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PGMA Graces Inauguration of New CHED Building



President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo led the ribbon cutting during the CHED Blessing and Inauguration Ceremonies held on August 29, 2010.



President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo shakes hands with CHED Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles after the unveiling of the CHED marker during the CHED Blessing and Inauguration held at the HEDC Bldg., Diliman, Quezon City on August 29, 2010.

No other than President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was guest of honor during the inauguration of the Higher Education Development Center (HEDC) Building, the new home of CHED, in the afternoon of August 26, 2009.

The program started with the unveiling of the HEDC marker by President Arroyo assisted by Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles and CHED Commissioners Hadja Luningning Misuarez-Umar, William C. Medrano, Nenalyn P. Defensor and Nona S. Ricafort. Likewise, during the program, Chairman Angeles formally took oath before President Arroyo as regular Chairman of CHED together with Commissioners Defensor and Ricafort who were both re-appointed as Commissioners for a second term of four years.

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CHED Turns Over BPO Call Center Project to 6 State Universities

Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles presided over the signing ceremonies for the Memorandum of Agreement on the donation by the Commission of its P298,000,000.00 Call Center Project to 6 main beneficiary State Universities on August 12, 2009 at the Higher Education Development Center building. The Project facilities shall be used exclusively for training of future IT specialists and call center managers and agents in support of the BPO Industry.

The Main site is located at a sprawling 2000 sq.m. portion of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP). Other satellite hubs are located at Technological University of the Philippines (TUP), Laguna State Polytechnic College, (LSPC) Tarlac State University (TSU), Pangasinan State University, (PSU) and Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU).

The CHED Integrated Multi-Site Business Process Outsourcing Incubation Contact Center (CHED BPO-ICC) is a government project initiated by CHED to generate the optimum number of employment in the countryside in the least possible time and to ensure the global competitiveness and employability of training participants by implementing a holistic methodology to fill the void of qualified manpower for the BPO-CC industry through:

- √ Enterprise incubation for Income Generation Program (IGP) of the SUC.

- √ Transfer of technology to the SUC.
- √ To improve the competencies of students and graduates in skill sets required by the BPO industry to increase their employability.
- √ To create a pool of qualified manpower to support the growth of the BPO and contact center industry
- √ To enhance the capability of the Higher Education Institution to develop curricular and continuing professional education programs relevant to the industry requirements.
- √ To institutionalize an enterprise incubation process that promotes the three-fold mission of the State Universities and College.
- √ To enhance the capability of educators to teach subjects that are relevant to the BPO industry such as communication and language proficiency, customer applications, foreign cultures and customs.
- √ To provide facilities for on-the-job training of students
- √ To strengthen the academe and BPO industry linkages.

As project beneficiaries, each of the 6 State University is obliged to create their own Management Committee to oversee and supervise the project. They are tasked to utilize the facilities to train future IT specialists particularly call center agents and managers. Further, the benchmarking of a standard curricula for the BPO sector will be crafted in collaboration with the Commission on Information

and Communication Technology (CICT) and the Business Processing Association of the Philippines (BPAP).

The project requires the universities to submit Annual Reports on operation and finances to the Oversight Committee. The Committee is chaired by CHED, together with CICT, BPAP and DTI representatives, whose job is to monitor and evaluate project facilities utilization and compliance by the 6 State Universities under the terms and conditions of the donation.

The project consists of two phases. The **First Phase** is the pre-operating phase, which includes the mobilization activities and the following tasks:

- Planning, Design and Construction of the proposed Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Business Process Outsourcing-Incubation Contact Centers (BPO-ICC) building;
- Planning, Design and Retrofitting of BPO-ICC for the remote SUC Project Locations:
 - √ Technological University of the Philippines
 - √ Tarlac State University
 - √ Pangasinan State University
 - √ Laguna State Polytechnic University
 - √ Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University
- Supply of hardware equipment (i.e. computer systems and peripherals), provision of BPO-Software Technology, System

integration, installation, and setup;

- Supply and Provision of Outdoor Equipment and Service Vehicles; and
- Overall management, methodology, business development, training, and overall BPO conceptual design.

The **Second Phase** is the Project Operation phase where a transfer of technology was supposed to be completed in 60 months.

- With the donation, CHED has now relinquished handling the operation of the facility, which shall be done directly by the 6 State Universities.

The Project was bidded out in 2007 and awarded to the eServices Global Solutions (eSGS). The Commission terminated the services of eSGS on advice by legislators that CHED should allow the SUCs to implement the project themselves.



