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CHED urges LUCs to adopt best practices of Canadian community colleges

To support the local economy and to prepare students for the so-called emerging jobs, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is encouraging Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) to look into the best practices of Canadian Community Colleges.

CHED Officer-in-Charge Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III on Thursday, October 11 highlighted this during the “Conference on Building a Skilled Workforce” held at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP), Pasig City.

“This conference will highlight best practices in Canada at both ministry and institutional level. The program will showcase educational programs for skills development, applied research, industry and community partnerships, and governance, and leadership strategies that can be developed at the community college level to develop a framework for community college in the Philippine context,” De Vera said.

The event was organized by CHED, Embassy of Canada in the Philippines, Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan), and PLP.

He also urged officials and representatives of LUCs to form partnerships with businesses in the local community.

Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines, His Excellency John T. Holmes, also supported CHED’s decision in linking Philippine LUCs with Canadian community colleges.

“Canadian colleges bring insights and best practices across Canada and worldwide. Our community college sector, our educational institutions, they are working very closely with industry to aligned the skills training with the labor market needs,” Ambassador Holmes said.

He also assured the representatives of LUCs present in the conference that Canadian community colleges conduct a lot of applied research, which supports small and medium-sized enterprises.

For her response, Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU) Secretary Dr. Amihan April M. Alcazar affirmed the associations’ goal to explore strategies in developing the capacity for innovation and development using the best practices of Canadian institutions.

“This seminar is the very first capacity-building seminar organized by the CHED primarily targeted towards LUCs, and we would like to really seek possible partnerships and mentorships with Canadian institutions in order to develop the model for community colleges that maybe institutionalized and adopted to the situation to the LUCs in the Philippines,” Dr. Alcazar said.

Currently, there are 108 listed LUCs in the country, of which 78 are CHED-recognized.