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TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR STUDENT MOBILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Presentation Outline

- I. Education and Student Mobility Trends in the Philippines**
- II. Challenge facing Student Mobility**
- III. National Strategy to Enhance Student Mobility in the Philippines**
- IV. Ways Forward**

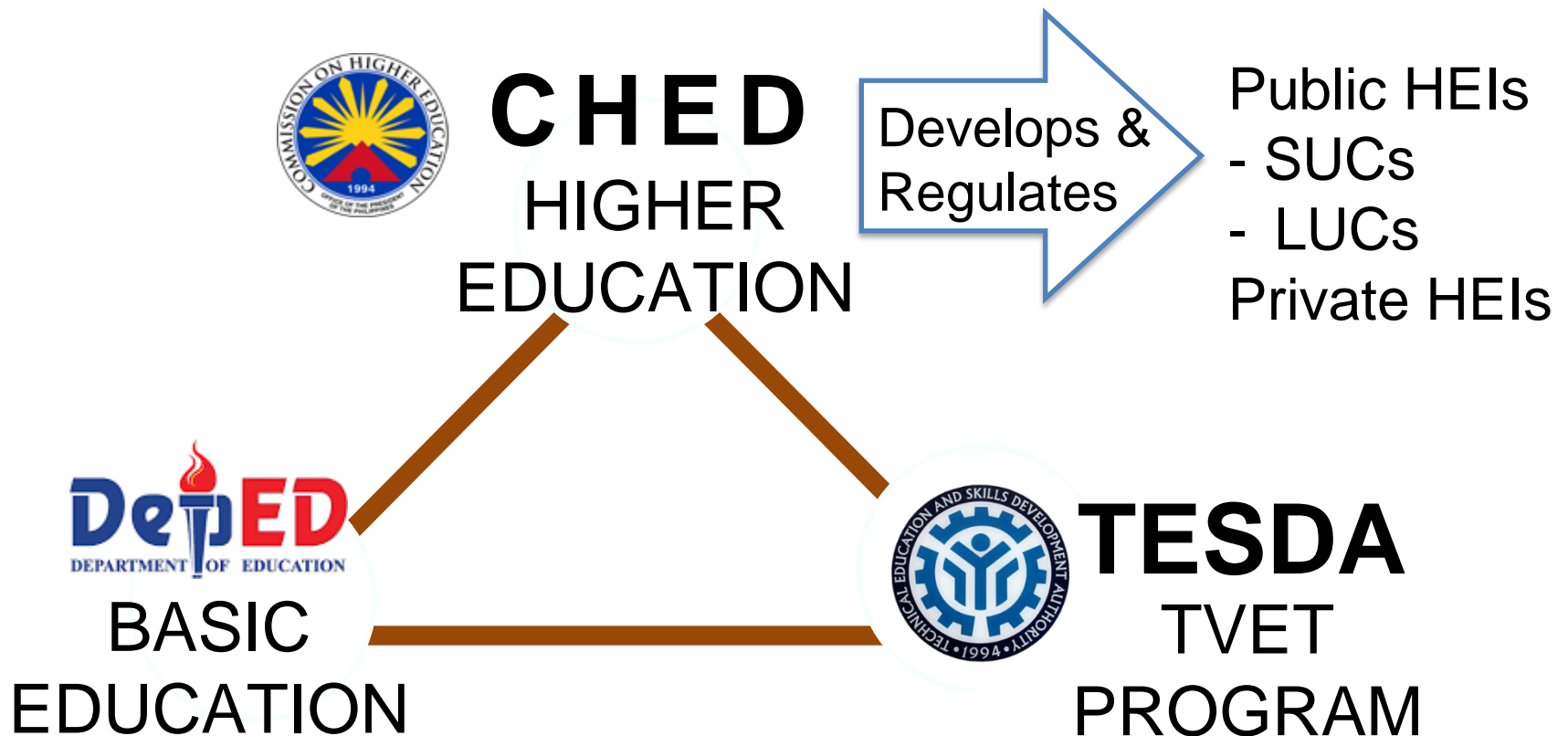


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TRENDS: Trifocalization of Philippine Education (1994)





