



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

**CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 05 Series 2007

**SUBJECT : IDENTIFIED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND  
CENTERS OF DEVELOPMENT IN SCIENCE AND  
MATHEMATICS**

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”, and for the purpose of establishing Centers of Excellence (COEs) and Centers of Development (CODs) that serve as potent catalyst in specific program areas needed for the development of world-class scholarships, nation building, and national development.

**Definitions**

**Center of Excellence (COE)** is a distinction bestowed upon a unit, which has outstandingly accomplished its academic duties to benefit stakeholders and the community at large. It is a designation, which demonstrates a unit’s exemplary performance in its teaching, research and extension functions. The unit as a designated COE must exhibit the following characteristics:

- ❖ A strong graduate program in the basic and applied sciences and mathematics.
- ❖ The faculty must be involved in research or exhibits strong capability to undertake research.
- ❖ Research must be demonstrated by publications through commendable outlets.
- ❖ Proclivity to establish links, and share resources and outputs with other units.

**Center of Development (COD)** is an acknowledgment of a unit’s performance of its academic work and the promise it holds to provide excellent education in the near future. It is a designation of a unit’s evident above average performance in teaching, research and extension functions. The unit as a designated COD must have the following characteristics:

- ❖ At least a strong undergraduate program in the sciences and mathematics.
- ❖ The faculty must show a strong potential to be developed to undertake research, and publish results and other outputs.
- ❖ An inclination to establish links, and share resources and outputs with other units.

The Commission has approved through CEB Resolution Nos. 504, 529, 637 Series of 2006 the following institutions as COEs and CODs in specific Science and Mathematics disciplines for a period of 5 years:

INSTITUTION	Designation	Discipline
Ateneo de Manila University	COE	Chemistry Mathematics Physics
	COD	Biology Environmental Science
Central Luzon State University	COD	Biology Chemistry
Central Mindanao University	COD	Biology Mathematics
De La Salle University-Taft	COE	Biology Chemistry Mathematics Physics
Mindanao Polytechnic State College	COD	Mathematics
Mindanao State University - Naawan	COD	Marine Science
Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology	COE	Chemistry Mathematics
	COD	Biology Physics
Silliman University	COD	Biology
University of San Carlos	COE	Chemistry
	COD	Biology Physics
University of Santo Tomas	COE	Chemistry
	COD	Biology
University of the Philippines in the Visayas-Miag-ao	COD	Biology Marine Science
University of the <b>Philippines-Baguio</b>	COD	Mathematics
University of the Philippines-Diliman	COE	Biology Chemistry Geology Marine Science Mathematics Molecular Biology Statistics Physics
	COE	Biology Chemistry Mathematics
University of the Philippines- Los Baños	COE	Biology Chemistry Mathematics
	COD	Statistics

## EFFECTIVITY

The designation of selected HEIs as COE/COD in Science and Mathematics shall be effective for five (5) years. The effectivity date shall commence on the date of approval of applicable CEB resolutions, as follows:

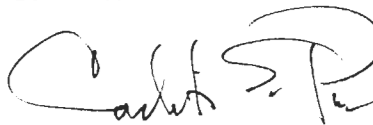
<b>CEB Resolution No.</b>	<b>Date of Approval</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
504	31 July 2006	Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics
529	14 August 2006	Biology, Geology, Molecular Biology and Marine Science
637	25 September 2006	Environmental Science and Statistics

## APPLICATION/ REAPPLICATION

Institutions that applied but were not able to meet the requirements as a COE or COD may only reapply after two (2) years following the dates given above.

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For the Commission:

  
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