



SDG 17

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RELATIONSHIP TO SUPPORT THE GOALS

WE ARE CONNECTORS OF PEOPLE,
PURPOSE, AND PROGRESS.



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ABOUT US

The University of the Visayas was founded by the late Don Vicente A. Gullas in 1919 as the Visayan Institute (V.I.) in Cebu City. In 1948, the Visayan Institute was awarded university status, the first to become a university in Cebu, and was renamed the University of the Visayas (UV). Don Vicente Gullas also brought education closer to the people as the school opened a total of eight satellite campuses across Cebu Province making it the private University in Cebu with the greatest number of external campuses.



We are builders of impact.

At the University of the Visayas, this commitment is reflected in how the International Affairs Department proactively shapes national and regional SDG policy landscapes. UV consistently contributes to inter-agency focus group discussions and strategic dialogues, ensuring that educational policies evolve alongside global development goals.

Through active participation in the Commission on Higher Education's consultations on internationalization,

UV provides grounded institutional insights that strengthen mobility frameworks and **align Philippine higher education with global standards.** As Region VII's strong representative, UV works closely with the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry to keep its academic programs responsive to emerging industry needs and sustainability priorities. Internationally, UV maintains dynamic coordination with the Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines, promoting regional mobility, employability-driven partnerships, and collaborative EU-ASEAN educational exchanges. Together, these engagements reflect UV's role as a data-driven, policy-oriented institution committed to building systems, relationships, and opportunities that advance inclusive and adaptive SDG strategies.

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UV CONNECT

UV CONNECT is the University of the Visayas' flagship platform for uniting national agencies, higher education institutions, and NGOs to build a cohesive and future-ready ecosystem for internationalization and regional development. Designed as a catalyst for collaboration, UV CONNECT strengthens the pathways between government policy, academic innovation, and community engagement, ensuring that global standards translate into local impact.



Connecting sectors, transforming futures.

Rooted in UV's long-standing commitment to inclusive mobility and cross-sector partnership, the UV CONNECT program creates a structured space where evidence, policy, and practice meet to shape a stronger Region 7 and a more globally connected Cebu.

At its core, it operates through a three-pillar framework:

- **National Convergence for Policy Alignment**

UV anchors its work in close coordination with agencies such as Commission on Higher Education, Bureau of Immigration, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and local government units to harmonize

mobility guidelines, accreditation processes, student welfare policies, and cross-border academic cooperation.

- **HEI Collaboration for Academic Innovation**

UV convenes public and private HEIs across Region 7 to exchange best practices, align internationalization strategies, co-develop faculty-student mobility models, and collectively build a regional consortium for global education.

- **NGO and Industry Partnership for Community Impact**

Through strategic alliances with NGOs, industry networks, and chambers of commerce, UV CONNECT integrates employability, sustainability, and community empowerment into internationalization—ensuring that global learning translates into grassroots development.

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2024 Key Figures

Cross-Sector Engagement

10

national
agencies
engaged

50+

no. of HEIs
participating in
dialogues or
consortium

800+

no. of
NGO/industry
partners
mobilized

Policy and Systems Influence

5

no. of policy
recommendations
submitted

8

no. of SOPs and
frameworks
improved

6

no. of cross-agency
meetings convened
or co-led

Internationalization Impact

16

no. of international
partners engaged
through UV

4

no. of
outbound/inbound
mobility pathways
strengthened

20

no. of countries
represented in UV
CONNECT
collaborations

Students and Community Reach



300+

no. of international
students benefiting
from improved
policies:



3,500+

no. of local students
gaining mobility/
internationalization
opportunities



47

no. of community
programs linked to
SDG initiatives





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INTERNATIONAL HEI ENGAGEMENTS FOR SDG MONITORING AND BEST- PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

GLOBAL EVIDENCE, SHARED IMPACT.



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Picture 1.1 Focus group discussion with Commission on Higher Education together with HEIs outlining the importance of international mobility.

STEADFAST IN CHAMPIONING MEANINGFUL, CROSS- BORDER SDG ACTION.

The University of the Visayas has been proactively participating in focus group discussions led by the Commission on Higher Education – International Affairs Service, representing Region VII in shaping national internationalization policies.