Chairman Emmanuel Angeles took oath as regular Chairman of CHED as his son, Atty. Martin Angeles looked on. He was joined by Commissioners Nenalyn Defensor and Nona Ricafort, both re-appointed as Commissioners for a second term of 4 years, were also sworn in. Family members and close friends of the Commissioners also joined them.



(From L-R) Atty. Carmelita Y. Sison, OIC Deputy Exec. Dir., Commissioners Lunyngning Umar, Nenalyn P. Defensor, Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, Most Rev. Paciano B. Anieceto-Archbishop of Pampanga, Chairman Emmanuel Angeles and Q.C Mayor Feliciano Belmonte led the blessing of the ribbons during the Blessing and Inauguration ceremonies of the CHED Building on August 29, 2010.

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Among the guests were Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, Quezon City Councilor Nanette Daza and other diplomatic officials. The guests were entertained by Angeles University Foundation Performing Arts who staged a cultural presentation during the said program.

Located inside the UP Diliman Campus, the HEDC is one of the sub-components of the seven investment

strategies under the Higher Education Development Project eyed to exert broad impact in improving higher education. The HEDC will serve as the physical nerve center for higher education development in the country. Aside from CHED's central offices, the HEDC will also be home to a higher education virtual library, higher education management information system, media room, accreditation rooms, technical panel offices, multi-agency project management units, training rooms and accommodation facilities.

CHED Boosts Training for Chem Teachers

A two successive three-day workshops on microscale chemistry were held for chemistry teachers. Approximately 160 chemistry teachers were trained in the use of the microscale technique to augment the laboratory exercises for the BS Chemistry program. The teachers were taught concepts and hands-on experimentation using very small quantities of chemicals.

The Luzon workshop was carried out at the University of Santo Tomas on October 19-21 while the Visayas and Mindanao leg at the University of San Agustin on October 22-24.

The workshops were facilitated by Professor Jorge Ibanez of the Mexican Microscale Chemistry Center at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico and

Professor Fortunato Sevilla III of the Chemistry Department at the University of Santo Tomas for BS Chemistry program teachers.

Professor Ibanez is an internationally renowned expert on microscale chemistry and a technical resource person of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)—the world authority on standards in the chemical sciences. Professor Sevilla, on the other hand, is long time practitioner of microscale chemistry in the Philippines, and a staunch advocate of do-it-yourself instrumentation.

The techniques that the teachers learned will cut down the associated costs of conducting experiments, reduce waste, decrease student exposure to toxic substances, simplify laboratory setups and increase

available time of students for other activities.

The microscale workshops were financed cooperatively by the CHED, the Science Education Institute of the Philippine Department of Science and Technology, the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Mexico, the Embassy of Mexico in the Philippines, the University of Santo Tomas and the University of San Agustin.

Technical and administrative support for the workshop was provided by the CHED Science and Mathematics Unit, the Chemistry Departments of the University of Santo Tomas and University of San Agustin, the Philippine Federation of Chemical Societies, Inc. and the Kapisanang Kimika ng Pilipinas.

31 SUCs Receive P1M Each from CHED

Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles led the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement granting One Million Pesos to each of the thirty-one (31) state universities and colleges (SUCs) on August 14, 2009 at the CHED Central Office, Diliman, Quezon City.

As part of the full implementation of the National Agriculture and Fisheries Education System (NAFES), the 31 SUCs, represented by the respective presidents, were identified by CHED as National Universities and Colleges of Agriculture and Fisheries (NUCAF).

During his opening speech, Chairman Angeles congratulated the SUCs for the cash endowment they received which will fund provisions for more scholarships, faculty development and facilities upgrading.

However, Chairman Angeles said that CHED will still monitor the performance of these SUCs in terms of the number of their graduates who will pass the licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC).

He added that CHED is still working on the revision of the law requiring graduates of agriculture and

fisheries programs to take licensure examinations to encourage more students to take up agriculture and fisheries programs as part of the government's food production strategy.

Chairman Angeles further encouraged SUCs to strengthen ties with the Department of Agriculture to organize a bigger summit that will raise funds for agriculture and fisheries education sectors in the country.

CHED Commissioner William C. Medrano gave a brief

President Arroyo awards Scholarships to 20 “Town Scholars”

Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo arrived at the multi-purpose hall of Palat Elementary School in Porac, Pampanga in the afternoon of July 13, 2009 to award twenty (20) students their certificate of scholarship under the “One Town, One Scholar” program initiated by President Arroyo early this year.

During the ceremonies, she was assisted by Secretary Emmanuel Y. Angeles, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in giving out the certificates to students.

