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TO : CHED Central and Regional Directors  
President of State Universities and Colleges  
Presidents of Private HEIs  
Heads of CHED Supervised Institutions  
President of Local Universities and Colleges

SUBJECT: **ADVISORY ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES AND DEGREES IN GREECE**

Pursuant to the Advisory letter of the Office of European Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs all concerned are informed and directed thus:

1. The Council of State, the highest court of Greece decided against recognizing the degree obtained by students at local branches of private European universities. The court stressed that "DIKATSA", the government's body which recognizes foreign degrees, would only acknowledge studies which have been taken abroad (outside Greece) in their entirety. This decision is based on Article 16 of the Greek Constitution which asserts that only the state can provide university level education in Greece.
2. Filipino students are advised not to study in any of the branches of foreign universities in Greece. Furthermore, graduates of the private foreign universities in Greece are no longer allowed to practice their profession due to the aforementioned ruling.
3. It is requested that this circular be widely disseminated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Pasig City, Philippines, August 3, 1998.

  
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