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## CHED EXTENDS AUTONOMOUS STATUS OF SPU MANILA CMPA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE STATUS LIKewise EXTENDED

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in its Memorandum Order 21, series of 2015 issued on May 26, 2015, again extended the validity period of SPU Manila's full autonomous status and the Center of Excellence (COE) recognition granted to the Music Program of the College of Music and the Performing Arts until December 31, 2015.

In the said CMO, CHED cited "in order for the commission to complete the process of evaluation of applications for autonomous and deregulated status of private higher education institutions (HEIs)..." as one of the reasons for the extension. This is the third time the Commission has extended the autonomy status of SPU Manila and other selected HEIs, and the second extension of the COE recognition given to the Music Program.

Following the long tradition of integrity and untarnished reputation, commitment to excellence, and sustainability and viability of operation, SPU Manila, then St. Paul College of Manila, is one of the first universities in the Philippines to be included in the roster of Philippine schools given Full Autonomous Status by the CHED in October 2001.

SPU Manila, as an autonomous institution, enjoys the following privileges and benefits: exemption from the issuance of Special Order (SO); freedom from



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CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)  
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SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF AUTONOMOUS AND  
DEREGULATED STATUS OF PRIVATE HEIS AND COEs AND CODs  
DESIGNATION FROM MAY 31, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", pursuant to the provisions of CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012, titled "Policy-Standard to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education through an Outcomes-based and Typology-based QA", and in order for the Commission to complete the process of evaluation of applications for autonomous and deregulated status of private higher education institutions (PHEIs) and Centers of Excellence (COEs) and Centers of Development (CODs) designation, the Commission by virtue of Commission en banc Resolution No. 298-2015, extends the validity period from May 31, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Within this extension period, all autonomous and deregulated PHEIs and designated COEs and CODs shall continue to enjoy the benefits and undertake the responsibilities of their status/designation as stipulated in existing relevant CHED policies and guidelines. In the case of COEs and CODs, CHED shall not grant financial assistance to new project proposals during this extension period except for those in the pipeline.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

Issued this 26 day of May 2015, in Quezon City, Philippines

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Chairperson

monitoring and evaluation activities of the CHED; permission to determine and prescribe curricular programs to achieve global competence, offer a new course or program in the undergraduate or graduate levels without securing permit or authority from CHED, offer extension classes and distance education courses or programs which will expand access to higher education, establish affiliation with recognized foreign higher education institutions in pursuit of international standards of education; and authority to grant *Honoris Causa* to those deserving, per pertinent provisions of existing CHED issuance on conferment of honorary degrees, among others.

## **PAULINIAN GLOBAL FOUNDATION HOLDS BENEFIT FOR VIGIL HOUSE**

The Paulinian Global Foundation Inc. (PGFI) held a benefit dinner dance called "A Night to Remember" at 6:00 PM, Saturday, 23 May 2015, in the Sheraton Hotel, Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia.

The dinner dance was a fundraiser for the elderly St. Paul nuns in the Vigil House in Taytay, Rizal. Tickets were at \$70 per person. There was a special group rate in the Sheraton Pentagon City for those who were travelling to the Arlington area to attend the event. Paulinians came from New York and even Canada to join the activity.

The PGFI had a raffle, prizes for which included two round trip tickets to Asia and cash prizes of \$1,000 and \$800. Raffle winners were: Grand prize—two RT tickets from All Nippon Airways to Asia from the continental US: Robert Karaan, son of our very own Joy Karaan. Second prize—\$1,000: Dr. Dominador Genio from Kona, Hawaii. Ticket sold by Sol Balda-Ilagan. Dr. Genio graciously donated his winnings back to the St. Paul Sisters. Third prize—\$800: Pam Ching from Chino Hills, CA. Ticket was sold by Liz Navarro, SPCQC '79.

The Paulinians and their guests enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, a program that ended with the nostalgic singing of the Paulinian Hymn, and all night dancing. The following photos will show how our alumni anywhere keep the Paulinian spirit alive and well.



**Paulinians from New York: Second photo, L-R: Marilyn Abalos '69, Trinidad Ochoa-Francisco '68, Florecita Siazon '68, Teofy Taganas '68, Consuelo Barretto-Babula '69, and Nieva Quezon-Burdick '69.**



**Dinggay laO '64, Sol Balda-Ilagan '65,  
and Jane Singson Fields '64.**

**Alicia Silverio, Sol Ilagan, and Tessie Ng all '65.**



**With Teoffy Taganas, Rita Jimenez,  
Jane Singson Fields, Dinggay laO**



**Singing the Paulinian Hymn: With Clarissa Valdez, Odette Estacio-Mapa, Paula Michelle Bayot,  
Lourdes Teresa LaO', Maria Maceren, Marie Sperry-Bradley, Jane Singson Fields,  
Marilyn Abalos, and SPC Sisters in Virginia.**

## NEWSBITS

**GRACE TAPAN GARROL** passed the March 2015 Secondary Teachers Board Exam--G H I, also known as the March 2015 Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT). The College of Music and the Performing Arts is very proud of you!

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**BETTY ANN BESA**, AB-Communication Arts 1977, was included in FOOD Magazine's "Hot 20." Betty wrote, "I am honored to be in the same company as Philippine culinary icons whom I look up to—Ige Ramos, Claude Tayag, Amy Besa, and others, who make a difference in our cuisine globally. Folks, grab a copy of FOOD Magazine, May 2015 issue--now in Philippine newsstands or look up the online edition on iTunes or Zinio (search Philippine food magazines). It's packed with lots of recipes and stories."

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**BANATAO SCHOLARS** of Iguig, Cagayan honored their benefactor, Mr. Diosdado Banatao, on his birthday recently.

Mr. Banatao, husband of Maria Concepcion Cariaga (HS '63, AB '67), has many scholars, including these ones from his hometown. He specially encourages and supports students who are gifted in science.

## ALUMNI GATHERING

**High School 1963  
Mini-Reunion in New York  
Rosario Garzon, Amelia Zambales,  
Menchu Pumaren-Valleyo, Ampy,  
Josie Jaucian-Bustos, Rose, and Adele.**