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TRENDS: Philippine Higher Education Profile

1,943

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines: **1,710** private universities/ colleges and **233** public universities/ colleges (as of August 2017)

3,589,484

HE enrolment: **1,641,607** in public HEIs and **1,947,877** in private HEIs



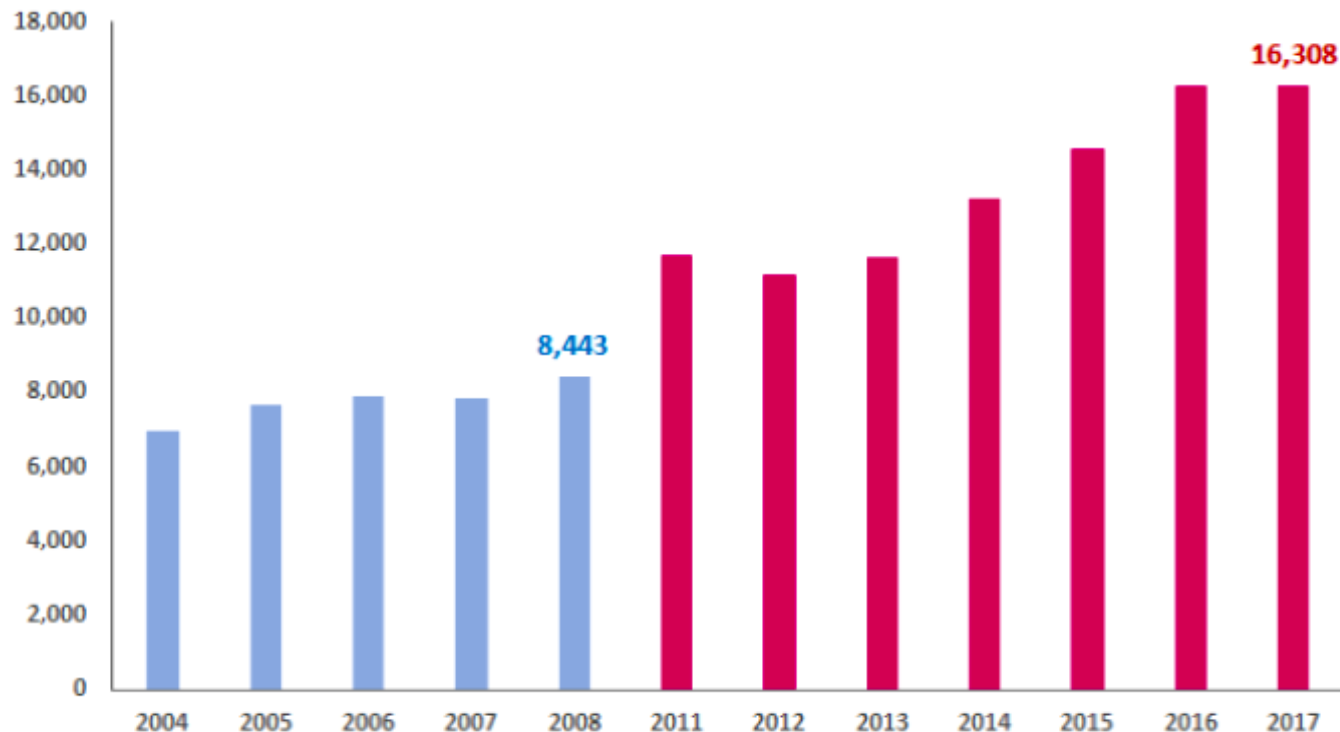
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TRENDS: Outbound Mobility

