

A PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY THE PHILIPPINE STATE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS AS A PROFESSIONAL AVIATION EDUCATION INSTITUTION

Whereas, Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "[t]he 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."

Whereas, in accordance with the abovementioned constitutional mandate, the aforementioned endeavor seeks to strengthen the Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA) by declaring it as the Professional Aviation Education Institution, befitting its status as the premier and only government educational institution which offers programs purely in aeronautics and aviation-related education.

Whereas, the birth of PhilSCA dates back when it was initially established as Basa Air Base Community College by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) pursuant to AFP Regulations G. 168-342 as approved by the Department of National Defense on April 1, 1968 and was approved to operate by the Department of Education and Culture on 23 April 1969. On January 26, 1977, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, Sr. signed Presidential Decree No. 1078 converting Basa Air Base Community College to Philippine Air Force College of Aeronautics with its main campus in Villamor Air Base, Pasay City along with three (3) newly created campuses, namely: Sangley Air Base, Fernando Air Base, and Mactan Air Base. On June 3, 1992, the Philippine Air Force College of Aeronautics was renamed to Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA) by virtue of Republic Act No. 7605. In 1994, its Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the creation of its own flying school which will train students qualified to become private and commercial pilots. At present, the laws form the legal basis of the existence of PhilSCA. Hence, the consolidation of these two (2) laws into a single statute is necessary to introduce improvements and strengthen the College, making it responsive and adaptable to the growing demands of today's highly globalized society.

Whereas, PhilSCA has then improved its course structure and curricular offerings, recognizing the individuals from all academic disciplines who have contributed to the development and growth of aviation. For more than five (5) decades of its existence, PhilSCA has been the top performing school and produced topnotchers in Aeronautical Engineering board examination. In fact, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has awarded the College as the "Number 1 Aeronautical School in the Country" due to high percentage of board passers and for consistently producing Topnotchers in the PRC Aeronautical Engineering Board Examination for the last decade. In 2021, the College has produced forty-three (43) new Aeronautical Engineers with five (5) examinees landing in the top ten (10). Worth mentioning as well are its graduates in the programs of BS Air Transportation, Aircraft Maintenance and Aviation Electronics Technology who are consistent performers in the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) rating

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Whereas, it has also been the school of choice for students who want their careers in the aviation industry to take off as it produced thousands of world-class professionals and competent human resources which include private and commercial pilots, aeronautical engineers, aircraft maintenance technicians and specialists, flight attendants, men and women of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) and other branches of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), government officers, professors and other highly qualified individuals whose mission is to support the Philippines and the global aviation industry.

Whereas, in its bid to provide global learning for students as well as to connect and collaborate with other schools worldwide, the College through the PhilSCA International and Local Linkages Office (PILLO) has established partnerships and collaborations with different local and international organizations like the International Association of Aviation and Aerospace Education (ALICANTO), the Global School Alliance (GSA), the PAF-AETDC Multi-Sectoral Advisory Board, and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), local and international airline companies and establishments among others.

Whereas, a cooperation agreement was also entered into between the College and the Universities in Malaysia, and Canada. This engagement aims to develop academic and educational cooperation and mutual understanding. In addition, PhilSCA received ISO Certification 9001-2015 to ensure its services and operations comply with international standards. Just recently, the CAAP has granted PhilSCA a Five-Year Aviation Training Organization Certificate (ATOC) with certification number 86-06.

Whereas, through the years and despite the turbulent times brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has undergone a massive facelift with the construction of the state-of-the-art laboratory building and college dormitory, and the renovation of classrooms, guestel, audio-visual room, gymnasium, and offices. Those infrastructure projects will further help PhilSCA achieve its aspirations to be the Philippine's center of excellence in aviation and aeronautics, preparing students to lead, manage, innovate, develop, and operate a safe, reliable, and efficient global aviation system for the 21st Century.

Whereas, to enhance its capacity and fully comply with its mandate to produce world class aviation professionals that are industry ready, there is a need for the reclassification of the institution from a College into a Professional Institution as provided for under Section 23 of CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, Series 2012 also known as Policy-Standard To Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education Through and Outcomes-Based and Typology-Based QA;



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that we, the Academic and Non-academic Officials of the Philippine State College of Aeronautics are in full support of the foregoing endeavor, and we hereby affix our signature this 1st day of March 2023 during the culmination of the conduct of the Crafting of the PhilSCA Strategic Plan 2023-2028 at Bayleaf Hotel, General Trias, Cavite, Philippines:

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