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CHED awards Outstanding HEIs for the COVID-19 Vaccination Program

In recognition of the efforts and hard work of its partner higher education institutions (HEIs), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) awarded sixteen (16) Outstanding HEIs for their COVID-19 Vaccination Program.

The outstanding HEIs have very high vaccination rates of at least 95% of the total number of HEI faculty and staff and more than 70% of the total number of tertiary students.

"CHED has been an inspiration to us in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Your initiatives to vaccinate the tertiary students, HEI personnel, and the general public is highly commendable. We thank the whole higher education sector for offering your facilities and manpower to help in our COVID-19 vaccination rollout," said former Vaccine Czar Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr.

These HEIs also launched information campaigns, made their facilities vaccination centers, developed partnerships with their local governments, and worked with the DOH and National Task Force COVID-19 in vaccinating not just their students, staff, and faculty but also the public.

The school based vaccination program launched in 2021 by CHED, DOH, NTF Covid19 and the participating HEIs and LGUs was responsible for the high vaccination rates among students, faculty and staff that allowed the opening of face to face classes in HEIs.

Face to face classes were allowed in medicine and allied health sciences in January 2021, engineering and technology programs in September 2021 and for all degree programs in November 2021.

The following outstanding HEIs were awarded in the ceremony at the PICC:

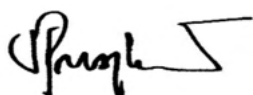
No.	Region	HEI
1	Region I	Mariano Marcos State University
2	Region II	University of Saint Louis
3	Region III	Centro Escolar University - Malolos
4	CALABARZON	University of the Philippines Los Baños
5	MIMAROPA	John Paul College
6	Region V	University of Santo Tomas - Legazpi
7	Region VI	West Visayas State University

8	Region VII	Matias H. Aznar Memorial College of Medicine
9	Region VIII	Doña Remedios T. Romualdez Medical Foundation
10	Region IX	Universidad de Zamboanga
11	Region X	Xavier University
12	Region XI	Cor Jesu College, Inc.
13	Region XII	St. Alexius College, Inc.
14	CAR	University of Baguio
15	Caraga Region	Father Saturnino Urios University
16	NCR and Region III	Our Lady of Fatima University - Valenzuela and Pampanga Campus

"So many HEIs launched school based vaccination and must be commended. But these awardees are the "best of the best" exemplifying the Bayanihan spirit by forging unity and cooperation among key stakeholders to expedite the vaccination against COVID-19 of their students, faculty, and non-teaching personnel," said CHED Chairman Popoy De Vera.

"Hindi po namin akalain na kami ay mabibigyan ng award. We are very grateful for CHED for recognizing our COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Truly, it took a whole-of-nation approach for the Philippines to vaccinate 71 million people. Every effort counts, every contribution counts," OLFU President Caroline Enriquez said.

The awarding ceremony at the Philippine International Convention Center was organized by CHED and joined by former National Vaccine Czar Sec Charlie Galvez. It is part of CHED's celebration of the National Higher Education Day by virtue of RA 11522.



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