As part of CHED-IAS consortia focused on China, Southeast Asia, and Europe, UV contributes concrete outputs such as mobility framework recommendations, regional benchmarking reports, and proposed templates for joint programs and credit recognition. UV also submits policy notes on improving internship pathways, hosts cross-country dialogues with partner universities, and provides data for CHED's monitoring of outbound and inbound mobility. Through these tangible contributions, UV strengthens the relationships and evidence base that drive meaningful progress toward the SDGs.

In the last quarter of 2024, based on the results of the focus group discussions, the University of the Visayas has formulated and adapted its new and improved 2025-2028 internationalization roadmap.



The University of the Visayas Internationalization Roadmap for 2025-2028



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INTERNATIONALIZATION ROADMAP 2025-2028

KEY RESULT AREA	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	2025	2026	2027	2028	INNOVATIVE ACTION PLAN	RESPONSIBLE UNIT
1. Philosophy and Objectives	Clear integration of internationalization in the institutional mission and vision.	100%	100%	100%	100%	Incorporate internationalization commitments into all major institutional strategic planning efforts.	Office of the President Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of the Vice President for Finance and QMS International Affairs Department
	Formal policy alignment with Commission on Higher Education Memorandum Order 35, series of 2016 (including policy statements referencing Philippine Qualifications Framework and Association of Southeast Asian Nations Qualifications Reference Framework).	100%	100%	100%	100%	Develop a clear communication strategy so that faculty, staff, and students understand how these updates tie into national, regional, and global priorities.	
2. Faculty	Annual increase in faculty participation in outbound and inbound exchanges, visiting	+10%	+15%	+20%	+20%	Provide incentives, such as research grants or travel subsidies, to faculty who develop strong	Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Deans of Colleges



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	professorships, or collaborative research engagements.					global networks and high-impact collaborative projects.	International Affairs Department
	Percentage of faculty with advanced training in English-Medium Instruction, cross-cultural competencies, and quality assurance frameworks.	40%	60%	80%	90%	Maintain a faculty database to track the outcomes of short-term exchanges, visiting lectures, and training programs, ensuring continuous quality improvement in mobility programs.	
3. Instruction	Percentage of degree programs revised to embed international or regional content and competencies.	50%	70%	90%	100%	Incorporate intercultural simulations, problem-based projects, or cross-border mentorship in all core curricula.	Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Deans of Colleges International Affairs Department Center for Innovative Education
	Proportion of programs fully aligned with the Philippine Qualifications Framework and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Qualifications Reference Framework, as validated by external or local quality	100%	100%	100%	100%	Use external peer reviews in partnership with foreign institutions to validate the relevance of globally oriented curricula.	



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	assurance entities such as CHED and PACUCOA.						
	Percentage of students achieving a target proficiency in the Common European Framework of Reference for undergraduates (for example B2) and for graduate students or faculty (for example C1).	100%	100%	100%	100%		
4. Research	Number of joint research projects or co-authored publications with reputable foreign institutions.	3 projects	5 projects	8 projects	10 projects	Engage in bilateral or international grants from agencies	Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Center for Research and Innovation Deans of Colleges International Affairs Department
	Annual increase in indexed publications (for instance, those found in recognized indexing services) and conference proceedings with international collaborators.	100%	100%	100%	100%	Facilitate periodic mentor-mentee pairings for faculty members new to international collaborative research.	
	Tangible knowledge applications, such as patents, technology transfers, or community	+10%	+15%	+20%	+25%	Build an online research portal to showcase ongoing projects and outcomes.	



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	engagement projects resulting from cross-border research collaborations.						
5. Student Services	Annual percentage increase in outbound and inbound student mobility, which may include studies abroad, internships, or cultural immersion.	+10%	+15%	+20%	+25%	Provide strong advisory services (financial, academic, intercultural) to ensure equitable student access to mobility.	Student Affairs and Services Center Deans of Colleges Career Placement and Alumni Relations Center International Affairs Department
	Number of scholarships or financial aid programs that support international activities.	1	2	3	4	Build an online "mobility and alumni tracker" to consistently gather feedback and outcome data from participants, including job placement and career advancements.	
	Mechanisms for tracking graduate outcomes, including surveys on how international exposure influences career pathways.	70% response rate from graduates	75% response rate from graduates	80% response rate from graduates	85% response rate from graduates		
6. Organization and Administration	Establishment of a formal International Affairs Department with defined structure and stable funding.	100%	100%	100%	100%	Develop and institutionalize standard operating procedures including policy integration and performance reviews for all international programs.	Office of the President Vice President for Finance and QMS International Affairs Department
	Regular publication of internationalization performance reports	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly		



