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SUBJECT: Cessation of recruitment, acceptance and enrollment of students from Vietnam in IFSU's Transnational Education Programs being marketed and managed by EDS Business School

DATE : June 19, 2014

1. We received numerous reports and verified information that Vietnamese graduates from our various Transnational Education (TNE/ Crossborder) Programs are having a hard time getting the recognition of the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), Government of Vietnam, despite the following facts:
 - a. That the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Philippines represented by its Chairperson and the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) Vietnam represented by its Minister had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for higher education exchanges and mutual/ dual degree recognitions;
 - b. The Ifugao State University (IFSU) was created by law, a public university funded and supported by the government of the Philippines and enjoys full autonomy in operation and in the exercise of its academic freedom;
 - c. The IFSU TNE programs are duly approved by the IFSU Board of Regents, recognized by CHED and accredited by reputable accrediting agencies in the country and;
 - d. Diplomas and Transcript of Records (TOR) we issued are duly authenticated and verified by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines and the Vietnam Embassy in the Philippines.
2. The continued non-recognition by MOET, Vietnam of our graduates is alarming and puts our graduates in a very bad light as they are constrained from reaping the full benefit of their successful pursuit of higher education from IFSU.

3. It is imperative that IFSU clarifies the issue with MOET, seek MOET's recognition of its degrees granted through our TNE program to avoid compounding the problem into a level beyond repair.
4. In fairness to potential enrollees from Vietnam, there is a need to put on hold our recruitment, acceptance and enrollment of new students from Vietnam as we cannot guarantee as of the moment that they will get Vietnam recognition of their degrees obtained from IFSU. This will avoid compounding the problem and give us ample time to clarify the issue and seek recognition of MOET of IFSU's degrees. The students will not also blame us all of offering them a degree that is not recognized by their government no matter how quality and high standard it is.
5. We shall all work to continue serving the education needs of all those who are already enrolled in IFSU until they graduate and finish the degree they are currently enrolled in.
6. We can continue with our recruitment, screening, acceptance and enrollment of students from Vietnam when their government recognizes IFSU degrees.
7. For your commitment and action.