



NAST STATEMENT



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS RELATIVE TO THE GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), the premier scientific advisory body in the Philippines under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), enthusiastically endorses the new indicators for evaluating research and development projects funded by the DOST's grants-in-aid program. These indicators will assess projects in universities, colleges, and research institutes, covering knowledge generation, product development, technology transfer, utilization, and commercialization.

Aligning these benchmarks with globally recognized standards like the Global Innovation Index, global university rankings, and the Global Competitiveness Index is a strategic move. This alignment will enhance the quality of research outputs and products in the Philippines, positioning our nation's research and development (R&D) efforts on the global stage.

The NAST commends the DOST for this proactive approach, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and international best practices. This alignment will elevate Philippine R&D, significantly contributing to our scientific and technological progress. We firmly support these efforts and anticipate their positive impact on our country's scientific landscape.

In today's era of rapid technological advancements and global competition, it is crucial for our higher education and research institutions to meet the highest international standards. By aligning our R&D performance indicators with globally recognized indices, we enhance the credibility and visibility of our endeavors and foster innovation, collaboration, and international partnerships.

The Global Innovation Index and global university rankings are key metrics for assessing the competitiveness of nations and institutions. Incorporating these benchmarks into our evaluation framework shows our commitment to excellence, transparency, productivity, and accountability. This alignment provides a more accurate representation of our research projects' quality and impact, facilitating benchmarking against global peers and identifying areas for improvement and investment.

This initiative can attract international collaborations, funding, and talent, positioning our institutions as key players in the global knowledge economy. It will create an ecosystem that fosters innovation, nurtures talent, and addresses global challenges through collaborative research initiatives.

In conclusion, we extend our wholehearted appreciation to the DOST for aligning our R&D indicators with global benchmarks. The NAST invites researchers nationwide—from state universities and colleges, private higher education institutions, and specialized research institutes—to actively participate in this commendable endeavor.

As a united scientific community, our collective engagement in this initiative will yield mutual benefits. Together, we can uphold the integrity and enhance the quality of our work, advancing research, science, and technology in the Philippines. The NAST looks forward to the collaboration and unified effort of the scientific community, fostering a culture of excellence and innovation that will positively impact the landscape of research and development in our country.

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