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	Achievement or maintenance of recognized external accreditation relevant to internationalization processes.	100%	100%	100%	100%		
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The University of the Visayas International Academic or Industry Partnership Framework

VERSION NO. 1	MANUAL TITLE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MANUAL	DOCUMENT NO. AAM 16.02
	DOCUMENT NAME	REVISION NO. 1
	INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC OR INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK	EFFECTIVITY DATE JUNE 1, 2025
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1.0 Objective

To establish comprehensive guidelines for initiating, operationalizing, and sustaining international academic and industry partnerships/linkages that align with the University of the Visayas' commitment to academic excellence, global engagement, and inclusive education.

2.0 Scope

This policy covers all activities related to international academic or industry partnership/ linkages across all colleges of the university's main and satellite campuses.

3.0 Reference


None

4.0 Policies

- 4.1 The International Affairs Department (IAD) of the University of the Visayas shall take the lead in establishing and overseeing institutional linkages and partnerships with international academic and non-academic institutions in coordination with the Deans of the colleges.
- 4.2 All Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) related to international partnerships must first undergo an initial review by the International Affairs Department (IAD) to ensure alignment with the University of the Visayas' internationalization goals and standards. All MOUs and MOAs shall be subject to further review by the University Legal Officer to ensure compliance with legal and institutional requirements and the Director for QMS to ensure compliance with the quality management standards of the University.
- 4.3 Any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), particularly those involving financial provisions, shall be reviewed by the Vice President for Finance and QMS to ensure alignment with fiscal and quality management standards.
- 4.4 The final copy of the MOU/MOA shall be endorsed for approval by the University President and any member of the Executive Board.
- 4.5 The MOU/MOA shall be implemented within six (6) months after its approval and signing.
- 4.6 MOU/MOA not implemented within six (6) months after its approval and signing shall be re-evaluated for appropriate actions.



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5.0 Narrative Procedures

Step	Person Responsible	Activities
Exploratory Phase	Director, International Affairs Department (IAD)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiates contact with prospective international higher education institutions (HEIs) and industry after the conduct of due diligence, negotiates terms and arranges meetings to explore potential collaborations. 2. IAD coordinates with the Dean, provide updates and discuss possible collaboration with the potential partner. 3. IAD facilitates the initial meeting of both parties to discuss preliminary points of collaboration.
Preparatory Phase	Vice President for Finance and QMS; Vice President for Academic Affairs, QMS Director; Dean of Concerned Department; IAD Director; University Legal Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IAD conducts initial review of the MOU/MOA. 2. Simultaneous review of the proposed MOU/MOA by the following: Dean VPAA QMS Legal VP Finance and QMS
Revision Phase	Dean of Concerned Department; IAD Director; Partner Institution; University Legal Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IAD collates all suggested revisions to the MOU/MOA and discusses with the potential partner. 2. IAD prepares the revised draft agreement as agreed by both parties.
Approval Phase	IAD Director; University President; Executive Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IAD Director submits the finalized MOU/MOA to the University President and any member of the Executive Board for approval. 2. In any case, IAD facilitates the signing ceremony of the forged partnership.



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Implementation Phase	Dean of Concerned Department; IAD Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concerned department executes the provisions and activities outlined in the MOU/MOA. 2. The Dean appoints one (1) International Affairs Focal Person who will coordinate with IAD. 3. IAD monitors the implementation of the MOU/MOA and provides semestral reports to the University President with copies furnished to the concerned departments.
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Forms

F-IAD-003 - International Partnership Monitoring Sheet
F-IAD-004 - Template of MOU/MOA





Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Reference No.: IASCTS25-I-682

TO : **PARTICIPANTS OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE
CIEET 2025 - GUANGZHOU LEG**

FROM : *Lily Freida C. Montenegro - Milla*
ATTY. LILY FREIDA M. MILLA, CESO III
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Deputy Executive Director
Director, International Affairs Service

SUBJECT : **THANK YOU NOTE AND POST EVENT REQUIREMENTS**

DATE : **30 APRIL 2025**

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On behalf of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), we wish to express our deepest appreciation for your active and valuable participation in the **China International Education Exhibition Tour (CIEET 2025) – Guangzhou Leg**, held successfully from **19 to 23 April 2025**. Your presence and engagement throughout the exhibition, meetings, and university visits, particularly under the guidance of **Commissioner Dr. Marite R. Canapi**, were crucial to the overall success of this international mission.