Number of PHL students studying abroad, almost double compared to 9 years ago



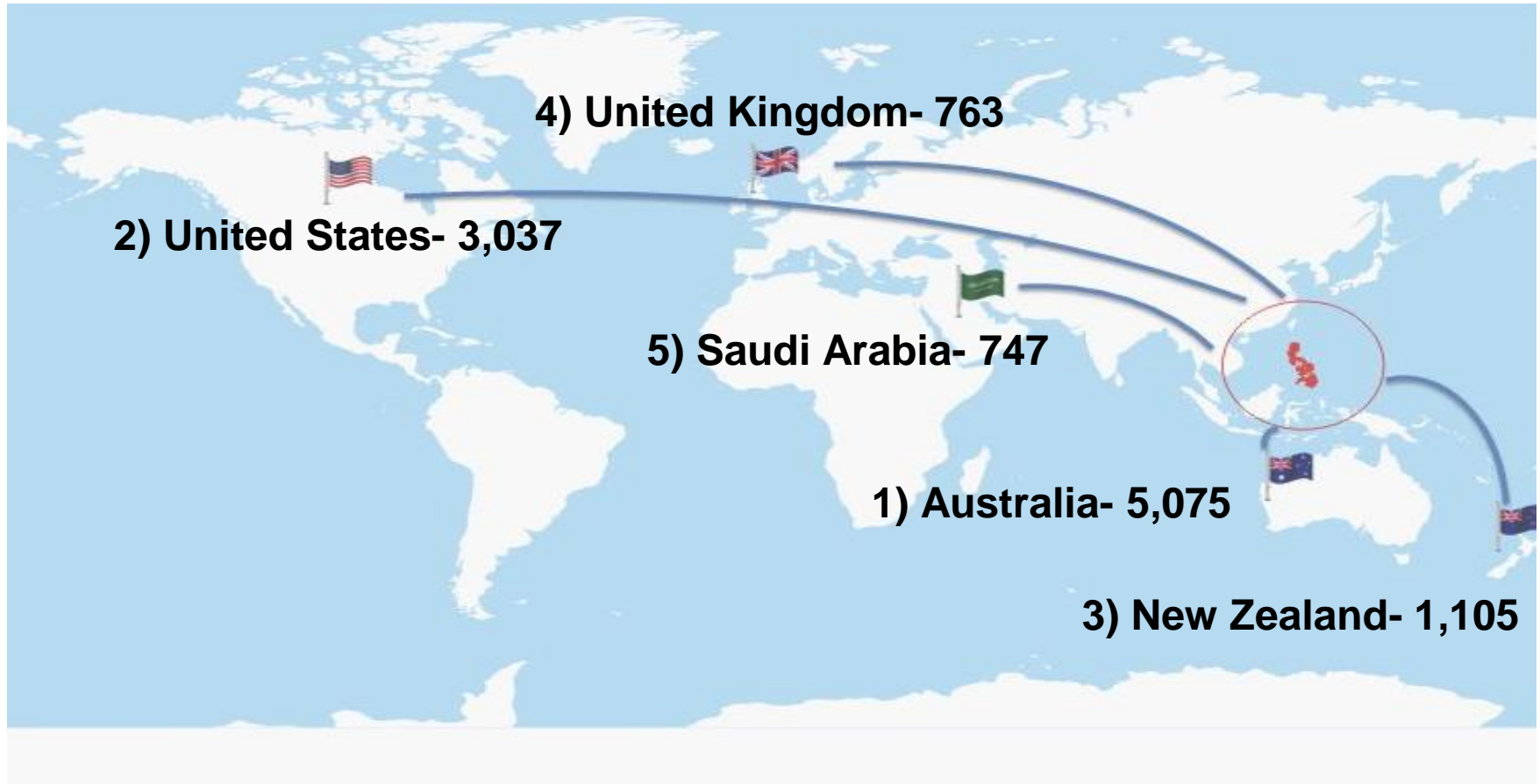


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TRENDS: Top out-bound country destinations for Filipino students





