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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

FOR : CHED CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS

UNIFAST SECRETARIAT

PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS)

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CHED RAISE: RESPONDING THROUGH AI FOR SOCIETAL EMPOWERMENT

Date : 08 JANUARY 2026

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," and in support of the priorities of the current administration to strengthen government–industry–academe partnerships and to ensure the relevance and future-readiness of Information Technology (IT) professionals, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall conduct a three (3)-day IT Summit entitled "**CHED RAISE: Responding through AI for Societal Empowerment**" on **25-27 February 2026** at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City.

CHED RAISE 2026 advances the national discourse from alignment to empowerment by highlighting the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for societal good. The summit underscores the strategic role of higher education in contributing to the country's aspirations for inclusion, sustainability, innovation, and equitable development.

The event shall focus on the responsible adoption of AI, human-centered learning, and multi-sectoral collaboration to ensure that technological progress benefits all communities. The acronym RAISE (Responding through AI for Societal Empowerment) reflects CHED's vision of harnessing AI not merely for efficiency or modernization, but as a catalyst for nation-building and social equity—empowering institutions, educators, and learners to meet the challenges of the digital era.

The summit will feature plenary discussions and breakout sessions that will provide participants with in-depth engagement with experts from the academe, industry, and government. These sessions are designed to facilitate the exchange of insights and best practices, generate innovative ideas for curriculum integration, and provide a platform for dialogue and collaboration between higher education institutions (HEIs) and industry partners.

In this regard, Heads/Officers-in-Charge and other officials, deans, department heads, faculty members, and graduating students from IT-related programs are invited to participate in the said event. Due to venue capacity limitations, only 2 participants per

HEI/Office are invited to attend, you are requested to register at this link: <https://ched-raise.wvsu.edu.ph/>, you can also visit this website for details and update of the event. Participation shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meals during the event shall be provided by CHED. Expenses for food, travel, and accommodation of CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs) and CHED Central Office personnel shall be charged against funds of the Office of Programs and Standards Development (OPSD). Participants from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs), private HEIs, and other stakeholders shall make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation, chargeable to their respective institutions.

For queries and concerns, you may contact **Ms. Dedeth Talingdan and Ms. Clarizze Aquino of the Office of Programs and Standards Development thru office landline #8441-12-28** or via email: rtalingdan@ched.gov.ph and cgaquino@ched.gov.ph. or Dr. Felicisimo V. Wenceslao, Jr. of Northern Iloilo State University, email address at fwwenceslao@nisu.edu.ph or at mobile no: 09988569837.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Chairperson