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HIMANGRAW IN WARAY-WARAY DIALECT MEANS CONVERSATION

## NEWS BRIEF

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### STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## Eastern Visayas gets 14K plus slots

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) allocated 14,442 slots for Student Financial Assistance Programs (StuFAPs) for Academic Year 2014-2015 in Region 8. This is more than 2000 percent higher than the 645 slots for the Academic Year 2013-2014.

In January, CHED RO8 started accepting applications for StuFAP. This is open to financially-challenged and deserving graduating high school students, high school graduates, students with earned college units, or passers of either Alternative Learning System or Philippine



**Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 8 receives an average of 200 StuFAP applications daily.**

Educational Placement Test.

Per CHED Memorandum Order No. 13 s. 2014, qualified StuFAP beneficiaries can receive financial assistance that ranges from P3,000 to 15,000 per semester depending on their StuFAP categories. These are State Scholarship Program (Full

Scholarship or Partial Scholarship), Private Education Student Financial Assistance (PESFA), Grants-in-Aid (Tulong Dunong), and Study Now Pay Later Plan.

Results of the evaluation and screening will be posted not later than May 15, 2014.

## Grants-in-Aid for Poverty Alleviation is expanded

On its third year of implementation, the Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (SGP-PA) is expanded by adding slots for more participating higher education institutions (HEIs).

In Region 8, only the Leyte Normal Uni-

versity and Visayas State University were part of the program during its initial run, but with the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2014-1 signed on Feb. 3, 2014, eight more State Universities and Colleges in Region 8 were identified to accept beneficiaries of the Expanded SGP-PA.

A student-grantee will receive a maximum of sixty

thousand pesos (P60,000.00) as grant per academic year to cover the costs for tuition and other school fees, academic and extracurricular expenses, purchase of text books, board and lodging, transportation, clothing, admission/entrance fees, health and other expenses and support services.

ESGP-PA is effective in Academic Year 2014-15.

## CHEDRO 8 identifies 5 more priority degree programs

After a meeting with representatives from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the higher education institutions (HEIs), CHED Regional Office 8 forwarded its recommendation to the CHED Central Office on the five (5) identified Regional Priority Degree Programs. They are Marine Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Real Estate Management, Industrial Technology, and Economics.

With these additional programs, StuFAP beneficiaries will have more choices for the college degree programs they will take come June 2014.

CHED Memorandum Order No. 1 s. 2014 names 93 priority degree programs.

Forty-three of these programs are new in the list. Among these are Bachelor in Library Science and Information System (major in System Analysis), BS in Food Technology, Agricultural Economics, Early Childhood Education, BS Theology, Business Data Outsourcing, BS Journalism, Atmospheric Science, and Sanitary Engineering to name a few.

## CHEDRO 8 meets the Congressional scholarship coordinators



Mr. Jason Calva, the Chief of Staff of Congressman Damian Mercado of the Lone District of Southern Leyte, asks if there is an allocated number of slots per congressional district during the Meeting of the Scholarship Coordinators of Congressional Districts on April 10 held at the Leyte Normal University Tea Room Tacloban.



Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 8 Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, says that there is no specific number of slots per congressional district but each district may submit as many applications as they want. She encourages the congressional district coordinators to pre-screen the applicants to make sure that they meet the CHED Student Financial Programs (StuFAPs) qualifications and requirements.