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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Almost all countries have assigned "education attaches" in their respective embassies who give information about their country's universities and courses to foreign students who wish to pursue studies or formal education in their nation. The main role of "education attaches" to promote one's country as an education hub is to attract foreigners to conduct various academic related activities.

Globalization has pushed the need to designate "education attaches" in order to take advantage of this important role in promoting our own public and private universities in global academic markets. Likewise, "education attaches" shall serve as contact-persons for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) wanting to pursue their education in foreign lands by way of assisting them through identified academic partner institution within their areas of assignment.


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**AN ACT CREATING AND
DESIGNATING EDUCATION ATTACHES IN PHILIPPINE
CONSULATES WORLDWIDE**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Education Attache Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall establish means to promote quality education across the country.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education (DepEd); Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall establish a policy on the creation and designation of education attaches in the different Philippine embassies worldwide to promote the Philippines as an education hub that will attract foreign students to enroll in Philippine academic institutions. Likewise the role of education attaches in assisting OFWs wanting to pursue education for themselves and their dependents shall be addressed.

SEC 4. The various Philippine embassies and consulate offices around the world shall take the lead in ensuring that the designated education attaches shall identify the reputable academic institutions within their areas of operation and shall coordinate the same with the DepEd, CHED, and TESDA who shall then work with Philippine private and public schools

to ensure that such international academic partnerships are cultivated especially for purposes of promoting academic services to our OFWs.

SEC. 5. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 6. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.