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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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TO: All Deans and Heads of Units

SUBJECT: On Suspension of Classes in UP Diliman

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The Office of the Chancellor is very cautious in suspending classes particularly at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Suspensions increase the necessity of holding make-up classes or the likelihood of extending the semester. Either entails additional cost to UP Diliman and its stakeholders.

Suspension is declared if there is total electrical blackout in UP Diliman or access is no longer possible via the Quezon Memorial Circle-Philcoa and C5-CP Garcia routes. It is announced first in the UP Diliman website ([www.upd.edu.ph](http://www.upd.edu.ph)). The absence of such an announcement only means that classes will go on as scheduled.

In principle, students are excused from attending class if they are unable to travel to UP Diliman from their respective residences due to floods and other natural calamities. In the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of SY 2011-2011, a total of 24,031 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled in UP Diliman that also employs 1,493 regular faculty members and 1,753 non-teaching personnel. Using the number of affected students as basis to declare a suspension is difficult and therefore it is not normally utilized as a way to arrive at a decision.

Pronouncements made by Malacañang, Department of Education, CHED or other duly authorized government agency, apply automatically to classes in UP Diliman. A follow-up announcement by the Office of the Chancellor is not necessary for such a pronouncement to take effect.

Thank you.

  
CAESAR A. SALOMA  
Chancellor

c.c.: President Alfredo E. Pascual