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House Bill No. **3030**



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE NIKO RAUL S.J. DAZA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, in its Article 26, clearly states that “*everyone has the right to education.*”

This right is not merely aspirational—it is essential. As the UNESCO emphasized in 2015, the full enjoyment of education is the bedrock of sustainable development. Education unlocks human potential, uplifts communities, and, for many families, becomes the bridge out of poverty.

The Philippines, recognizing this immutable truth, has enshrined education in our very Constitution. Article XIV, Section 1 of the supreme law of the land declares: “*The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*”

It is in this spirit that this measure seeks to establish a **satellite campus of the University of Eastern Philippines (UEP) in the municipality of San Antonio**. At present, the UEP Main Campus is located in Catarman, the capital of Northern Samar—around 40 kilometers away from the island town of San Antonio. The creation of this new campus will not only bring quality education closer to San Antonio’s youth but will also generate jobs, stimulate local enterprise, and invigorate the island’s economy, long separated from the provincial mainland by the Dalupirit Pass.

To ensure relevance and cost efficiency, each UEP satellite campus will specialize in select academic fields that address the unique needs and challenges of the province, the region, and the emerging realities of the new normal. For the San Antonio campus, the following program concentrations are envisioned:

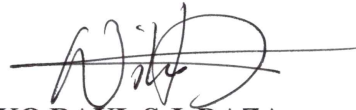
1. **Mechanical and Transportation Engineering** – with courses covering port development, energy and electricity systems (including renewable sources), heavy equipment operations, and industrial and transportation technologies.
2. **Environmental Science and Engineering** – offering studies in climate mitigation and resilience, disaster management, biodiversity conservation, GIS mapping, flood control, food security, forestry, and natural resource stewardship.

3. **Fisheries and Marine Resources Management** – focusing on aquaculture, aquatic technologies, food processing, and mangrove rehabilitation to sustain San Antonio's coastal and marine wealth.
4. **Tourism, Eco-tourism, and Hospitality** – equipping students with skills in tourism development, hotel and restaurant management, marketing, communications, language proficiency, and heritage promotion.

The proposed UEP–San Antonio Campus is expected to open its doors to around **200 local freshmen students annually**, with the goal of expanding intake in the coming years. In time, the campus could attract students from neighboring municipalities and provinces, as its programs mature and gain recognition.

Beyond academics, this campus represents a larger vision—a future where education catalyzes **food security, environmental resilience, and energy sustainability** for Northern Samar.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN PHILIPPINES SATELLITE
CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN NORTHERN SAMAR,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “University of Eastern
2 Philippines San Antonio Satellite Campus Act.”

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4 **Section 2. Establishment.** –There is hereby established satellite campuses of the University of
5 Eastern Philippines (UEP) in the Municipality of San Antonio, Northern Samar.

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7 **Section 3. General Mandate.** - The UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus (UEP-San Antonio)
8 shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses
9 within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the University,
10 and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
11 may deem necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives of the University, and those
12 which respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Northern Samar
13 and Region VIII.

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15 The UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus is also mandated to undertake research and
16 extension services.

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The establishment of the UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for their operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by CHED.

Section 4. *Course and Curricular Offerings and Training Programs.* - The UEP San Antonio Satellite Campus shall offer tertiary education and training courses in accordance with the thrust of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) and current offerings of UEP. To ensure cost-efficiency and in consideration of the requirements and potential of the San Antonio municipality and its neighboring municipalities and islands, the region, and the whole country, the UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus shall focus on particular programs or specializations, as approved by the BOR.

Section 5. *Administration.* - The UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus shall be headed by Campus Directors who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

Section 6. *Transfer of Assets and real properties.* - All assets, real and personal, and records of the UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the University.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the UEP-San Antonio Satellite Campus shall be declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the University cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government units or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

Section 7. *Integration of RA 8292* - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292. otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

Section 8. *Grant of powers* – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

Section 9. *Development Plan, Infrastructure Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organization, Administrative, and Academic structure.* – Within a period of sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the UEP-SASC shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to CHED, for appropriate recommendation the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- (b) Submit an infrastructure development plan including a corresponding site development plan to CHED, for appropriate recommendation to DBM;
- (c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with CHED; and
- (d) Certify that the course offerings and training programs are fully aligned with the minimum standards set forth by law and needs of the host municipality and adjacent areas served, and in the context of emerging technologies and intent of PQF and ASEAN framework for tertiary education; and
- (e) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, financial, and academic structures, including the appointment/designation of the key campus officials.

Section 10. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Lands, Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies, and Vehicles.* – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government, and the heads of local government units (LGUs) are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the University President, such lands, apparatus, equipment, supplies, and vehicles as may be needed by the UEP-SASC when, in the judgement of the heads of said bureaus, offices, or LGUs, such lands, apparatus, equipment, supplies, and vehicles can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

Section 11. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 12. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

84 **Section 13. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
85 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified
86 accordingly

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88 **Section 14. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
89 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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