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TO: All concerned

SUBJECT: Balik-PhD Research of Dr. Ronald Del Castillo

The University of the Philippines Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPA) endorses the project entitled, **“Prevalence of mental health problems among Filipino university students: multi-site, mixed-method research.”**

Dr. Ronald Del Castillo is the principal investigator and an associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Administration, College of Public Health, University of the Philippines, Manila. He is a recipient of the Balik-PhD Recruitment Program.

This project is supported and approved by the OVPA. Its implementation is overseen by the UP Manila Research Grants Administration Office (RGAO) and the UP Manila Research Ethics Board (UPMREB).

The project will collect data from UP students throughout the Constituent Universities and satellite campuses.

This endorsement letter is to help Dr. Del Castillo facilitate communication, hold meetings, and implement other project tasks and activities. The OVPA requests the cooperation of concerned administration, faculty, staff as well as students throughout the UP System.

For concerns or additional information, Dr. Del Castillo may be reached by phone (+63 920 983 0706) or by email (rtdelcastillo@up.edu.ph). The Balik-PhD Recruitment Program may be reached by email (balikphd.ovpaa@up.edu.ph).

Sincerely,

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