Your interactions and meaningful dialogues with our Chinese counterparts and institutions served to effectively promote Philippine higher education and laid the groundwork for promising new partnerships. We trust that this experience was professionally enriching for your respective institutions and will significantly contribute to the ongoing internationalization efforts of Philippine higher education.

As we move forward from this successful engagement, please be guided by the following post-event requirements:

1. Submission of Travel Reports and Official Photos



Official photos from the CIEET 2025 Guangzhou Leg are available via the shared drive: https://bit.ly/PostEvent_CIEET2025Guangzhou. Alternatively, you may access it by scanning the qr code.

We kindly request all delegates to upload their individual travel reports and any additional official photos taken during the event to the designated folder.

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菲律宾高等教育委员会代表团

来校合作交流座谈会议程

Agenda of the Exchange and Cooperation Meeting between the Delegation of the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines and the GCP

会议时间: 2025 年 4 月 22 日 15: 45-16: 30

会议地点: A7-B314

主持人: 李坪

参会人员: 李铭辉书记、李坪、时东晓、温炜坚、石璞璞、周彬、高传龙、Marita R. Canapi、Kathryn P. Delos Santos、Ruby B. Santos-Matibag、Victor C. Cañez, Jr., Maribel N. Zipagan、Boyett Latumbo Batang、Isagani Pablo Angeles Jr、Edgar G. Cue、Nalyn A. Maitang、Elbert M. Galas、Merian P. Catajay-Mani、Renante A. Egcas、Ambrosio B. Cultura II、Rogie Nichole M. Aquino、Joy C. Capistrano、Ana Marie J. Matalines、Siverlyn M. Camposano、Queenie Lyn G. Almerez、毛琦、吴玉光、杨舜瑛

时间 议题/发言人

播放学校英文版宣传片

15:45-15:50 广州城市职业学院李铭辉校长介绍学校情况

Brief Introduction to Guangzhou City Polytechnic

Speaker: President Li Minghui

Shengman

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Ms. Matalay Santos

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15:50-16:00 国际合作交流中心李坪主任介绍“广州城市职业学院国际化办学探索与实践”

GCP's International Cooperation: Exploration and Practice

Speaker: Prof. Li Ping

16:00-16:10 双方与会人员开展合作交流

Mutual Communication of Future Cooperation

16:10-16:20 茶歇

Tea Break

16:20-16:30 中国书法体验活动 (A7-B305)

Experiencing Chinese Calligraphy (A7-B305)

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Picture 1.2 The University of the Visayas formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Guangzhou City Polytechnic establishing faculty and student mobility opportunities focusing on the field of artificial intelligence and engineering.



Picture 1.3 The University of the Visayas was granted a seat during the Roundtable Conversation for College Leaders of the Alliance of Guangzhou International Sister City Higher Vocational Education. A pledge of commitment was also signed strengthening the promotion and implementation of TVET programs.





Picture 1.4 Stakeholder discussion facilitated by the University of the Visayas together with the Bureau of Immigration

FROM UV TO THE NATION: POLICIES THAT UPLIFT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of the Visayas has firmly positioned itself as a staunch advocate for international student welfare by taking the lead in shaping more responsive immigration policies in Central Visayas. Recognizing the urgent need for clearer, more humane, and student-centered guidelines, in December 2024, UV initiated and organized a groundbreaking dialogue between international students and the Bureau of Immigration, a first-of-its-kind effort in Region 7 that transformed individual concerns into coordinated policy action.

By bringing together BI officers, administrators, and foreign students in one structured forum, UV enabled previously unheard voices to directly inform institutional and government decision-making. During the engagement, UV gathered concrete evidence, documented cases, procedural gaps, and common compliance challenges, and translated them into actionable recommendations.

