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**BTA Resolution No. 603**



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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE NOTRE  
DAME UNIVERSITY (NDU) FOR OBTAINING AN AUTONOMOUS  
STATUS GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
(CHED)**

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government shall develop an educational framework relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the Bangsamoro people (Section 16, Article IX, Republic Act No. 11054);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government shall likewise provide and protect academic freedom. It shall promote its exercise and observance for the continuing intellectual growth, the advancement of learning and research, the development of responsible and effective leadership, the education of high-level and middle-level professionals, and the enrichment of our historical and cultural heritage (Section 129, Chapter 1, Article IX, Bangsamoro Education Code of 2021);

WHEREAS, Notre Dame University (NDU) is the only private university in Cotabato City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, Series of 2012 "Policy Standard to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education through an Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based QA," as approved by the Commission en banc through Resolution No. 913-2020 and as endorsed by the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, an Oblate-run higher education institution in Cotabato City, was granted Autonomous

Status by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) effective from December 7, 2020 to December 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, prior to getting autonomous status, NDU was a deregulated higher education institution;

WHEREAS, as defined in CMO No. 46, Series of 2012: Autonomous Higher Education Institutions "demonstrate exceptional institutional quality and enhancement through internal Quality Assurance systems, and demonstrate excellent program outcomes through a high proportion of accredited programs, the presence of Centers of Excellence and/or Development, and/or international certification. In particular, they show evidence of outstanding performance consistent with their horizontal type.";

WHEREAS, owing to its commitment to excellence, enhanced performance, and improved operational efficiency, the grant of autonomy to NDU will accord benefits not only significant for further improvement, but more for the welfare of its students. These include having priority status in the grant of subsidies and other financial incentives from the CHED, the privilege to determine and prescribe their curricular programs, and the privilege to establish linkages with recognized foreign higher education institutions;

WHEREAS, NDU, being the first university in Cotabato City, has produced significant number of leaders, legislators, accountants, lawyers, teachers, engineers and other professionals from the Bangsamoro Region;

WHEREAS, NDU benefits not only their students and graduates but the Bangsamoro community as a whole. It has prepared its students not only by providing them with sufficient and significant work skills, but also by preparing them to be active members of their communities;

WHEREAS, the drive for autonomy in schools offering higher education is supported by the Bangsamoro Government for more accommodating, flexible, and innovative services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution congratulating and commending the Notre Dame University for obtaining an autonomous status given by Commission on Higher Education.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to Notre Dame University.

Adopted,

  
MP ENGR. BANTAN ADIL-AMPATUAN, MNSA