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FOREIGN STUDENTS PROHIBITED TO ENROLL IN VOCATIONAL  
OR TERMINAL COURSES OTHER THAN THE COURSE  
INDICATED IN THE APPROVED STUDENT VISA

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges  
and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/  
Administrators

1. It has been observed lately by this Office that some foreign students who are holders of 9(f) visa and enrolled in bachelor's degrees or graduate courses are also enrolled in vocational or terminal courses without giving notice to the Ministry of Education and Culture.
2. In extreme cases, these students finished two vocational courses before the legitimate course indicated in the student visa is finished.
3. The practice of enrolling in terminal/vocational courses is a violation to the provisions of Executive Order No. 104. Students who are granted student visa under Section 9(f) of the Immigration Act of 1940 as amended are only allowed to enroll in bachelor, masterial, and doctoral courses.
4. Henceforth, units earned by foreign students in terminal/vocational courses should not be credited. They should not be allowed to graduate. Schools therefore are advised not to accept foreign students who are holders of student visa to enroll in vocational courses.
5. The Bureau of Youth Affairs, Foreign Students and Foreign Schools is hereby directed to cancel the study permit of any foreign student found violating this regulation.

6. It is desired that the contents of this MEC Order be immediately disseminated to all concerned for their information, guidance and strict compliance.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. CORPUZ  
Minister

Reference:

N o n e

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