This allowed the Bureau to understand the lived realities of foreign learners, from visa delays to inconsistent regional processes, and provided UV with the momentum to advocate for standardization and policy clarity. More importantly, the initiative demonstrated UV's commitment not just to hosting international students, but to protecting their rights, ensuring their safety, and championing their overall welfare through policy reform.





Picture 1.5 Focus group discussion with Mr. Anthony Cabrera, Chief of the Foreign Student Desk of the Bureau of Immigration together with Mr. Rogie Aquino, Director of International Affairs Department of the University of the Visayas, and Dr. Anna Kathrina Watin, the Director of Student Affairs.

UV AS A NATIONAL PARTNER IN ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELFARE POLICIES

Following the comprehensive Focus Group Discussion conducted in December 2024 with international students, the University of the Visayas consolidated critical data detailing the challenges faced by foreign learners in Region 7, ranging from visa processing delays and inconsistency in requirements, to communication gaps and compliance difficulties. This evidence became the foundation for UV's proactive engagement with the Bureau of Immigration as the institution sought to ensure that student experiences translate into meaningful policy action. To advance this advocacy, UV facilitated a high-level discussion with Mr. Anthony Cabrera, Chief of the Foreign Student Desk of the Bureau of Immigration, bringing together key university

leaders such as Mr. Rogie Aquino, Director of the International Affairs Department, and Dr. Anna Kathrina Watin, Director of Student Affairs. The meeting focused on presenting the consolidated findings from the FGD, identifying systemic gaps, and proposing concrete measures to standardize and improve processes for international students in Central Visayas. This high-level discussion marks a significant step toward shaping more consistent, humane, and student-centered immigration policies in Region 7. Through this engagement, the University of the Visayas demonstrates its unwavering commitment to elevating the foreign student experience, transforming on-the-ground challenges into actionable policy recommendations and solidifying its role as a national partner in building a safer, more inclusive, and more supportive environment for all international learners in the Philippines.





DRIVEN TO BUILD CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS THAT POWER INNOVATION AND EMPLOYABILITY.

Driven to strengthen industry-aligned education, the University of the Visayas has been consistently participating in curriculum development and employability innovation initiatives with the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which represents more than 800 corporations across diverse sectors.

Through continuous consultations, FGD sessions, and strategic dialogues with CCCI industry clusters, UV gathers updated insights on workforce needs, skill gaps, and emerging market trends.

This collaboration allows UV to continuously refine its academic programs, aligning course outcomes, internship models, and competency requirements with real industry expectations. By grounding its curriculum in direct industry engagement, UV ensures that its graduates are equipped with relevant, future-ready skills and well-prepared to meet both local and global workforce demands.

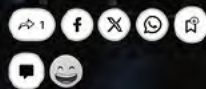
In 2026, UV aims to deepen its partnership with CCCI by launching a region-wide Academe–Industry Congress and building a stronger consortium that aligns skills, strengthens collaboration, and elevates employability across the Visayas region.





Cebu Chamber espouses collaborations and partnerships in promoting Cebu as investment destination

PRESS RELEASE - JUNE 06, 2024



COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES WITH NGOS AND GLOBAL NETWORKS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CEBU

In recent years, as the Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCCI) has emphasised collaborations and partnerships to position Cebu City as a premier investment destination, the University of the Visayas has stepped into this arena as a key academic partner. According to CCCI's June 2024 statement, the Chamber urged industry captains and organizations to support investment promotion in the region.

UV, through its International Affairs Department and its strong mandate in global and regional linkages, has participated in these multi-stakeholder forums, thereby giving voice to the academic sector in shaping Cebu's investment narrative. UV has leveraged its role to bridge academia and industry: by hosting international students (from China, India, Nigeria, Nepal, Hungary) and working with corresponding Embassies (China, India, Nepal, Nigeria) the university has actively created a culturally diverse academic-industry ecosystem in Cebu. This positions UV as more than a passive observer: it becomes a convenor of cross-cultural talent and links to industry requirements for global competency and multicultural readiness.

In 2024, the University of the Visayas has participated in a total of 11 focus group discussions involving corporations, foreign embassies and higher education institutions to provide solutions in the field of curriculum development, technical and vocational education and training, sustainability and innovative teaching.