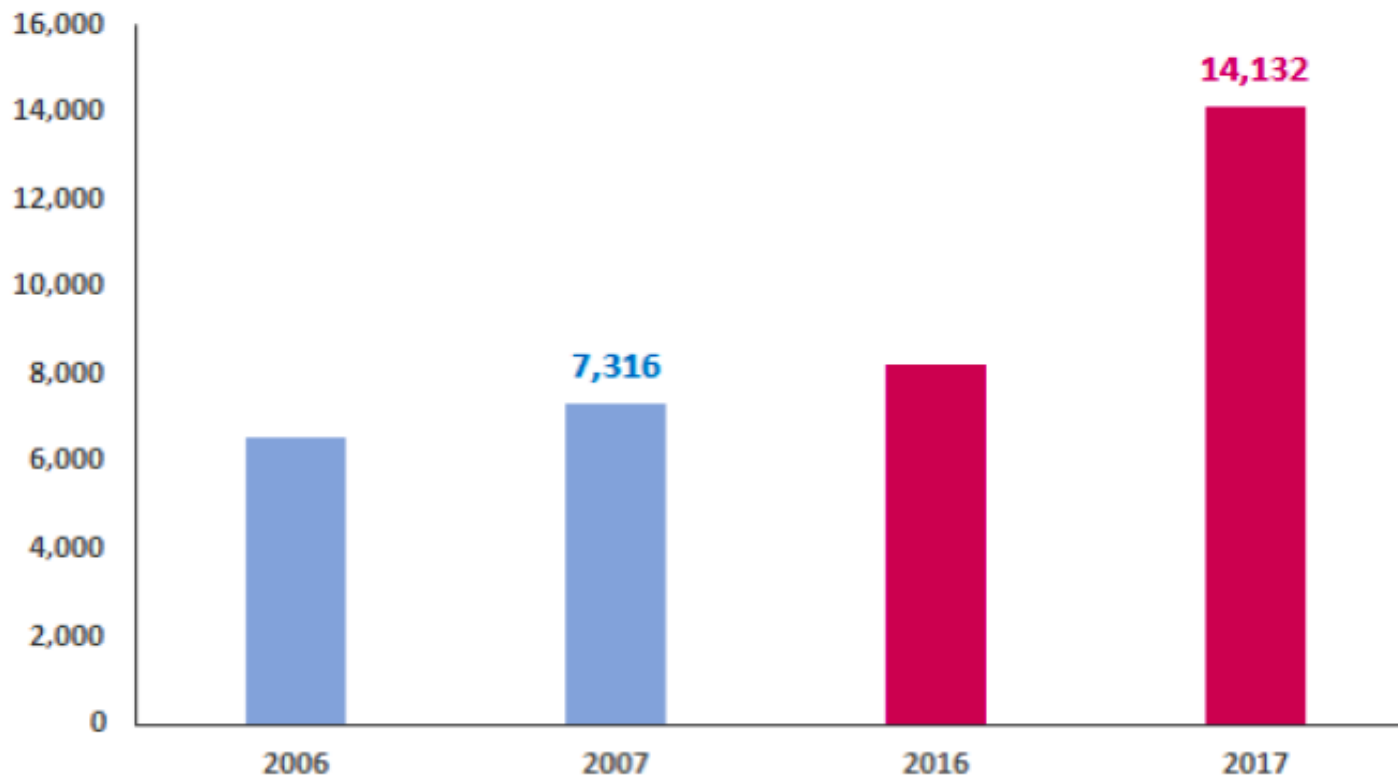
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TRENDS: Inbound Mobility

