

Press Release
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CHED APPROVES PHP61.5M FUNDING FOR 11 AGRI-RELATED PROJECTS OF NINE UNIVERSITIES

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) approved the release of PhP61.5-Million Grants-in-Aid to fund 11 projects proposed by nine (9) Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.

These research, development and extension (RDE) projects aim at improving the country's food production, achieving food security, and fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development in the field of agriculture and fisheries.

Among those approved were three (3) projects submitted by Mindanao State University - General Santos. Proposals from Bataan Peninsula State University, Partido State University – Sagnay, Central Luzon State University, Bicol University, Mariano Marcos State University, Surigao del Sur State University, Catanduanes State University, and Western Philippines University will also be funded.

In a resolution released by the Commission En Banc dated December 21, 2016, the funds to support the Agriculture and Fisheries education extension projects will come from the Higher Education Development Fund-National Agriculture and Fishery Education System (HEDF-NAFES). In 2016, PhP125-Million was allocated for the implementation of NAFES RDE projects.

A total of 109 concept notes were received by CHED on September 2016 from HEIs considered as National Universities and Colleges of Agricultures (NUCAFs) and Provincial Institutes of Agricultures and Fisheries (PIAFs). There are still proposals that are being processed and evaluated by the Commission.

Included in the approved projects are: 1) Establishment of the Community Science and Technology Based Farm on Rice-Fish Farming ("Palayisdaan Pamayanan) in the Province of Bataan; 2) Enhancing Resilience of Vulnerable Upland and Lowland Communities through eCenters with S&T-based, Climate Smart and Sustainable Innovations in Bicol; and 3) Community-Level Capacity Building for the Utilization of Renewable Energy in General Santos City.

All approved projects must be implemented within two years.

CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2016 states the Commission's initiative to develop sustainable agricultural and fisheries extension programs of the NUCAFs and PIAFs.

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