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2022
Galing Pinas Excellence
Partnership Award, Philippine
Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)

2021
The Most Outstanding Chamber in
the Visayas 2021 Award
Special Recognition, Philippine
Chamber of
Commerce and Industry Inc.

2020
The Most Outstanding Chamber in
the Philippines 2020 Award

2019
Top Five Best Education and
Training Projects Assessment
Certification Accreditation Services
(ACAS) - ICC - World Chambers
Federation

2018
Most Outstanding
Chamber Award / Special Citation
for Institutionalizing the
establishment of the Assessment,
Certification and Accreditation
System (ACAS)

2017
Philippine National
Excellence Award,
Philippine Chamber of
Commerce and Industry Inc.

2016
Outstanding Institution Award for
Trade and Investment,
Cebu City Local Government

1997, 2007 & 2013
Most Outstanding Chamber in the
Philippines Hall of Fame

**1995 - 1997, 2005 - 2007, 2011 -
2013**
Most Outstanding Chamber
in the Philippines

**1993 - 1997, 2005 - 2007, 2011 -
2013, 2018**
Most Outstanding Chamber
in the Visayas

2012
PCCI Diamond Achievement Award

2010
ASAE Award - Developing Nation
Category

2009
Perlas Award on the
Valuable Institution by
Philippines Foundation Inc.

2008
Best Local Chamber
in the Asia - Pacific:
Confederation of
Asia - Pacific Chambers of
Commerce and Industry

2004
Best Management
& Financing Project Award:
ICC - World Chambers
Federation



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CEBU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY UPDATING OF MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

TO: ALL CCCI MEMBERS

Your chamber is currently updating the membership database to provide us important information in addressing your concerns and to serve you better. Most of this information will also be used for the CCCI Membership Directory, which is being accessed by potential local and foreign clients and partners.

In this connection, may we request to kindly fill-out the form below and e-mail to mary@cebuchamber.org and rose@cebuchamber.org. Thank you.

COMPANY PROFILE:

COMPANY NAME: The University of the Visayas, Inc.

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Corner D. Jakosalem and Colon Sts., Cebu City

COMPANY E-MAIL ADDRESS: ceo@uv.edu.ph

TEL NOS: 253-4384 local 102

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DESIGNATION: UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

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ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE: ROSEMARIE CRUZ-ESPAÑOL, CPA, DM

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PRODUCTS: (Please see attached program offerings)

SERVICES: EDUCATION

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(Printed Name & Signature of Official Representative)

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
(Position)

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ROSEMARIE CRUZ-ESPAÑOL, CPA, DM
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The University of the Visayas is an active member of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, enabling the institution to engage directly with Cebu's key industry leaders and investment stakeholders. Through this membership, UV continuously aligns its academic programs with evolving industry needs and contributes to dialogues shaping Cebu's economic and workforce development.





Picture 1.6 Policy discussion participated by the University of the Visayas together with 3 other HEIs, Department of Trade and Industry and 5 private corporations in the creation of a renewed bilateral agreement in international development cooperation between the Philippines and Hungary.

The University of the Visayas is an active member of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, enabling the institution to engage directly with Cebu's key industry leaders and investment stakeholders. Through this membership, UV continuously aligns its academic programs with evolving industry needs and contributes to dialogues shaping Cebu's economic and workforce development.





CHAMPIONING ASEAN UNITY THROUGH CROSS- BORDER PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARED EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION.

The Passage to ASEAN (P2A) Network, established in 2012, created the P2A Framework for Internationalization—a transformative model that fosters cross-border learning, intercultural understanding, and regional cooperation aligned with the ASEAN Charter’s vision of “One Vision, One Identity, One Caring and Sharing Community.”

As an active member of P2A, the University of the Visayas (UV) has emerged as a catalyst in advancing internationalization efforts within the Philippines and the broader ASEAN community. UV’s engagement goes beyond participation—it actively drives dialogue, strengthens academic linkages, and champions student mobility that responds to the evolving needs of the region. Through strategic partnerships and consistent representation in regional forums, UV helps bridge Philippine higher education with ASEAN-wide opportunities, ensuring that Cebu’s academic sector remains visible, engaged, and globally attuned.

