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For : ALL PRESIDENTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) IN REGION III

Subject : 2021 GAWAD PADYAK PARANGAL SA MGA UNIBERSIDAD AT KOLEHIYO SA REHIYONG III

Date : 05 May 2021

The Commission on Higher Education will celebrate its 27th Founding Anniversary and 1st National Higher Education on 17-21 May 2021, with the theme, "PADYAK! PAMANTASAN: PANDAYAN TUNGO SA KAUNLARAN Moving Forward by Claiming Victory for Philippine Higher Education".

Given the theme, CHEDRO-III aims to highlight the collective efforts of the Region III Higher Education Sector in ensuring that the higher education in Region III journeys through this challenging period concertedly and efficiently.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the public and private HEIs continue to be indispensable partners of CHEDRO-III in providing excellent quality education to students and in implementing CHEDRO-III's programs and projects for higher education in Region III. Hence, CHEDRO-III, through the "2021 Gawad PADYAK Parangal sa mga Unibersidad at Kolehiyo sa Rehiyong III", aims to highlight the gains and contributions of higher education institutions as models of institutional continuity, agility, resiliency and collaboration.

In this connection, State Universities and Colleges, Local Colleges and Universities and Private Higher Education Institutions are invited to join the **search for the HEIs with the best responses in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in higher education** covering the period of **March 2020 to April 2021**, by sending videos (not more than 10 minutes), photos, powerpoint presentations, documentary evidences, narrative reports, etc. Applications will be accepted **until 5:00 p.m. of May 11, 2021 at chedro3@ched.gov.ph**.

An Evaluation Committee composed of representatives from the Office of Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat, Development Council of State Universities and Colleges in Region III-Center for Interinstitutional Research and Policy Studies (DC-SUC III/CIRPS), Association of Local Colleges and Universities Region III (ALCU-III), Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA) and the CHEDRO-III will choose the top HEIs based on the following:

1. **Institutional Continuity (30%)**. How HEIs seamlessly rolled-out their academic continuity plans in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Presence of policies on enrolment, attendance, reporting and updating of student-teacher engagement, grading system, teaching complement, Intellectual Property Rights, plagiarism, among others;

- Constant dialogue with the Local Government Unit (LGU), Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and other relevant stakeholders;
 - Presence of health and safety protocols in accordance with the IATF and LGU advisories;
 - Presence of orientation guide for students, faculty members and other school administrative and support services staff and
 - Application of mechanisms for continuous quality improvement.
2. **Change Agility (30%).** How rapidly HEIs moved from in-campus learning to flexible learning.
- Presence of systems and procedures adopted for the transition to flexible learning including key people, modalities, resources and assessment of effectiveness, teaching and learning activities and requirements, expected outcomes, including On-The-Job Trainings (OJT) and practicum, among others.
3. **Bayanihan: "We HEAL as ONE. We LEARN as ONE (20%).** How HEIs collaborated with other HEIs, the industry, support agencies and government agencies such as CHEDRO-III to share resources, expertise and technology to ease the strain of the pandemic.
- Involvement in the crafting of the Central Luzon Regional Higher Education Action Plan 2020-2022;
 - Involvement in the development of Online Educational Resources through the 2021 R3HiEdBayanihan;
 - Hosted or participated in the conduct of webinars with topics ranging from coping with the challenges of the pandemic to understanding flexible learning (FL) to online tools that support FL and security and privacy issues surrounding it through the 2020 R3HiEdBayanihan; and
 - With forged partnership with other HEIs, the industry, support agencies and government agencies which resulted to programs, projects and activities that benefitted the HEI, other HEIs, stakeholders, the industry and the community in general.
4. **Resiliency and Innovation (20%).** How HEIs, its system and community continually adapt and innovate to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Investments and innovations made on digital infrastructure, faculty training, student services and robust IT support;
 - Innovations on learning strategies, modules, approaches and methods of teaching for more effective teaching and learning; and
 - Constant dialogue between all the stakeholders to create more resilient community.

The top HEIs will be awarded on 18 May 2021, 9:00am to 12:00am, via Zoom.

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