

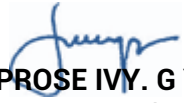


**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 90**

Series of 2024

TO: **All Faculty and Staff (Main and Component Campuses)**

RE: **Singing of the National Anthem First Before an Invocation**

FROM:   
**DR. PROSE IVY. G YEPES**  
University President

DATE: **May 9, 2024**

This is to inform all the faculty and staff of the whole VSU system to include and comply the following provision under Section 43 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 8491 (The Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines) that ***"the National Anthem precedes the invocation during the flag ceremony and related program(s)".***

For reference, attached are Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Director No. 295, s 2024 and CHED Regional Office Order No. 73, s. 2024.

This is for your information and compliance.



COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

## REGIONAL OFFICE VIII



### CHED REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 77 Series 2024

FOR : **PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN EASTERN VISAYAS**

SUBJECT : **CHED MOED NO. 295 s. 2024 RE: NHCP RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE THE INVOCATION**

DATE : **03 MAY 2024**

In compliance with the CHED Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Director (MOED) No. 295 s. 2024 and National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Resolution No. 10 s. 2017, all public higher education institutions (HEIs) are encouraged to sing/play the Philippine National Anthem before the Invocation during the Flag Raising Ceremony and other related activities.

For compliance

  
**MAXIMO C. ALJIBE, PhD, DPM, CESO III**  
Director IV



Incls: MOED NO. 295 S. 2024; NHCP No. 10 s. 2017



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

No. 295, Series of 2024

**FOR** : All CHED Central and Regional Office Directors  
UniFAST Executive Director

**SUBJECT** : **A Resolution To Include the Singing of National Anthem First Before an Invocation Under Section 43 of the IRR of RA No. 8491 Known as "The Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines"**

**DATE** : April 24, 2024

Please be informed that one of the issues/concerns raised by the National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office (NRO) and Regional Social Development Committee (RSDC) in Region XII under **Culture and Tradition** is the *"Non-compliance by several agencies, Inter-agency Committees/Councils on National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Board Resolution No. 10, series of 2017 which mandates the singing of Pambansang Awit before the Invocation."*

NHCP Board Resolution No. 10, s. 2017 includes the following provision under Section 43 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 (The Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines) that ***"the National Anthem precedes the invocation during the flag raising ceremony and related program."***

Hence, all Central and Regional Office Directors and the UniFAST Executive Director are hereby reminded/advised regarding compliance to said resolution.

While RA No. 8491 provides that *"...the Commission on Higher Education, upon the recommendation of the Institute (NHCP) and after the proper notice and hearing, shall cause the cancellation of the recognition of permit of any private educational institution which fails or refuses to observe the provisions of this Act for the second time."*, the NHCP Board Resolution No. 10, s. 2017 indicates that *"This is non-obligatory for private institutions and schools, especially sectarian/religious learning institutions, in which case invocation may be done prior to the singing of the National Anthem."*

All CHEDROs are instructed to disseminate this pertinent information to all public higher education institutions in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For your immediate compliance.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10, s. 2017**

**A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE CUSTOM OF SINGING THE  
NATIONAL ANTHEM FIRST BEFORE AN INVOCATION UNDER SECTION 43 OF  
THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATION (IRR) OF R.A. 8491 KNOWN AS  
"THE FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**WHEREAS**, Rule 4, Chapter 2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 8491 mandates the etiquette in singing the National Anthem

**WHEREAS**, a national anthem preceding the invocation has been a custom elsewhere in the world.

**WHEREAS**, the state guarantees the exercise of freedom of faith under its sovereignty by upholding the principle that citizens who gather together lawfully in/for a public program identify their belongingness to a nation by saluting the flag and singing the national anthem.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines hereby includes the following provision under Section 43 of the IRR that "the National Anthem precedes the invocation during the flag raising ceremony and related program. This is non-obligatory for private institutions and schools, especially sectarian/religious learning institutions, in which case invocation may be done prior to the singing of the National Anthem."

***Approved in the NHCP Board Meeting on 29 September 2017:***

**RENE R. ESCALANTE**  
Chairman

**ABRAHAM P. SAKILI**  
Member

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