
ANNEX "14"	Copy of the list of Qualified Faculty Members

Thus, PCU respectfully submits that it should not be held liable for committing any act or omission in violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 6, Series of 2023.

With regard to No. 2, the alleged failure to provide relevant data on its international institutional partners, i.e., notarized MOA's, accomplished activities, among others, in violation of R. A. No. 11448, its IRR and CMO No.6, S. 2023.

As earlier explained, PCU timely submitted all the required documents relative to its TNE programs, which the Memorandum prepared by Atty. Milla confirmed and it reads:

"Furthermore, per OPSD matrix received by this Office, PCU offers international extension programs with its host partner institutions namely Bellarmine Global Education Co., Ltd, Thailand, Global Mission Cambodia Center (GMCC), Cambodia and Al Andalus International School."

Which could be directly corroborated by the Memorandum of Agreements, submitted by PCU and received by CHED (ANNEXES "1" TO "3") and the Letter-Acknowledgement signed by Dr. Leonidas S. Calagui, Director IV, CHED-NCR. (ANNEX "4")

For the kind information of this Honorable Office, those TNE's were subsequently terminated sometime in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, for which accomplishment reports for SY 2020-21, SY 2021-2022 and SY 2022-2023 would no longer be necessary.

It is PCU's humble belief that there is substantial evidence to prove that it duly furnished CHED with data and report on accomplished activities related to its international partners and such being the case, it cannot be held liable for violation of Republic Act No. 11448, its IRR and CMO No. 6, Series of 2023.

As to the alleged non-compliance with the prescribed faculty to student ratio for its Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program.

Please allow us to reiterate that PCU's enrollment in Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management Program, for School Year 2022-23, were as follows: First Trimester (304 students), Second Trimester (302 students), Third Trimester (179 students). There were 52 regular Faculty Members for Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management Program. Thus, if we get the trimester with the highest

enrollment of 304 students, the faculty to student ratio would be, 1 faculty per 5.85 students, which is within the prescribed standard, 1 Faculty per 12 Students.

In support of the ratio explained in the preceding paragraph, attached are the following documents and marked as:

ANNEX "15"	Copy of the actual no. of faculty and students, from SY 2015-2016 to SY 2022-2023.
ANNEX "16"	Copy of a list containing the names of Faculty for SY 2022-2023
ANNEX "17"	Copy of a list containing the names of Students for SY 2022-2023

Based on the documents presented above, in relation to the number of Faculty and Students, it appears that PCU has been compliant with the required Faculty-Student Ratio for its Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management program.

With respect to the alleged posting of public announcement about TNHE programs without the proper CHED authorization in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR.

As previously clarified, there has never been an instance that PCU posted an announcement related to any TNHE program with any educational entity, based in China, as those postings mentioned in the Order were exclusively intended to promote PCU-Manila and PCU-Dasmariñas, as preferred destination for Chinese students planning to study in the Philippines. In other words, said postings were meant to promote and sustain PCU's existing status as a reputable educational institution of choice for Chinese students who are planning to obtain baccalaureate or post-graduate degree in the Philippines.

In line with the efforts to encourage foreign students to enroll in PCU, the entire 6th Floor of its new academic building, located at PCU-Manila Campus, was exclusively allotted for its Chinese students and to address the increasing number of its students, both foreign and local, it intends to build additional classrooms, high technology laboratories and dormitory facilities, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Presently, PCU is exploring the possibility of establishing international educational partnership, cooperation and sharing of resources not only with reputable Chinese and other foreign universities and institutions that would, in effect, raise the quality of education it offers to international standards. For your kind reference, attached are copies of the promotional activities undertaken, marked as ANNEXES "18" to "20."

As regards the posting of Rahid Andres Ursulum, one of PCU's auxiliary site coordinators, PCU has a strict policy on posting of FB advertisement that specific instruction was given to Mr. Ursulum, that is, to ensure that all FB advertisements provide accurate information, since the modality approved by CHED is face-to-face and blended, not pure online.

As regards the alleged partnering with institutions that are not recognized by their respective governments as quality higher education providers nor accredited by recognized accrediting body(ies) in its country of origin, in violation of RA 11448 and its IRR.

PCU does not have a partner educational institution, based abroad, insofar as transnational higher education is concerned. As earlier clarified, PCU's activities in China are limited to promoting itself

as the priority educational institution for Chinese and other foreign nationals who intend to study in the Philippines, which principally targets senior high school institutions and their students.

Moreover, transnational education involves modalities like academic franchising and international branch campus that rely on offshore partner transnational educational institution to be able to operate, which PCU does not have and it is fully aware of the same. Simply put, PCU does not have a partner educational institution in transnational higher education.

