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CHED grants HAU Autonomous Status extension

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ANGELES CITY — The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has extended the Autonomous Status it gave to Holy Angel University five years ago to another five years, until March 2014, announced by CHED Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles.

The status, which is the most coveted award among private tertiary schools in the Philippines, was given to

Holy Angel "in recognition of the accomplishments, adherence to quality assurance, and commitment to public responsibility and accountability," Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles, CHED Chairman, said in his letter to Dr. Arlyn S. Villanueva, HAU President.

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of 2008, the Commission enumerated the criteria used in the selection of schools to be granted autonomous status: long tradition of integrity and unblemished reputation, commitment to excellence, and sustainability and viability of operations.

An autonomous status exempts the school from regular CHED monitoring and evaluation, and gives it the freedom to offer new programs, among other benefits.

At present, HAU is the school in the region with

the most number of academic programs (nine) with Level II accreditation status: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Accounting, Education, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electronics & Communications Engineering.

The prestigious Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAAASCU) is the accrediting agency of choice of the University.

PAAASCU has also recently granted Level I accredited status to the University's high school department

and its Hospitality Management (HRM) program.

Its Graduate School of Business and undergraduate Business Administration have also been granted International Accreditation by the Kansas-based International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). HAU is the only school in the Philippines and the Far East with an IACBE accreditation.

In addition, CHED has also conferred a Center of Development (COD) status on three HAU academic programs, namely Teacher Education, Information Technology and Business

Administration. Four other programs are awaiting the Commission's final decision: Hospitality Management, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Industrial Engineering.

"We have achieved something that is rarely achieved in Philippine education," Robby Taningco, AWP for Student Services and Affairs, said. "Academic excellence and the biggest enrollment in Central Luzon. That's because we keep our tuition fees relatively low and we make sure every centavo we collect goes to the development and operations of the school."