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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5449



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

The Technological University of the Philippines (TUP), formerly Philippine College of Arts and Trades, is one of the oldest industrial schools in the country which has been in existence since 1901. Since its conversion into TUP by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1518 in 1978, the University has been a strong catalyst in manpower development for industrial and engineering technicians, and for supervisory and managerial skills, and has continued to do so in the implementation of government policies in its accelerated programs.

To carry out the various programs to attain the objectives and goals of providing vocational, technical, industrial, technological, and professional skills, TUP has established satellite campuses in Taguig, Cavite, Visayas, Batangas, and Quezon.

However, there is a need to enhance the service delivery capacity of TUP particularly in Quezon due to the increasing demand for technological programs in the Province of Quezon.

Thus, this bill seeks to convert the TUP-Lopez campus into a regular campus to guarantee direct annual budgetary allocation from the General Appropriations Act to provide for itself, build necessary infrastructure, procure equipment, and hire additional staff complement to deliver the necessary vocational, scientific, and

technological programs which will eventually contribute to national economic growth and meaningful social development.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Tan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Technological University of the Philippines – Lopez Campus Act."

SEC. 2. *Conversion.* – The extension campus of the Technological University of the Philippines in the Municipality of Lopez is hereby converted into a regular campus of TUP to be known as TUP – Lopez Campus.

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The TUP - Lopez Campus shall provide higher and advanced vocational, technical, industrial, technological, and professional education and training in the industries and technology, and practical arts leading to certificates, diplomas, and degrees. It shall provide progressive leadership in applied research, developmental studies in technical, industrial, and technological fields and production using indigenous materials, effect technology transfer in the countryside; and assist in the development of small and medium scale industries in identified growth-centers.

SEC. 4. *Administration of the TUP Lopez Campus.* – The University President shall have overall supervision and management of the TUP – Lopez Campus. The Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon recommendation of the search committee and the University President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications; and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.* – The establishment of the TUP Lopez Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and

program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.

SEC. 6. *Transfer of Assets.* – All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the TUP Lopez Extension Campus located in the Municipality of Lopez, Province of Quezon, as well as liabilities or obligations shall be transferred to the TUP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the TUP Lopez Extension Campus are hereby transferred to the TUP, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the TUP cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer be needed by the TUP, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Municipality of Lopez shall provide the same assistance until such time that that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the TUP-Lopez Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 8. *Parity Clause.* – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the regular campus and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and other executive issuances which are not consistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,