In 2026, UV aims to deepen its partnership with CCCI by launching a region-wide Academe–Industry Congress and building a stronger consortium that aligns skills, strengthens collaboration, and elevates employability across the Visayas region.





Through its sustained involvement in P2A, the University of the Visayas continues to act as a driving force for collaboration, accelerating cross-cultural exchanges, elevating Philippine representation in ASEAN dialogues, and inspiring a new generation of learners to embrace a shared regional identity. UV's catalytic leadership helps propel P2A's mission forward, advancing a more connected, compassionate, and globally ready ASEAN community.

"In the University of the Visayas, creative solutions drive the way we internationalize, connect, and lead."

- Dr. Rosemarie Español, Vice President for Finance and Quality Management System.

In 2024, UV further solidified its catalytic role through its participation in the P2A Philippine Chapter's educational tour and benchmarking mission in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, held from October 20 to 24. During this gathering of regional institutions, Dr. Rosemarie Cruz-Español showcased UV's internationalization initiatives and diverse academic programs, highlighting the university's commitment to quality education, global standards, and student-centered learning.

UV's contributions during the Vietnam engagement demonstrated how Philippine HEIs can meaningfully shape ASEAN academic cooperation by sharing models, best practices, and innovations that support mobility and regional integration.

The Vietnam benchmarking trip strengthened UV's role as a catalyst for ASEAN integration, enabling the university to share its internationalization best practices while building deeper academic and cultural connections across the region. It reinforced UV's commitment to elevating Philippine higher education in the ASEAN landscape through collaboration, mobility, and shared regional identity.





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Dr. Hang Le

Director, P2A Secretariat
Vice Provost, Duy Tan University

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The University of the Visayas is a proud member of Passage to ASEAN (P2A), actively contributing to its mission of fostering "One Vision, One Identity, One Caring and Sharing Community" through cross-border learning, intercultural understanding, and student mobility across Southeast Asia.



Memorandum of Understanding between Saigon Business School and University of the Visayas



**Saigon
Business
School**



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Saigon Business School
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
And
The University of the Visayas
Cebu City, Philippines

Saigon Business School, hereinafter referred to as "SBS", located at No. 7, Street 23, Tan Phu Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and **The University of the Visayas**, hereinafter referred to as "UV", located at Corner D. Jakosalem and Colon Sts., Cebu City, Philippines in recognition of common interests in developing bilateral relations and convinced that cooperation between institutes of higher learning contributes to cultural enrichment, scientific progress, and the consolidation of friendships between countries, both parties affirm their intent to promote academic collaboration and exchanges as will be of mutual benefit to their respective institutions.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made as a gesture of goodwill between the two institutions and will cover, but is not limited to:

- I. Exchange of faculty, scholars and administrative staff
- II. Exchange of students
- III. Joint development of programs
- IV. Development of research programs
- V. Exchange of relevant information, documentation and material
- VI. Co-ordination through the respective offices in joint projects

Details of the implementation of any particular activity resulting from this Memorandum of Understanding shall be negotiated between the two institutions as such specific cases arise. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect once representatives of both institutions affix their signatures and will remain valid for a period of five (5) years. Both institutions have the option to end this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six (6) months prior notice; provided however, that the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the conditions or access to activities for students or faculty who are participating in the activities at any time of termination. In such cases, programs under way shall be allowed to be completed according to the terms that have been agreed upon. If both institutions do not



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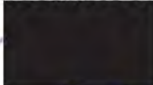
give such notice at the end of the 5-year period, the Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically extended for an additional 5 years.

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed by SBS and UV in two copies, each of which being deemed original.

By signing below, both institutions agree to be bound by the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding will start from the date of both signatures.

