



Statement on the Shooting Incident in Ateneo de Manila University

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is deeply saddened by the horrific school shooting that occurred today at Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City.

In addition to the tragic loss of lives, such events lead to post-traumatic distress among victims and to those who have witnessed these.

I personally know Former Lamitan City Mayor Rosita Furigay, who is among the three victims, and Mayor Oric Furigay and they have received me with open arms during my visits to Lamitan City.

We would therefore like to extend our condolences to the families of the victims of this act of violence and to the Ateneo Community as a whole.

CHED, and the entire higher education community, condemn this act of violence committed inside a higher education institution (HEI). We entrust our law enforcement authorities to bring to justice those responsible for this.

This incident also highlights the importance of keeping our campuses safe and secure as places of learning, inclusivity and peace.

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