With regard to the alleged offering of shortened graduate programs through extension classes via distance education and online modalities without authority, in violation of CMO No.27, S 2005

As early as 1982, pursuant to GR No. 025, 1982, PCU was granted authority to offer MBA through extension classes. In 1999, PCU was given authority to offer Master in Management (MM) major in Public Administration, pursuant to GR No. 21, Series of 1999. In other words, PCU indeed offered extension classes, based on duly issued GRs since 1982, but it has never shortened the prescribed CHED curricula. All of its educational programs conform to CHED's policies and standards. This could be validated by the fact that, during the COVID 19 pandemic, all modalities switched from face-to-face to home study, online, distance education mode which CHED and DEPED allowed. But, on the second semester of School-Year 2022-23, the CHED mandated a return to face-to-face and blended education, which PCU also followed.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted the PCU has never offered shortened graduate programs through extension classes, via distance education and online modalities, in violation of CMO No.27, Series of 2005.

With respect to the CEASE AND DESIST ORDER on any and all programs which does not have official CHED permit, recognition or authorization to offer or conduct, PCU respectfully submits that we have in all honesty and good faith, complied with all CHED requirements before operating a degree program, which could be easily validated by documents duly submitted to and received by this Honorable Office and such being the case, we humbly believe that it is unfair that a Cease and Desist Order was issued against the programs contained in our Letter-Explanation, dated 10 August 2023, addressed to Dr. Julieta P. Paras, Regional Director, CHED National Capital Region, copy of which, with its Annexes, is attached and marked as ANNEXES "21" to "21-1."

As stated in said letter,

"August 10, 2023

DR. JULIETA P. PARAS, CESO III
Director IV, CHED National Capital Region
2nd floor Higher Education Development Center
C.P. Garcia Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Subject: LETTER OF EXPLANATION ON AUTHORITY TO OFFER PROGRAMS

Dear Madam:

We are respectfully submitting our supporting documents and explanations regarding the authority of PCU to offer programs which are not yet listed in your CHED-MIS as per your letter dated July 17, 2023 which we received August 3, 2023.

1. *Bachelor of Multimedia Arts (Not in CHED MIS database):*

PCU had been granted CHED Autonomous Status which was effective until May 31, 2023. In this connection, a letter of intent to offer Bachelor of Multimedia Arts was sent to your office last July 1, 2022, we also submitted and a letter of application and the requirements for Government Recognition (GR) last August 4, 2023. (Annex A)

2. *Bachelor of Arts Broadcasting (Major: Broadcasting)*

PCU offers Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Communication as per CHED GR # 011, Series 2015. PCU does not offer Bachelor of Arts Broadcasting Major: Broadcasting. PCU has acquired a new enrollment system and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system. (Annex B).

3. *Bachelor of Science in Criminology*

An initial application for Government Recognition (GR) for Bachelor of Science in Criminology was done last January 29, 2015. Change in administration and problems on documents turnover of BS Criminology program affected our application because we cannot find the documents related to our GR application. CHED-NCR instructed us to file a new GR application for BS in Criminology program. PCU submitted a letter of application dated May 31, 2023 and we also the requirements for GR. (Annex C)

4. *Master in Management (Majors: Criminal Justice, Engineering Management, Environmental Planning, Industrial Security Management, Social Development - Not in CHED MIS database)*

PCU offers Master in Management (MM) program as per CHED GR #630 s. 1987 DCO. A letter of intent dated September 16, 2020 (Ref # 20-09017891) was sent to your office to offer additional majors (Criminal Justice, Engineering Management, Environmental Planning, Industrial Security Management). Another letter of intent dated April 30, 2023 was sent to your office to offer another major, Social Development. We also submitted a letter of application and the requirements for Government Recognition for additional

majors last May 27, 2023 (**Annex D**). PCU offers MM major in **Industrial Security Management** instead of Security Management and **MM major in Engineering Management** instead of Engineering. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

5. *Master of Arts in Education (Majors: Biology, Chemistry, Early Childhood, Physical Education, Physics and Music)*

PCU offers **Master Arts in Education program as per CHED/DEPED GR #630 s. 1953 DCO**. A letter of intent dated March 10, 2023 (Ref # 2023-03-2984 / -2821 / -2825...) was sent to your office to offer additional majors for Master of Arts in Education (Majors: Education Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Early Childhood, Educational Management, English, Filipino, Guidance Counselling, Math and Physical Education). Another letter of intent dated June 10, 2023 was sent to your office to offer MAED with majors in Music, Art Education, and Technology Education. (**Annex E**)

6. *Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management (Major: Human Capital and Labor Relations - Not in CHED MIS database)*

PCU offers **Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management (PhD-BM) program as per GR #029 s. 2011 CCO**. A letter of intent dated March 27, 2023 and the requirements were submitted to your office to offer additional major for PhD-BM (Major: Human Capital and Labor Relations). (**Annex F**)

7. *Master of Science in Social Work*

A letter of intent dated March 18, 2021 was sent to your office to offer Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW). PCU received an acknowledgement receipt from CHED regarding our intent to offer MSSW. We also submitted a letter of application and the requirements for Government Recognition last August 4, 2023, however, CHED instructed us to scan all submitted documents before CHED accepts our Government Recognition application. We have scanned all the documents and we have submitted our letter of application for GR, the printed documents, and the link to google drive containing the softcopy of our documents. (**Annex G**)