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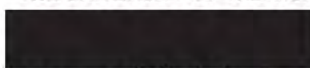
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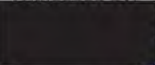
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VISAYAS



CONRADO E. INIGO JR., PhD, DBE
University President

Date: _____

Witnessed by:



Mai Vinh Trinh

Representative



ROSEMARIE CRUZ-ESPAÑOL, CPA, DM
Vice President for Finance and QMS



Memorandum of Understanding between Dong Nai Technology University and University of the Visayas



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
Dong Nai Technology University
Bien Hoa, Dong Nai, Vietnam
And
The University of the Visayas
Cebu City, Philippines

Dong Nai Technology University, hereinafter referred to as "DNTU", located at XVM9+QGJ, Đ. Nguyễn Khuyến, Khu Phố 5, Biên Hòa, Đồng Nai, Vietnam and **The University of the Visayas**, hereinafter referred to as "UV", located at Corner D. Jakosalem and Colon Sts., Cebu City, Philippines in recognition of common interests in developing bilateral relations and convinced that cooperation between institutes of higher learning contributes to cultural enrichment, scientific progress, and the consolidation of friendships between countries, both parties affirm their intent to promote academic collaboration and exchanges as will be of mutual benefit to their respective institutions.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made as a gesture of goodwill between the two institutions and will cover, but is not limited to:

- I. Exchange of faculty, scholars and administrative staff
- II. Exchange of students
- III. Joint development of programs
- IV. Development of research programs
- V. Exchange of relevant information, documentation and material
- VI. Co-ordination through the respective offices in joint projects

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Memorandum of Understanding between Dong Nai Technology University and University of the Visayas

or access to activities for students or faculty who are participating in the activities at any time of termination. In such cases, programs under way shall be allowed to be completed according to the terms that have been agreed upon. If both institutions do not give such notice at the end of the 5-year period, the Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically extended for an additional 5 years.

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed by DNTU and UV in two copies, each of which being deemed original.

By signing below, both institutions agree to be bound by the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding will start from the date of both signatures.

Signed on behalf of:



DONG NAI TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

DR. ĐOÀN MẠNH QUYNH
President

Date: 22/10/2024

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VISAYAS

CONRADO E. INIGO, JR., PhD, DBE
University President

Date: 22/10/2024

Witnessed by:

DR. HUYNH TAN NGUYEN
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OPENING GLOBAL DOORS THROUGH UV-NGO PARTNERSHIPS AND SHARED COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

The University of the Visayas (UV) continues to strengthen its role as a catalyst for global learning by supporting organizations like GradMap, an NGO dedicated to democratizing access to graduate studies abroad. Through its international affairs leadership, UV has actively contributed mentors, resource persons, and experts who guide aspiring Filipino scholars in navigating international mobility.

By sharing its institutional experience in ASEAN and European linkages, UV helps expand opportunities for students nationwide, ensuring that knowledge on scholarships, admissions, and international academic pathways reaches underserved communities.

UV's involvement in GradMap's How to Apply to Grad School series demonstrates its commitment to building a culture of global citizenship and academic empowerment. Serving as a mentor, UV highlights pathways for students to access world-class education, emphasizing the university's belief that internationalization should not be exclusive but accessible to all who aspire to serve the country through advanced learning.

UV strives to be champion global student success through proactive international student policies, robust mobility pathways, and compassionate support systems that empower learners from around the world.

International Affairs Department
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“AT UV, WE BELIEVE GLOBAL EDUCATION SHOULD BE WITHIN EVERYONE’S REACH—AND THROUGH NGO COLLABORATIONS, WE HELP MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.”

By working alongside NGOs and fellow advocates, UV bridges Filipino students to global opportunities while generating broader awareness of SDG-driven policies and mobility practices. Through these collaborations, UV reinforces its mission of shaping globally competent graduates and strengthening the ecosystem of international mobility in the Philippines—making global classrooms more reachable, diverse perspectives more accessible, and lifelong learning more inclusive for all.

By 2028, the University of the Visayas envisions establishing a long-term, sustainable partnership with a dedicated NGO to advance community-driven development across Region 7. This initiative aims to empower underprivileged communities through entrepreneurship training, cultural appreciation programs, and heritage-based livelihood development rooted in Cebu’s rich identity.

UV seeks not only to deliver outreach, but to adopt a partner community, ensuring continuous mentorship, capacity-building, and market access for local entrepreneurs while fostering pride in Cebuano culture among youth and families. Through this sustained engagement, UV positions itself as a catalyst for inclusive growth, preserving cultural heritage while equipping marginalized communities with the skills, support systems, and opportunities they need to thrive.



In 2028, UV strives to be known as a Champion of Sustainable, Empowered Communities across Cebu and Beyond through long-term NGO partnerships, entrepreneurship development, and heritage-driven community programs.

