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Dear ***Atty. Estrada and Atty. Yung,***

*Greetings from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)!*

This is with reference to your letter 01 August 2022 as the representative of the following twenty-one (21) medical schools in the Philippines:

1. Davao Medical School Foundation, Davao City,
2. AMA University College of Medicine, Manila
3. Emilio Aguinaldo College of Medicine, Manila
4. Our Lady of Fatima College of Medicine, Valenzuela
5. Perpetual Help University College of Medicine, Las Piñas
6. University of the Visayas - Gullas College of Medicine, Cebu
7. Virgen Milagrosa Educational Foundation College of Medicine, San Carlos
8. St. Paul University College of Medicine, Tuguegarao
9. Lyceum Northwestern University, Dagupan City
10. PHINMA Southwestern University, Cebu City
11. Brokenshire College, Davao City
12. PLT College of Medicine, Nueva Vizcaya
13. Cagayan State University, Tuguegarao City
14. University of Northern Philippines, Vigan City
15. Cebu Doctors University, Mandaue City
16. Bicol Christian College, Albay
17. Manila Central University, Caloocan
18. Angeles University Foundation, Angeles City
19. Southwestern University – Matias H. Aznar Memorial (SU MAHAM) College of Medicine, Inc., Cebu City
20. Lorma Colleges, Inc., La Union
21. Saint Louis University, Baguio City

Please be informed that during the 582<sup>nd</sup> Joint Management Committee and Commission en Banc Meeting held on 30 August 2022, the Commission en Banc, through CEB Resolution No. 439-2022, resolved that upon evaluation of CMO No. 18, Series of 2016, Medical Act of the Philippines and its amendment, with the concurrence of the Management Committee, the Commission resolves to issue the necessary document stating the following:

*"This affirms and clarifies that the Commission on Higher Education, pursuant to CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 18, s. of 2016 or the "Policies, Standards, and Guidelines on Medical Education" allows the recognized Higher Education Institutions to offer the Medical Education Program subject to compliance with the minimum standards under CMO 18, s. 2016.*

*This includes the recognition of a 54-month Doctor of Medicine curriculum. This further affirms that the Doctor of Medicine degree awarded to international students by these recognized higher education institutions is the same degree offered and awarded to Filipino students as a requirement to take the board examinations and obtain valid license to practice. xxx"*

The Commission hopes that this has addressed your concerns. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



**J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA**  
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