


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**THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Philippine Constitution Section 1, Article XIV provides that,

*"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."*

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) is a government educational institution governed by Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997". It provides quality but affordable education to all deserving students.

The highly regarded reputation of PUP prompted the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Juan, through the initiative of yours truly, to pass on January 21, 2008 City Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2008 otherwise known as "An Ordinance Establishing a PUP Campus in the City of San Juan, Metro Manila".

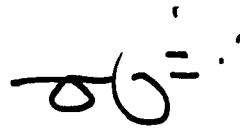
The signing of the MOA by the City of San Juan and PUP on February 20, 2008 became a landmark in San Juan's long history of struggle for quality but accessible tertiary education.

Consequently, the PUP Board of Regents approved and ratified the MOA on March 14, 2008 through Board Resolution No. 613, Series of 2008. Since then, the

local government of the City of San Juan funded all the expenses for the operation of PUP-San Juan.

By virtue of this legislative measure, the expenses for the operation of PUP San Juan Campus shall be charged to the National Government's yearly General Appropriation Act (GAA), which in return will lessen the expenditures of the local government unit concerned. It will also promote growth and modernization of the campus' facilities that will help the students to be more competitive.

Thus, the approval of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.

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

**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "PUP- San Juan Campus Act"
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- 3 SECTION 2. It is hereby declared by the State to provide accessible, quality and
- 4 affordable education to all. PUP System, since it was created proves the same.
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- 6 SECTION 3. The PUP San Juan Campus shall offer graduate, undergraduate and
- 7 short- term technical courses within the areas of specialization and according to its
- 8 capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives,
- 9 particular in order to meet the needs of the province and the region. The University
- 10 Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and
- 11 provides progressive leadership in these areas, includes the offering of post graduate
- 12 degrees under the Open University System.
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- 14 SECTION 4. The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth
- 15 in the Corporation Law. The administration of the University and the exercise of its
- 16 powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the Polytechnic
- 17 University of the Philippines.
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- 19 SECTION 5. The University Campus shall provide a scholarship program and other
- 20 affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students to qualify for
- 21 admission to the University.
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1 No student shall be denied admission to the University Campus by reason of sex,  
2 religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

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4 **SECTION 6.** The University Campus shall enjoy academic freedom. University  
5 Campus faculties, staff and students religious belief shall be respected at all times.

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7 **SECTION 7.** On or before the fifteenth of the second month after the opening of the  
8 regular class each year, the Board shall file with both Houses of Congress a detailed  
9 report on the progress, conditions and needs of the PUP San Juan Campus.

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11 **SECTION 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be  
12 charged against the current year's appropriations of the Polytechnic University of  
13 the Philippines. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued  
14 operation and maintenance of the PUP shall be included in the annual General  
15 Appropriations Act.

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17 **SECTION 9.** In coordination with the Polytechnic University of the Philippines,  
18 within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the  
19 PUP San Juan Campus shall accomplish the following:

- 20 a. Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding  
21 program budget, to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;  
22 b. Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED;  
23 c. Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic,  
24 structure, including the appointment/ designation of University Campus key  
25 officials;

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27 **SECTION 10.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the  
28 "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an integral part of this Act  
29 and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

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31 **SECTION 11.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations  
32 to state universities and/or its official under existing laws shall be deemed granted  
33 to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

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35 **SECTION 12.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations  
36 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
37 amended or modified accordingly.

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39 **SECTION 13.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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41 *Approved,*