

Division Advisory No. 189 s. 2025

October 15, 2025

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CLARIFICATION ON THE NON-RECOGNITION OF DEGREES FROM MANDAUE CITY COLLEGE (BASAK CAMPUS) – CAÑETE

In view of recent queries and appeals regarding the non-crediting of academic degrees obtained from Mandaue City College (MCC) operated by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete, located at H. Abellana St., Basak, Mandaue City, this Advisory is issued to provide clarity and guidance to the HRMSB and its Sub-Committee in the evaluation of credentials submitted by applicants for personnel selection and promotion.

Based on the following official references:

1. Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Press Release dated August 6, 2019, which categorically states that the MCC in Basak operated by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete is not recognized by CHED and has no legal or juridical personality due to the absence of government permit or authority;
2. Supreme Court Resolution (G.R. No. 252063, promulgated February 22, 2023), which upheld the validity of CHED's Closure Order and Notice to the Public, and affirmed that the said institution is a "rogue school" not created by the Mandaue City Ordinance and not recognized by the local government nor CHED;

The HRMPSB and its Sub-Committee are advised to strictly adhere to CHED – recognized programs and institutions when evaluating academic credentials.

This Advisory is issued to ensure compliance with national policies and jurisprudence, and to uphold the integrity of the selection and promotion process in the Schools Division of Dipolog City.

Widest dissemination of this advisory is enjoined.

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Encl: HRMPSBResolution
Ref: None



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HRMPSB RESOLUTION NO. 16-2025

“A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE NON-CREDITING OF DEGREES OBTAINED FROM THE MANDAUE CITY COLLEGE (BASAK CAMPUS) OPERATED BY DR. PAULUS MARIAE L. CAÑETE, BASED ON OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS OF CHED AND THE SUPREME COURT”

WHEREAS, the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB) of the Schools Division of Dipolog City is mandated to ensure the integrity, fairness, and merit-based evaluation of applicants for appointment and promotion in accordance with existing laws and policies;

WHEREAS, a case was brought before the HRMPSB involving the contestation of the non-crediting of an academic degree obtained from the Mandaue City College (MCC) located at H. Abellana St., Basak, Mandaue City, operated by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), through its Press Release dated August 6, 2019, categorically stated that the said MCC in Basak is not recognized by CHED and has no legal or juridical personality due to the absence of a government permit or authority to operate;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the Philippines, in G.R. No. 252063 promulgated on February 22, 2023, upheld the validity of CHED’s Closure Order and Notice to the Public, and affirmed that the MCC operated by Dr. Cañete is a “rogue school” not created by the Mandaue City Ordinance and not recognized by the local government nor CHED;

WHEREAS, the HRMPSB has thoroughly discussed and deliberated on the matter during its special meeting on October 13, 2025, taking into account the legal and policy implications of recognizing degrees from non-CHED-accredited institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion duly seconded and carried, the Board RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to:

1. Affirm the non-crediting of degrees obtained from the Mandaue City College (Basak Campus) operated by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete for purposes of appointment, reclassification, promotion, or ranking within the Schools Division of Dipolog City;
2. Uphold the CHED and Supreme Court pronouncements as binding references in the evaluation of academic credentials submitted to the HRMPSB;
3. Direct the HRMPSB Secretariat to disseminate this resolution to all concerned personnel and ensure its integration in the screening and evaluation processes;



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4. Recommend the issuance of a Division Advisory to inform all HRMPSB members, sub-committees, and relevant stakeholders of this resolution.

RESOLVED further, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

CERTIFICATION

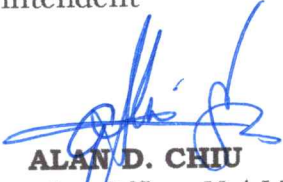
I, **JENELYN I. PATOC**, duly selected as HRMPSB Secretariat, do hereby certify that a Human Resource Merit and Promotion Selection Board meeting conducted last October 13, 2025, and has approved the foregoing resolution.

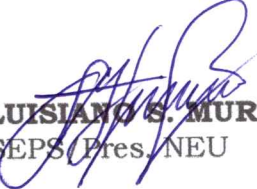
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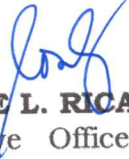
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Press Release
6 August 2019

Degree programs offered by Mandaue City College in Basak not recognized by CHED

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) will not recognize the degree programs offered by the Mandaue City College located at H. Abellana St., Basak, Mandaue City.

The said MCC in Basak is a being operated by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete. It is not affiliated with the Mandaue City College located at the Mandaue City Cultural and Sports Complex, Don Andres Soriano Avenue, Centro, Mandaue City and is currently headed by Atty. Ernesto C. Maringuran. The MCC in Centro is one of CHED's newly recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs).

CHED Chairman Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III said in a Notice to the Public dated July 9 that the Cañete-run MCC "has no legal or juridical personality for lack of government permit / authority from the Commission."

Chairman De Vera's pronouncement is based from the Court of Appeals – Sixth Division decision in the case entitled "Mandaue City College (MCC), represented by Dr. Paulus Mariae L. Cañete vs Commission on Higher Education" affirming the earlier decision of Regional Trial Court, Branch 216, Quezon City.

CHED initially issued a closure order against the Cañete-run MCC on December 3, 2010.

In line with the Commission's decision, Chairman De Vera advised students currently enrolled at the Cañete-run MCC to transfer to any CHED-recognized higher education institutions. He also ordered the CHED Regional Office VII to assist the affected students.

Meanwhile, graduates of the Cañete-run MCC will also not be allowed to take any licensure examinations administered by the Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) in accordance to Joint CHED-PRC Circular Number 01, Series of 2010.

The Commission has been weeding-out non-compliant Higher Education Institution. It created a Task Force composed of designated officials from the CHED Legal and Legislative Service, Office of Programs and Standards Development, and CHED Regional Offices. This initiative has resulted in the closure and phase-out of 779 non-compliant or deficient programs since 2010.

J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA
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Commission on Higher Education

Source: <https://ched.gov.ph/degree-programs-offered-by-mandaue-city-college-in-basak-not-recognized-by-ched/>