The scholarships were funded through CHED and

distributed to poor but deserving public high school graduates who were chosen as their municipalities’ “Town Scholar” so that they could enroll in a state university or college.

President Arroyo was warmly welcomed by a large crowd of students, parents, faculty and municipal officers who were eager to see and hear her talk about opportunities for students and their families in gaining access to higher education.

President Arroyo was in a high to share with the people of Porac how all “Town Scholars” will each receive a scholarship for a four or five-year college degree program, including free tuition and transportation and related

allowances, not exceeding P15,000 per semester for SY 2009-2010 and every year thereafter.

One should, however pass the state college or university’s entrance examination to be qualified as a “Town Scholar.”

The “One Town, One Scholar” Scholarship Program is a separate, special program under the Commission on Higher Education’s (CHED) Scholarship Program, that aims to ensure that the best poor public high school graduate from every municipality, especially those who have no financial means, will get a college education.

Also, this program provides one scholarship for each of the 1,500 municipalities/towns in the entire country.

President Arroyo poses for a shot with the 20 student awardees of “One Town, One Scholar” program (OTOS) in Porac, Pampanga on July 13, 2009.



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presentation on NAFES. He said that a multi-sectoral National Agriculture and Fisheries Education System (NAFES) Committee was formed to strengthen the human resources of the agriculture and fisheries sectors.

For tertiary education, the CHED has been directed to formulate a system of accreditation for a

Network for National Centers of Excellence (NCE) in Agriculture and Fisheries Education and to rationalize the whole tertiary education system in agriculture and fisheries. It maintains and supports an integrated, modernize and rationalize system of agriculture and fisheries education. NAFES unifies, coordinates and improves the system of implementing academic programs and upgrade quality and ensure sustainability and global

competitiveness.

The Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997 (R.A. 8435) seeks to establish a network of National Centers of Excellence (NCEs) and Provincial Institutions (PIs) in agriculture and fisheries education. Through this network, various government agencies including the CHED through the CHED-NAFES Committee and Technical Committee were created.

30 Nurses to Train in Japan as Careworkers

Last September 2009, 30 Filipino registered nurses were sent to Japan for free to undergo a caregiver training program. This was made possible under memorandum of agreement (MOU) signed between the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Japan International Corporation of Welfare Services (JICWELS). The 30 young nurses looked excited yet anxious for what are in store for them during the send-off and pre-departure ceremonies held at the HEDC Building on September 18, 2009.

CHED Chairman Angeles expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan for fostering the partnership .

Ambassador Makoto Katsura of Japan attended the event as guest of honor together with Osama Yoshioka, General Manager of Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) and other officials from the Embassy of Japan and CHED.



CHED Officials, Japanese Embassy Representatives and members of both local and international press agencies joined the 30 Filipino nurses at the send-off and pre-departure ceremonies held at the CHED Function Room on September 18, 2009.

The nurses, most of whom just passed the recent nursing board exam, will be trained in a Kaigofushishi school, a Japanese school which trains caregivers who have been given permit to train and work in the said country.

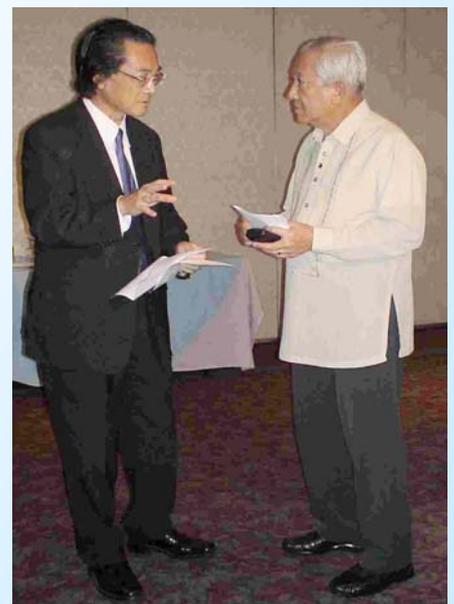
Coming from different schools from all over the country, the applicants were carefully and strictly evaluated by the CHED Office of International Affairs based on their academic standing, physical, mental and psychological readiness to study in a foreign country.

According to Chairman Angeles, the Philippines is the only country granted by Japan under an economic partnership agreement to allow its nationals to study a caregiver course in Japan and permitted to work as careworker without taking the certification examination for careworkers.

The JICWELS MOU with the Philippines was signed on June 5, 2009 paving the entry of Filipinos wanting to study a careworker course in Japan.



The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between JICWELS and the Philippines was held in Sulo Hotel on June 5, 2009.



