



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

August 19, 2021

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **000475**, s. 2021

**DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) EASTERN VISAYAS  
RESOLUTION NUMBERS 36 and 37, SERIES 2021**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

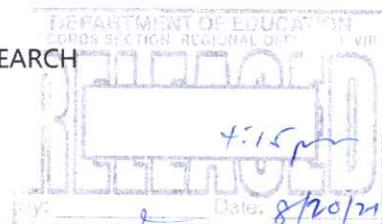
1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), disseminates to the field the attached Regional Development Council (RDC) Eastern Visayas Resolution Nos. 36 and 37, series of 2021 on the Proposed Affirmative Action Program for the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in Region VIII to Provide Access to Quality Education for the Underprivileged/Marginalized Students and Conduct of a Study on the Spatial Characterization and Matching of Senior High School (SHS), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and Industries in Region VIII, respectively.
2. Relative to RDC Resolution No. 37, s. 2021, this Office reiterates the completion of the SHS Data on the Regional Master List of Senior High School Implementers requested by the research proponents as per Regional Memorandum No. 365, s. 2021 dated July 5, 2021.
3. For the details on the above-mentioned RDC Resolutions, refer to the attachments.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA**  
Regional Director *ML*

Enclosures: As stated  
References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

MONITORING AND EVALUATION      SHS      RESEARCH  
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**RDC VIII Resolution No. 36, Series of 2021**

**ENDORISING THE PROPOSED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCS) IN REGION VIII TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED/MARGINALIZED STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act 10931, known as the *Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA)*, declared that quality education is an inalienable right of all Filipinos and it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels;

**WHEREAS**, the UAQTEA expanded and enhanced the coverage of the free tuition in SUCs in 2017, which is now composed of four equally important programs: (a) Free Higher Education (tuition and miscellaneous fees) in SUCs and Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-recognized local universities and colleges, (b) Free Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in public and private institutions registered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), (c) Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) or grants-in-aid for poor students in public and private institutions, and (d) Student Loan Program (SLP) for tertiary education students;

**WHEREAS**, even with the expanded subsidies provided by the UAQTEA, other education-related expenses (i.e. living expense, on-the-job training fees, uniform expense, etc.) still hinder the poor but deserving students from pursuing tertiary education;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed affirmative action program of the SUCs in Eastern Visayas, copy hereto attached as Annex A, aims to ensure that identified student beneficiaries from all sectors will have access to quality tertiary education in any of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) 8 member universities and colleges by providing for the other expenses not covered by the UAQTEA and by mentoring the beneficiary students throughout the duration of their higher education;

**WHEREAS**, the program is intended for the underprivileged/marginalized students, such as: (a) those coming from the indigenous groups, (b) persons with disabilities, (c) students from public schools, (d) students from depressed areas, and (e) children of former rebels;

**WHEREAS**, this program will be implemented by the SUCs in partnership with PASUC 8, CHED Regional Office VIII, Department of Social Welfare and Development Regional Office VIII, and the Department of Education Regional Office VIII;

**WHEREAS**, the program, once endorsed and implemented, will significantly help achieve demographic dividend as espoused in the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 Midterm Update Sustainable Development Goal on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;

**WHEREAS**, by addressing one of the root causes of insurgency, the program will also help achieve the objectives of Executive Order No. 70 to end local armed conflict in the countryside;


**WHEREAS**, foregoing considered and upon the recommendation of the RDC VIII-Social Development Committee through Resolution No. 24, Series of 2021, this Council finds merit in the said proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the motion of RDC VIII–Social Development Committee Chairperson and Commission on Higher Education VIII Regional Director, George M. Colorado, duly seconded by RDC VIII Private Sector Representative for Women, Anita M. Ogrimen, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to endorse the proposed Affirmative Action Program for SUCs in Region VIII to provide access to quality education for underprivileged/marginalized students.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, in a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.


Certified true and correct:

Attested:

  
**EnP ANNIELYN B. COSTINIANO**  
Acting Secretary and  
OIC-Assistant Regional Director, NEDA VIII

  
**ATTY. BONIFACIO G. UY**  
Vice-Chairperson and  
Regional Director, NEDA VIII

Approved:

  
**HON. LEOPOLDO DOMINICO L. PETILLA**  
Chairperson, RDC VIII and Presiding Officer and  
Governor, Province of Leyte



**RDC VIII Resolution No. 37, Series of 2021**

**ENDORING THE CONDUCT OF A STUDY ON THE SPATIAL CHARACTERIZATION AND MATCHING OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SHS), HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs), AND INDUSTRIES IN REGION VIII**

**WHEREAS**, RDC VIII passed Resolution No. 58, Series of 2020, entitled *Enjoining the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) VIII, Department of Education (DepEd) VIII, and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) 8 to Conduct a Consultation and Discuss the Implementation of the K to 12 Curriculum, particularly on the Readiness of Senior High School (SHS) Graduates to Proceed to Higher Education Institution (HEI) Programs Considering the HEI-Requisite Courses Offered in Senior High School*;

**WHEREAS**, on 11 February 2021, a consultation was conducted by CHED VIII with the members of PASUC 8 and among the agreements was for the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) to lead the conduct of a wholistic assessment in identifying the needed interventions to bridge the gap between the SHSs and HEIs;

**WHEREAS**, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting of the RDC VIII-Social Development Committee (SDC), SLSU presented a project proposal entitled *Spatial Characterization and Matching of SHS, HEIs, and Industry in Region VIII* with 4 component studies as follows:

1. Spatial Characterization of SHSs in Region VIII,
2. Spatial Characterization of HEIs in Region VIII,
3. Spatial Characterization of the Industry Needs in Region VIII, and
4. Matching of Core Competencies of SHS, HEIs, and Industry Skill Sets Need;

**WHEREAS**, the main objective of the project is to determine, develop, and implement innovative strategies and policies to strengthen the curricular programs of SHS in Region VIII;

**WHEREAS**, the project will conduct characterization, spatial analysis, and matching of SHS, HEIs, and industries in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the studies will be conducted by the PASUC 8, in the SUCs' respective provinces/designated areas of coverage, in partnership with CHED VIII, DepEd VIII, DTI VIII, and DOLE VIII, with SLSU as the lead implementing SUC that will be tasked to consolidate and come up with a regional perspective of the results;

**WHEREAS**, the first three component studies will run simultaneously for four months while the fourth component study will run for two more months after the first component studies are done, for a total provisional budgetary requirement of PhP911,944.00;

**WHEREAS**, the funding will be sourced from the research fund of SLSU;


**WHEREAS**, foregoing considered and upon the recommendation of the RDC VIII-SDC through Resolution No. 26, Series of 2021, this Council finds merit in the said proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the motion of RDC VIII – Social Development Committee Chairperson and Commission on Higher Education VIII Regional Director, George M. Colorado, duly seconded by RDC VIII Private Sector Representative for Women, Anita M. Ogrimen, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to endorse the conduct of a study on the spatial characterization and matching of SHSs, HEIs, and industries in Region VIII.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, in a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.


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