

**UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS
CEBU CITY, CEBU, PHILIPPINES**

TO: NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES

RE: 1ST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021 ONLINE ENROLMENT FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHILE IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES

Please be informed that the University of San Carlos (USC), Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines, a private Higher Education Institution (HEI) with autonomous status granted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), is offering **online enrolment to new international students** who wish to study in the University of San Carlos (USC) even **while they are in their home countries** during the 1ST Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021, i.e., starting from August 24 until December 19, 2020. These students are expected to arrive in the Philippines in the 2nd semester or once travel restrictions are lifted and visa issuances resume.

This online learning arrangement for new international students is a temporary measure permitted for qualified HEI's like USC per the Commission *en banc* (CEB) Resolution No. 248-2020 to address the implications of the 19 March 2020 advisory issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) announcing the temporary suspension of visa issuance in all its International Service Posts and the 22 March 2020 decision of the DFA where it cancelled all visas (**primarily 9a Temporary Visitor/Tourist Visas**) previously issued to international nationals. The foregoing actions were taken on the bases of Proclamation No. 922, dated March 8, 2020 declaring a "State of Public Health Emergency" throughout the Philippines; and, Proclamation No. 929, dated March 16, 2020 declaring a "State of Calamity" throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19.

New international student applicants to USC interested to avail of its online learning arrangement are hereby enjoined to immediately access <https://ismis.usc.edu.ph>–**International Students Applicants** for admission-related information to be able to enroll ahead of the August 24, 2020 start of classes.

For your information and guidance. Thank you very much and God bless!

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cf: USC Cabinet