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SUBJECT: MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF ALL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, NURSING, TEACHER EDUCATION, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION EFFECTIVE SCHOOL YEAR 2011-2012

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and **Commission En Banc Resolution No. 211-2010** dated August 23, 2010, a **MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF NEW PROGRAMS** in the following Undergraduate and Graduate programs is hereby declared by the Commission effective School Year 2011- 2012:

- 1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
 - a. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)
 - b. Master in Business Administration (MBA)
 - c. Doctor in Business Administration (DBA)

- 2. NURSING**
 - a. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
 - b. Master of Arts/Master in Nursing (MAN/MN)
 - c. Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhDN)

- 3. TEACHER EDUCATION**
 - a. Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEE)
 - b. Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSE)
 - c. Master of Arts in Education (MAED)
 - d. Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
 - e. Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D in Educ.)

- 4. HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT**
 - a. Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management (BSHRM)
 - b. Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management (BSHM)

- c. Master of Science in Hospitality Management/Hotel and Restaurant Management (MSHM/MSHRM)
- d. Doctor of Hotel and Restaurant Management/Hospitality Management (DHRM/DHHRM)

5. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- a. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)
- b. Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT)
- c. Master in Information Technology (MIT)
- d. Doctor of Information Technology (DIT)

The declaration of Moratorium is anchored on the following:

1. There is already a proliferation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) offering Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Business Administration, Nursing, Teacher Education, Hotel and Restaurant Management and Information Technology Education, which if allowed to continue unabated would result to deterioration of the quality of graduates of these five (5) higher education programs.
2. The validation of the outcome of the Evaluation of Graduate Program in the Philippines (EGEP) confirmed the weakening state of the quality of graduates from the Business Administration and Teacher Education programs all over the country.
3. The result of the Licensure Examination for Teachers and Nurses administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) also showed a gradual decline in the performance of teacher and nursing education graduates indicating the worsening state of the programs.
4. The problem of mismatch that is currently being experienced by significant number of business administration, hotel and restaurant management and information technology graduates.

Hence, the following guidelines relative to the moratorium shall be strictly observed:

1. Applications for permit which are considered "in the pipeline" shall be given due course.
 - 1.1 All applications for permit received by the CHEDCO and CHEDROs for School Year 2011-2012 and prior to the approval of the CMO and already acted upon or processed shall be considered "**applications in the pipeline**". Likewise, "**applications in the pipeline**" shall also mean

those applications received by CHEDCO and CHEDROs wherein the appropriate application fees have been paid on or before June 30, 2010.

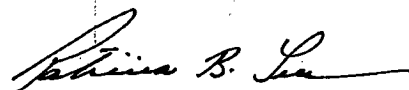
- 1.2 The inventory of applications for the abovementioned programs received by the CHEDROs and those submitted directly to CHEDCO for SY 2011 and 2012 shall be the basis for determining the ***“applications in the pipeline”***.
- 1.3 Likewise, applications under appeal/reconsideration as of September 30, 2010 in the CHEDCO shall be acted upon by the Office of Programs and Standards (OPS), which shall conduct the appropriate processing and evaluation pursuant to the Commission's existing rules and regulations.
2. The moratorium shall cover ***all*** public (State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)/Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) and private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) including those which were granted autonomous status by the Commission.
3. Moratorium policies for Maritime Education (CMO No. 47, series of 2009) are still in effect.
4. The Commission through the Office of Programs and Standards shall constitute a Committee to assess the state of the foregoing programs. In this regard, a Technical Working Group/Technical Committee will be constituted to assist the Commission in carrying out this undertaking.

This CMO shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in force and effect until otherwise revoked or superseded.

For strict compliance.

Quezon City, Philippines September 30, 2010

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