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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER

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TO : CHED CENTRAL AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS
PRESIDENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

SUBJECT : **VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL SERVE AS SATELLITE VENUES FOR THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 5, 2005**

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Pursuant to pertinent provisions of Republic Act 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and in the exigency of the service, Higher Education Institutions are hereby requested to suspend classes in cities and provinces that will serve as satellite venues for the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games). Affected classes shall hold make up sessions in order to comply with the same number of contact hours in their respective subjects.

For strict compliance of all concerned.

Issued this November 7, 2005, Pasig City, Philippines.


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Dr. Puno:

This refers to Congressman Monico C. Puentevella's letter dated October 3, 2005. Congressman Puentevella requested that the Southeast Asian Games ("SEA Games") period be declared as a special holiday for schools in the provinces and cities that will serve as satellite venues for the events.

According to Cong. Puentevella, Bacolod City is preparing for the staging of the biennial meet which will be held from November 20 to December 5, 2005. A number of the members of the organizing committee for the said event are student volunteers from colleges and universities in the area. Hence, he is requesting for the suspension of classes during the SEA Games period to provide the student volunteers more time and focus to prepare for the said event.

Republic Act No. ("R.A.") 7722 creating the Commission on Higher Education ("CHED") provides that the CHED shall govern both public and private institutions of higher education.¹ Among the functions of the CHED is to formulate and recommend development plans, policies, priorities, and programs on higher education and research.² Considering that the proposal may have adverse impact on the plans and program of the CHED, as well as the curriculum of the concerned institutions under your supervision, we are requesting for your comments and recommendation on the said request.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your response at the soonest possible time.

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¹ Section 3, R.A. 7722.

² Section 8(a), R.A. 7722.



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October 3, 2005

Her Excellency
GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
 President, Republic of the Philippines
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Dear Madam President,

Greetings from the City of Smiles!

With barely two months to go before our hosting of the 25th Southeast Asian Games in the country, in Bacolod City are working round the clock to ensure that all our preparations are in place before the staging of the biennial meet on November 20 – December 5, 2005.

Like in any other events of this magnitude, the heart and soul of our organizing committee lie on the volunteers who selflessly contribute their time, talents and resources in ensuring that we put our best foot forward in welcoming our Southeast Asian athletes and guests.

Comprising a majority of our core volunteers are students from our colleges and universities who see this rare event as an opportunity to be of service to our people and country. As of this time, many of our students are already lending their helping hands in the various committees that we have created whenever they are free from their respective classes.

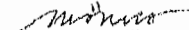
Considering the vital role that our volunteers play in the success of the Games, we are humbly and earnestly seeking the favorable consideration of Her Excellency in declaring the SEA Games period as a special holiday for schools in the provinces and cities that will serve as satellite venues for the events. In our city for example, we will be starting ahead on November 20 and by which time we will be needing all the help that we can get in making sure that the athletes and guests are given proper care and attention.

We sincerely hope and pray that Her Excellency would allow the suspension of the classes during the said period so as to provide our volunteers with the time and focus to serve our country through the Games.

The Bacolodinos and Negrosenos are grateful for your continuing support and may we once again be privileged of your most kind consideration.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


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