Chairman Angeles and Ambassador Makoto Katsura of Japan during the MOU signing ceremony held in Sulo Hotel on June 5, 2009.

COE Projects get P34M

In its attempt to promote excellence in research and improve the instruction capabilities of higher education institutions, CHED has allotted P 43 million for projects to be implemented by the designated Centers of Excellence.

By virtue of Commission en banc Resolution No. 342-2009, the CHED has approved the budget allotment for projects in disciplines namely: science, information technology and teacher education. In science, among the research projects endorsed by the Technical Panel (TP)

the following areas were given priority: DNA barcoding of endemic species, nanotechnology, natural products development, environmental monitoring and mitigation, economic geology, and climate studies. In information technology and teacher education, the CHED has approved allotments for TP recommended projects on enhancing instruction via faculty upgrading, facilities and equipment augmentation, and library improvement.

Centers of Excellence in the following HEIs will receive funding

assistance for approved projects: in science—Ateneo de Manila University (chemistry), De La Salle University (biology and physics), Mindanao State University-Iligan (chemistry), University of the Philippines-Diliman (chemistry and geology) and University of the Philippines-Los Baños (chemistry); in information technology—Angeles University Foundation, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, University of the Philippines-Diliman, University of the Philippines-Los Baños, and in teacher education.

Higher Education Indicators (2008-2009)	
Total HEIs (excluding SUCs Sattelite campuses)	1,741
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<i>Public</i>	203
<i>Private</i>	1,538
Autonomous/Deregulated Private HEIs	50
Enrollment	
All Disciplines	2,625,159
Public	982,475
Private	1,642,684
Graduates	
All Disciplines	517,427
Public	174,263
Private	343,164
Faculty Qualification	
% with MA/MS	35.00
% with PhD	10.00
Accreditation	
No. of HEIs with Accredited Programs	392
% of HEIs with Accredited Programs	19
Total No. of Beneficiaries	
Scholarship and Other Financial Assistance	72,775
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CHED Heads Anew APEC National Monitoring Committee

CHED took over the chairmanship of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) National Monitoring Committee (NMC) from the Philippine Technological Council (PTC) in a simple ceremony held at the Centennial Room of the historic Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila on September 3, 2009.

Chairman Angeles was handed over the Blue Book, Registry Book, and AERP Emblem as the incoming NMC Chairman from outgoing Chairman Engineer Alfredo D. Antonio, PTC President.

The APEC-NMC was created in May 2000 through a Memorandum of Agreement signed by CHED, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and PTC. The Philippines' membership to the APEC Human Resource Development Working Group (HRDWG) mandates the participating economies to join in the establishment of a project "to assist professional engineer bodies to maintain an APEC Engineer Register in each economy as a basis of a



CHED Chairman Emmanuel Angeles (Middle) was handed over the Blue Book, Registry Book, and AERP Emblem as the incoming NMC Chairman from outgoing Chairman Engineer Alfredo D. Antonio during the turn-over ceremony held in Club Filipino, San Juan, Metro Manila on September 3, 2009.

transparent system to facilitate the mobility of professional engineers for cross-border practice within the region."

The establishment of the APEC Equivalence and Exemption Framework requires a national independent authorized body to monitor and maintain the provisions contained in the framework

Chairman Angeles announced

in his acceptance speech that CHED will be implementing various programs in line with its modernization program to be conducted in the next three to four years. He identified the need for curricular reforms under the Higher Education Modernization Program. This would require massive investments to make higher education programs comparable with those of international agreements. Initially, one of the five year programs to be prioritized includes Engineering and Architecture.

CHED has also identified as a strategy in strengthening Quality Assurance Mechanism the creation of the Philippine Accreditation Board for Engineering, Computing and Technology (PABECT) in compliance with the Washington Accord and APEC Registry. Other activities including the updating of profiles of AERP registered engineers through a trace project, promotion of AERP to the Association of Professional Organizations (APO) to encourage more membership; and review or revision the competency standards will be pursued.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is the government body covering both public and private higher education institutions as well as degree-granting programs in all tertiary education institutions in the Philippines.

The CHED was created on May 18, 1994 through Republic Act No. 7722 or the Higher Education Act of 1994. The CHED is attached to the Office of the President for administrative purposes.

The creation of CHED was part of a broad agenda for reforms in the country's education system, outlined by the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM) in 1992. Part of the reform is the trifolization of the education management into the Department of Education (DepEd) for basic education, the Commission on Higher Education for tertiary and graduate education, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for technical-vocational and middle level education.