Surge of foreign students in 2017





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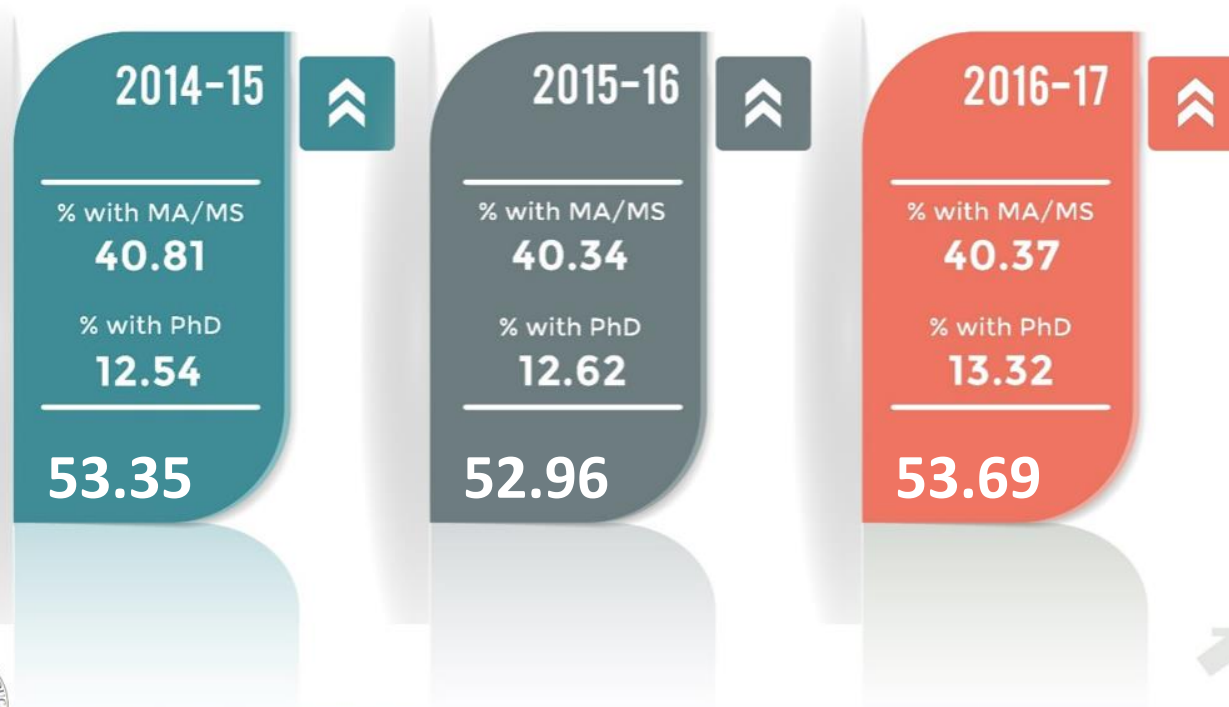
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CHALLENGES: Quality of Education??

Percentage of HE faculty with MA/MS and PhD

*As of 10 April 2017



- 13.32% only have doctorate degrees
- 40.37% have masteral degrees
- 53.69% have MS & Ph.D. degrees
- The figure do not really improve that much in 3 years



