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Dr. Emmanuel Angeles  
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Dear Dr. Angeles:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met March 30-31, 2009, in Washington, D.C., to evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to foreign medical schools and to determine the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Comparability of medical education is a requisite for American students attending medical schools outside of the United States to be eligible for U.S. Department of Education student financial assistance.

During this meeting, the NCFMEA reviewed the report submitted by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities, Commission on Medical Education (PAASCU) regarding its medical education accreditation activities.

The NCFMEA formally accepted the Philippines' report. Your country is therefore invited to apply for a renewal of its current determination of comparability at the Spring 2010 meeting of the NCFMEA. The NCFMEA Executive Director will send you a copy of the NCFMEA Guidelines and other application information prior to that meeting. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Dr. Rachael A. Shultz, Acting NCFMEA Executive Director, by phone at 202-219-2009, by fax at 202-219-7005, or by e-mail at [Rachael.Shultz@ed.gov](mailto:Rachael.Shultz@ed.gov).

I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about your country's standards and processes for the evaluation and accreditation of medical schools. The NCFMEA and I appreciate your interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arne Duncan".

Arne Duncan

cc: Ms. Concepción V. Pijano