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PH, US universities push for internationalization of higher education

Washington DC- The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) continuously pushes for the internationalization of Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs) with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Center for Global Advancement of Community Colleges (CGACC) to foster greater education cooperation and exchange between HEIs in the Philippines and United States of America (USA).

CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III and CGACC Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer Zepur Solakia signed the MoU at the sidelines of the National Association for Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA) conference held Wednesday, May 29 in Washington D.C.

"This partnership between CHED and CGACC is essential to build opportunities for increased student and faculty exchanges between Philippine HEIs and US community colleges, to promote adult education, and to adopt innovative practices in community colleges for state universities and colleges (SUCs) and local universities and colleges (LUCs)", De Vera said.

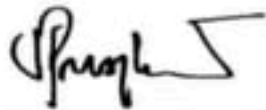
"We are pushing this collaboration to create a platform where similarly-interested institutions can find areas of collaboration. The Commission will continue to increase funding for internationalization to assist HEIs link with universities abroad", De Vera added.

The MoU will focus on cooperation in the following areas: joint conferences, research activities and programs on community colleges; exchange of academic materials and publications; exchange of faculty members and students for research and lectures, and; development of capacity building programs on the governance and programs design delivery of community colleges.

CHED and CGACC will establish a joint working group to develop programs and projects between HEIs and community colleges starting this year.

Also present during the signing ceremony were CHED Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat, Mariano Marcos State University President Shirley C. Agrupis, Polytechnic University of the Philippines Vice Presidents Anna Ruby P. Gapasin and Zenaida R. Sarmiento, Bataan Peninsula State University President Gregorio J. Rodis and Cotabato City Polytechnic College President Dammang S. Ban-tala.

Representatives from the College of the Canyons, Northern Virginia Community College, Pima College, Riverside Community College, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Monica College, Shoreline Community College, and Valencia College also joined the meeting.



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