COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO REVIEW K+12 TRANSITION PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Former President Benigno Aquino III of the Philippines signed RA (Republic Act) 10533 on May 15, 2013, otherwise known as the K+12 program.

The new curriculum covers Kindergarten and 12 years of basic education; 6 years of Primary Education, 4 years of Junior High School (JHS), and 2 years of Senior High School (SHS). It is 2 years longer than the previous Basic Education System. The purpose of the additional years is to prepare the Filipino learners to master necessary skills for them to be primed for tertiary level. The program also aims to equip them the competence they need to be able to keep up in a global standard.

Lately, a misinterpretation about CHED (Commission on Higher Education) wanting to review K+12 transition program reaches the people. It is a mix-up that causes them to think that CHED is meaning to stop the implementation of K+12 program.

CHED Chairperson J. Prospero De Vera III clarifies that he doesn’t intend to end K+12. “I clarify that my statement is about the K+12 Transition Fund. DEPED implements different K+12 program and I’m not saying that it should be stopped.”

Furthermore, he explains that he only wishes to review and change the K+12 transition program due to a defective system. This later on was confirmed by CHED officials. “The review and change have been going on for a year.” Chairperson De Vera reported.

To date, the implementation of K+12 program has produced promising outcomes. The DEPED (Department of Education) Secretary Leonor Briones said, “We are very
pleased because our expectations have been far exceeded and perhaps doubled; double in the case of enrollment, double in the case also of those who are graduating and completing.”

However, this result doesn’t fully overturn the CHED’s claim that there’s still a defect in the system of K+12 transition program that should be reviewed and changed.

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