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**QUEZON CITY COUNCIL**  
Quezon City  
21<sup>st</sup> City Council

PR21CC-1188

76<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP- 8677, S-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HONORABLE MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE HIGHER EDUCATION (FHE), TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES) AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (SLP) IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND CHED-RECOGNIZED LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (LUCs).

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*WHEREAS, the CHED is a national government agency created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7722 and mandated to ensure that quality higher education is accessible to all who seek it particularly those who may not be able to afford it;*

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WHEREAS, the UniFAST is a national government agency created by virtue of Republic Act No. 10687 and was mandated to increase the participation rate among all socio-economic classes in Tertiary Education especially the poor but academically able and highly motivated students. This policy should enable them to successfully pursue and complete Tertiary Education programs in quality institutions, thereby promoting equitable and Rationalized Access by poor Filipinos to quality Tertiary Education;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City University is a Local University and was mandated to set academic standards and initiate innovations in teaching, research and faculty development; provide various forms of community, public and volunteer service, as well as scholarly and technical assistance to the government, the private sector and civil society while maintaining its standards of excellence; provide opportunities for training and learning in leadership, responsible citizenship, and the development of democratic values, institutions, and practice through academic and non-academic programs, including sports and enhancement of nationalism and national identity; Provide democratic governance based on collegiality, representation, accountability, transparency, and active participation of its constituents; and promote the holding of fora for students, faculty, research, extension and professional staff (REPS), administrative staff, and alumni to discuss non-academic issues affecting the University;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA)", was signed into law on August 3, 2017, while its enhanced Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was approved by the UniFAST Board on February 22, 2018;

WHEREAS, the UAQTEA, specifically on higher education, provides three (3) modes by which a student will be able to access quality tertiary education through (a) Free Higher Education in State Universities and Colleges and CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges, (b) Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and (c) Student Loan Program;

WHEREAS, the implementing guidelines governing the administration and operation of the Free Higher Education (FHE), Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES), and Student Loan Program (SLP) were issued through Memorandum Circulars;

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WHEREAS, in view of available funds provided to UniFAST and lodged in the CHED for this purpose, the efficient and effective implementation of Republic Act No. 10931 will be undertaken to start Academic Year 2018 - 2019 and will continue to be implemented in the succeeding academic years, in keeping with the specific legislative intent of wider financial access to quality tertiary education;

WHEREAS, to effectively implement FHE, TES, and SLP to its intended student beneficiaries, there is a need to define the working relationship between the UniFAST, the CHED, and the participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs);

WHEREAS, there is a need to define a disbursement mechanism in accordance with accounting and auditing rules for the provision of fund from CHED to State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) to implement the FHE, TES, and SLP following the legislative intent of Republic Act No. 10931;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 455 (b)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Mayor shall represent the City in all its business transactions and sign in its behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations and such other documents upon the authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize, as it does hereby authorize, the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) for the implementation of the Free Higher Education (FHE), Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Student Loan Program (SLP) in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and CHED-Recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs).

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*RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of the subject Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution.*

*ADOPTED: September 6, 2021.*



GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

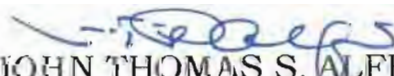
ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 6, 2021 and was CONFIRMED on September 13, 2021.*



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

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