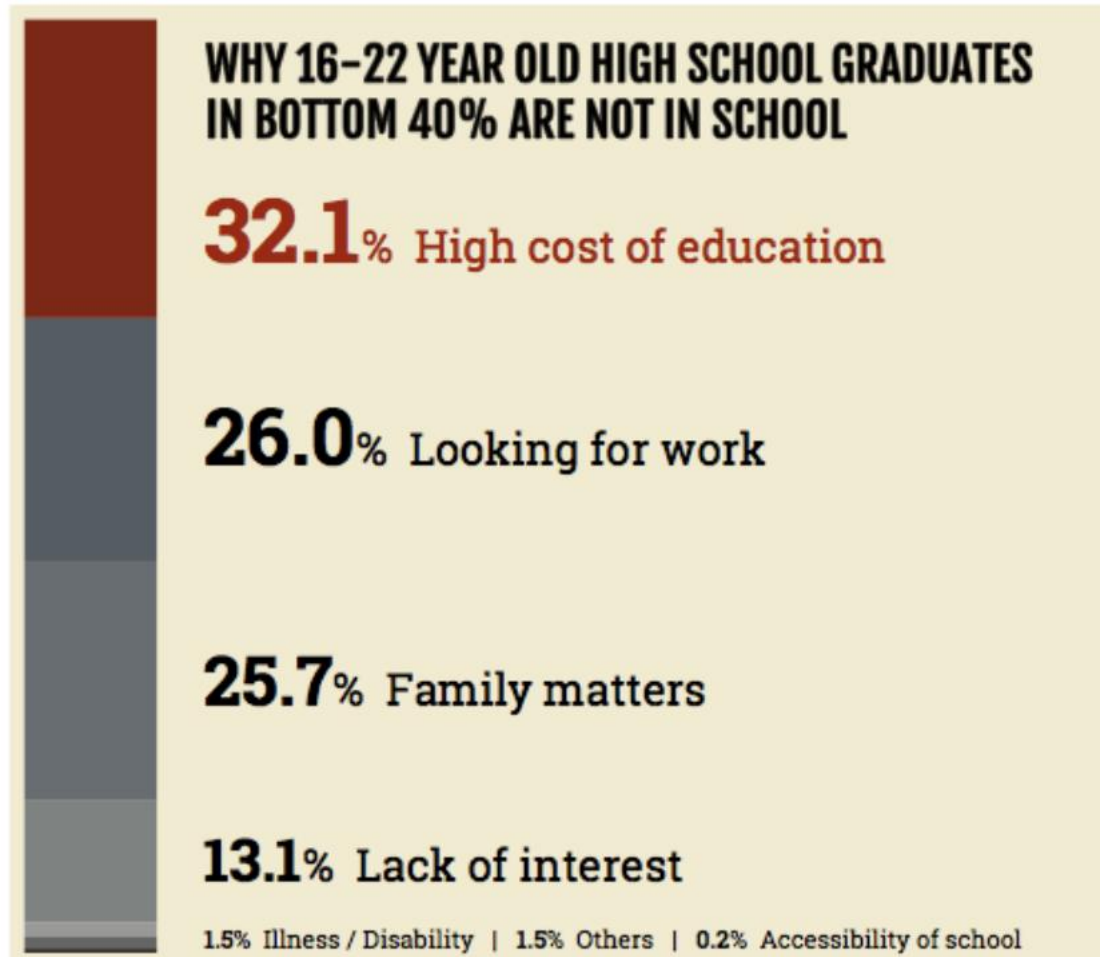


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CHALLENGES:
High Costs of Education. Not all can afford education much more mobility abroad!





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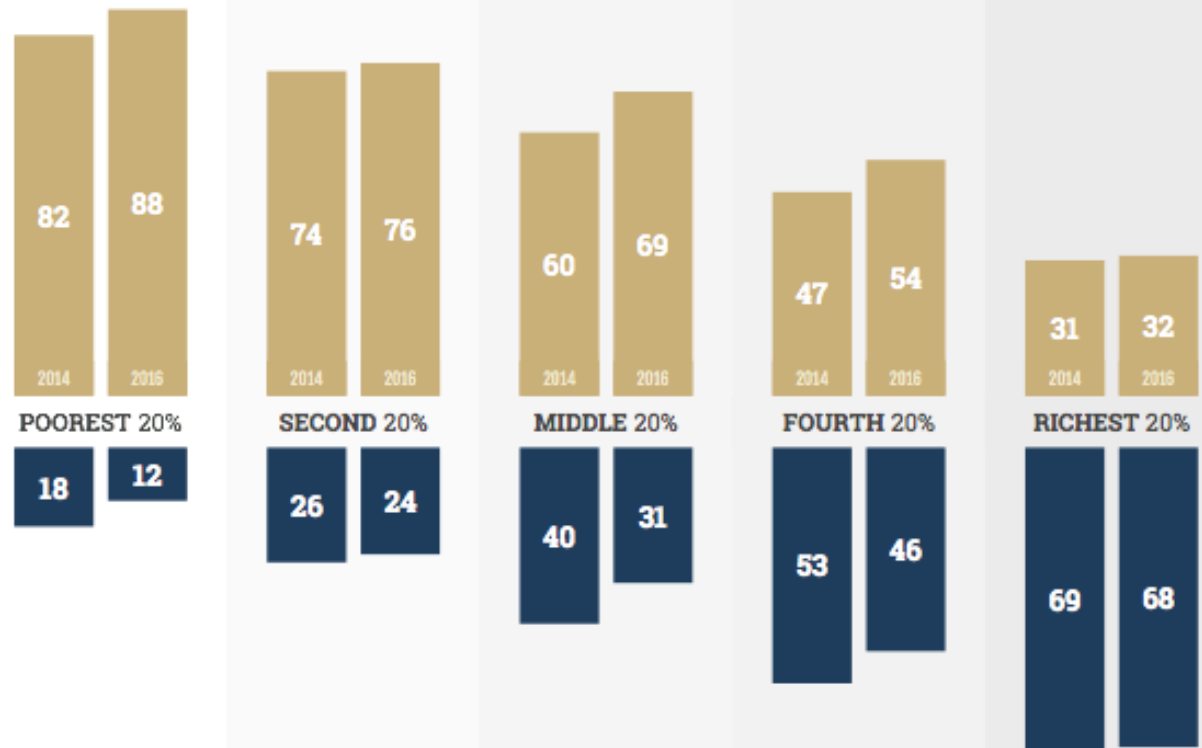
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CHALLENGES: Poor students are in Public HEIs!

