



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

MESSAGE

My warmest greetings to the **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)** as it celebrates its **27th Founding Anniversary** and spearheads the observance of the **1st National Higher Education Day**.

The empowerment of the Filipino youth is vital if they are to become competent and well-rounded professionals who are capable of charting the course of our nation's future. I thus laud the consistent efforts of CHED in ensuring that our students have access to quality tertiary education even amidst the current challenges to teaching and learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we hold the maiden observance of National Higher Education Day during these difficult times, I hope that we may all be encouraged to better appreciate the importance of higher education in fostering the improved capacity and global competitiveness of Filipinos, especially in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.

May you have a meaningful celebration. Mabuhay kayong lahat!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodrigo Roa Duterte".

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

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