



**FOURTH REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 253**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
(CHED) COMMISSIONER DR. RONALD L. ADAMAT FOR BECOMING  
THE FIRST FILIPINO RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 MAHATMA GANDHI  
PRIZE FOR NON-VIOLENT PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ronald Adamat became the first Filipino recipient of the Mahatma MK Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace, an award granted to an individual who is a non-violent peace activist and/or peace scientist or organization practicing the Gandhian non-violent means and ways of conflict resolution, serving humanity, working from human rights and dignity of the oppressed and paving the alternative ways for genuine human development;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adamat is a peace advocate and the principal author of Republic Act No. 8371, a law that recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities (ICCs) and indigenous peoples (IPs) in the Philippines. He is a former congressman and representative of the Indigenous Peoples Sector of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Philippines and Senior Consultant for Indigenous Peoples Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adamat is a native of Upi, Maguindanao belonging to the Teduray tribe. He obtained his Ph.D. in Peace and Development, Master in Public Administration (MPA), Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) at Notre Dame University, and his Master of Arts (MA) at the Philippine Harvardian College;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adamat is a Commissioner of the Office of the President's Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Before he was appointed CHED Commissioner, he served as a legislative consultant at the House of Representatives, helping the House Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples craft pertinent measures that will ensure the promotion and protection of the rights of the IPs. He is also a visiting lecturer at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) and Founding Chairman of the Movement for Better Mindanao;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adamat is a recipient of various awards and commendations. To name a few, he is a Presidential Medal of Merit Awardee given by Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2005, Most Outstanding Teduray Leader/Professional in the field of Public Administration given by the Municipality of Upi, Maguindanao in 2002, and *Tanglaw ng Bayan* Award, the highest award the PUP can give to an individual achiever, and his thesis received a grade of *Meritus* or *Cum Laude*;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, he was responsible for the adoption of the CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 1, Series of 2019 "Integration of Peace Studies/Education into the relevant Higher Education Curricula" and CMO No. 2, Series of 2019 "Integration of Indigenous Peoples' Studies/Education into the relevant Higher Education Curricula";

**WHEREAS**, his passion and determination for peace and struggle for recognition of his fellow IPs in Philippine history inspired him to author books about his brethren entitled: "In the Eyes of the Sun: The Indigenous Peoples Last Frontier" and its second edition entitled: "The Blood Brothers: In the Eyes of the Sun.";

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, this resolution aims to give honor and pride to CHED Commissioner Dr. Ronald L. Adamat as the Bangsamoro Government acknowledges his exemplary work and contribution in the passage and implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA), officially designated as Republic Act No. 8371:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED** by the BTA Parliament, as it is hereby resolves, To commend CHED Commissioner Dr. Ronald L. Adamat for becoming the first Filipino recipient of the 2020 Mahatma Gandhi prize for non-violent peace.

**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to CHED Commissioner Dr. Ronald L. Adamat, for information.

**ADOPTED**, Dhu Al-Qa'dah 24, 1443/ June 23, 2022.

Certified Correct

**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General

Attested:

  
**ATTY. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**  
Speaker

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