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE OF STUDENTS IN SUCs

WHERE STUDENTS GO
FOR COLLEGE, BY
INCOME CLASS



Source: UniFAST calculations using APIS 2014 and APIS 2016



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NATIONAL STRATEGY: For Student Mobility - Philippines

1) Implementation of vital education reform laws



The Philippine Education System



The K+12 Education Reform aligns Basic Education with the World and facilitating student mobility

K+12 Basic Education



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NATIONAL STRATEGY: For Student Mobility - Philippines

1) Implementation of vital education reform laws

**REPUBLIC
ACT NO.
10650**

**OPEN DISTANCE
LEARNING ACT**

...allows innovative offering of programs through Transnational Education & Twinning, facilitating student mobility



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1) Implementation of vital education reform laws

Republic Act 10931

**UNIVERSAL
ACCESS TO
QUALITY
TERTIARY
EDUCATION**

Biggest Social Reform
Initiative of the Duterte
Government in 2017:
“Free Higher Education”

...allows substantial
savings that can be
used for student
mobility!

**Government investment in
Education increased
substantially! (2017 &
2018).**

Free Higher Education in Public HEIs...



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2) The efforts to increase the number of HEIs in the ASEAN University Network,



strengthen ties with international organizations such as the SEAMEO-RIHED (AIMS & ASEAN Credit Transfer Systems)



and the UMAP network (with its SSTP & UMAP Discovery Camp programs).



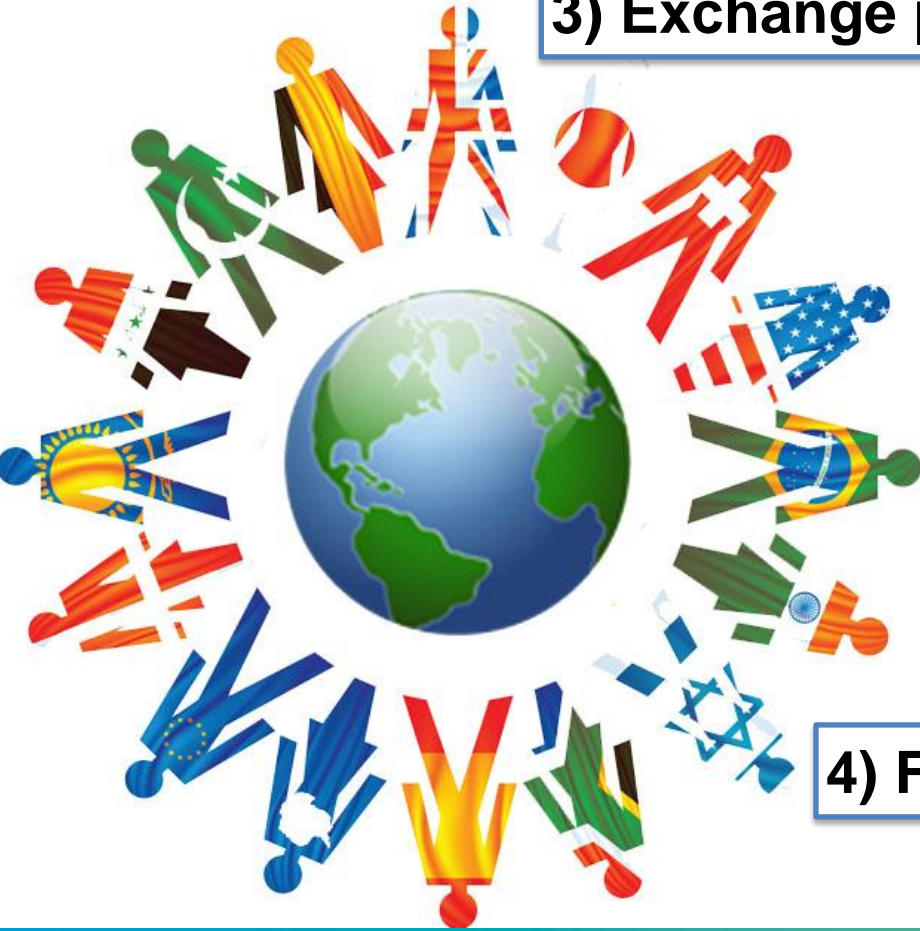
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3) Exchange programs for students and faculty