8. *Doctor of Education (Major: Educational Management & Pedagogy)*

PCU offers **Doctor of Education major in Educational Management and Pedagogy as per GR # 98 s. 1995 CCO / 21 s. 1999 CCO**. PCU also submitted letter of intent and requirements for additional majors for Doctor of Education program (Majors: Art Education, Music Education, Physical Education, Guidance and Counseling, Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education, Dance Education, Physics, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry). (**Annex H**)

9. *Bachelor of Science in Entertainment and Multimedia Computing*

PCU offers **Bachelor of Science in Entertainment and Multimedia Computing (BSEMC) with majors in Digital Animation and Game Development**. PCU has zero (0) enrollment under BSEMC program. The encoded value of "1" under number of enrollees was supposed to be under the Bachelor of Science in Office Administration (BSOA), instead, the enrollment was encoded under BSEMC which in fact an enrollment under BSOA program. (**Annex I**)

10. *Master of Arts in Nursing (Major: Nursing Administration)*

PCU has existing application for Government Recognition, and FAAP and ACSCU Level II Accreditation. Attachment shows communications between PCU and CHED-NCR. (**Annex J**)

11. *Master of Information Technology (Major: Data Analytics and Software Development)*

PCU submitted to CHED-NCR a curriculum revision application for Master of Information Technology through your drop box during the pandemic period. PCU cannot retrieve the files with regards to program and curriculum revision applications because of the untimely demise of the Officer-In-Charge for CHED Program Applications, Dr. Adonis Andilab. Annex K, shows application for MIT program, old curriculum and new curriculum (Majors: Software Development and Data Analytics) for Master of Information Technology program. (**Annex K**)

12. *Bachelor of Business Administration (Major: Marketing & Management, Operation Management)*

PCU offers **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) with majors in Financial Management, Operations Management and Marketing Management**. A letter of 2nd endorsement was sent by Dr. Leonida S. Calagni to PCU dated November 7, 2018. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system. (**Annex L**)

13. *Bachelor of Elementary Education (Major: Science)*

PCU offers **Bachelor of Elementary Education with CHED/DEPED GR # 243s. 1963 DCO**. The said curriculum does not have any major/s. PCU has acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

14. *Bachelor of Arts in English Language Studies (Major: English Language Studies)*

PCU offers **Bachelor of Arts major in English as per CHED/DEPED GR # 328 s. 1949 DCO**. PCU has acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system.

15. *Bachelor of Science in Microfinance and Management Accounting*

PCU offers **Bachelor of Business Administration with majors in Finance, Economics, Marketing, Management and Microfinance as per CHED/DEPED-approved Government Recognition # 387 s. 1955 DCO**. PCU has acquired a new system for our enrollment operations, and we are still in the process of customizing and transferring our databases from our legacy system. The error indicated in the submitted e-Form may be due to error in encoding. PCU has made the necessary corrections in our new system. Attached is the curriculum for **Bachelor of Business Administration major in Microfinance**. (**Annex M**)

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

JUNIFEN F. GAUAN, Ph.D.
University President

In addition, the issuance of said order violates PCU's right to due process because it was apparently not given an opportunity to be heard, a fundamental requirement in administrative proceedings, to wit:

- i. The right to a hearing, which includes the right to present one's case and submit evidence in support thereof;
- ii. The tribunal must consider the evidence presented;
- iii. The decision must have something to support itself;
- iv. The evidence must be substantial;
- v. The decision must be rendered on the evidence presented at the hearing, or at least contained in the record and disclosed to the parties;
- vi. The tribunal or any of its judges must act on its or his own independent consideration of the facts and the law of the controversy, and not simply accept the views of a subordinate in arriving at a decision; and
- vii. The board or body should, in all controversial questions, render its decision in such a manner that the parties to the proceeding will know the various issues involved, and the reasons for the decision.

Obviously, none of the requisites enumerated above was met before subject Order was issued by this Honorable Office, specifically the first one, "The right to a hearing, which includes the right to present one's case and submit evidence in support thereof." It is PCU's honest to goodness belief that it is entitled to such right, regardless of the existence of the alleged violations it committed. PCU should have been given the opportunity to be heard and present pertinent evidence to refute the violations leveled against it so as not to, at the very least, unnecessarily compromise its reputation as a reputable member of academic institutions providing higher education and the goodwill it created as such, not to mention the adverse effect of said Order to its personnel, students, alumni and other stakeholders.

Further, PCU humbly submits that said Order should not have been issued by this Honorable Office had it considered the document submitted to and received by CHED, specifically the Letter-Explanation, dated 10 August 2023, addressed to Dr. Julieta P. Paras, Regional Director, CHED-National Capital Region, concerning the authority of PCU to offer the programs now in question (ANNEXES "21" to "21-T")


It is without a doubt that PCU did not commit any of the violations contained in the Show Cause Order, as documents attached to this letter suggest that it complied with existing laws, rules, regulations, or policies governing the introduction and implementation, through various schemes, of baccalaureate, masteral and doctoral programs.

For this reason, it is respectfully prayed before this Honorable Office that this Verified Letter-Explanation be admitted and given due weight and consideration in dismissing the violations allegedly committed by Philippine Christian University, for lack of merit.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



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