4) Fostering research collaborations

Philippines; The UNESCO Institute of Statistics
University of Commerce, Osaka, Japan.

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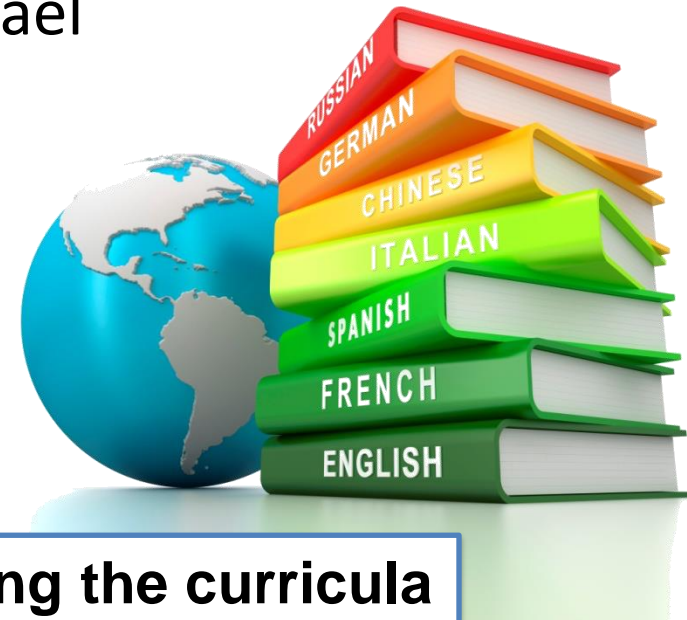
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5) Facilitating and supporting on-the-job (OJT) training



IFSU Students
on OJT in Israel



6) Internationalizing the curricula



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What are IFSU's Strategies on Student Mobility

1. An average of 60 students in Agriculture goes to Israel every year for OJT.

2. IFSU is sending out and accepting students to and from other universities under the UMAP program.

4) IFSU accepts foreign students in campus-based & transnational education/ distance learning program.

3.) IFSU sends & accepts faculty & students to and from partner universities in Japan, Thailand Vietnam, etc.



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NATIONAL STRATEGY: For Student Mobility - Philippines

Overall: CHED heightened the measure for Quality Higher Education to include globalisation standards:

- Number of students involved in inter-country mobility?
- Number of Foreign Students enrolled?
- Number of Faculty with Ph.D. Degrees?
- Number of faculty with international trainings/ exposures?
- Number of Research papers published in quality journals?
- Number of citations that published papers have?
- Number of active partnerships and linkages;



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CHED
supports
&
provides
funds
for...

CHED's INTERNATIONALIZATION INITIATIVES

Student/Faculty Mobility

Bilateral Agreements

ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements
(MRAs)

Joint Research, Joint Degrees, Joint
Development of Niche Areas

Harmonized Key Academic Programs with
International Standards



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Impact of Student Mobility... TRANSFORMED STUDENTS!

“Who would know that the decision I made out of curiosity became one of the best things that happened in my life.”

- Paulita G. Guimangal (BS Tourism, IFSU)
Quoted from her narrative report after attending a UMAP student exchange program in Taiwan (I-Shou University, Kaohsiung City)



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Maraming Salamat at Mabuhay!