
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Bicol University (BU) – East Campus Physical Development Act”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. It shall also take into account regional and sectoral needs and conditions and encourage local planning in the development of educational policies and programs.

SEC. 3. Objectives. – The objectives of this Act are:

(a) To upgrade, strengthen, and establish laboratories at the BU – East Campus and to implement outcome-based education for all engineering programs by providing laboratory buildings and equipment to meet the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

(b) To offer market-driven and relevant academic programs by providing facilities for engineering graduate programs, such as audio-visual rooms, library for graduate students, and additional classrooms; and

(c) To upgrade and modernize the physical/infrastructure facilities by improving existing drainage system, water distribution system, power supply, communication lines, and constructing covered walks, library, student lounge/food centers, student offices, and comfort rooms.

SEC. 4. Project Implementation. – To carry out the objectives of this Act, the Bicol Innovation, Research and Technology Hub (BIRTH) is hereby established through the utilization of a three (3)-phased approach at the BU – East Campus in Legazpi City, Province of Albay. School facilities shall also be constructed inside the BU – East Campus under the physical development plan of the BU – East Campus. It shall be based on the following activities:

Phase 1

(a) BU – East Administration Building – a three (3)-storey general administration building that will house all the academic and administration offices;

(b) Bicol University College of Information Technology (BUCIT) Acadea and Professional Building – a building exclusive for BUCIT that will be utilized by the academic and professional programs;

(c) Civil Engineering Building – a three (3)-storey building for undergraduate and graduate Civil Engineering programs;

(d) Chemical Engineering Building – a three (3)-storey building for undergraduate and graduate Chemical Engineering programs;
(e) Electrical Engineering Building – a three (3)-storey building for undergraduate and graduate Electrical Engineering programs;

(f) Mechanical Engineering Building – a three (3)-storey building for undergraduate and graduate Mechanical Engineering programs;

(g) Geo-Mines Building – a two (2)-storey building for Geodetic and Mining Engineering programs;

(h) Centralized Laboratory Building – a four (4)-storey building that will house all the laboratory rooms and equipment for all programs in the Bicol University College of Engineering;

(i) Architecture Building 2 – a two (2)-storey academic building;

(j) Road Opening/Widening – establishment of roads and sidewalks in the BU – East Campus;

(k) Road Widening/Rehabilitation;

(l) BU – East Gate Design and Development 1;

(m) BU – East Gate Design and Development 2; and

(n) Bicol Geographic Information Science Training Center.

Phase 2

(a) Comprehensive Drainage System Design and Establishment – essential for flood control and disaster preparedness;

(b) Rural River Flood Control/Rehabilitation/Slope Protection (Disaster Risk Reduction Management/Climate Change Adaptation);

(c) Solid Waste Management Facility; and

(d) Power Facility/Communication Lines Modernization.

Phase 3

(a) Food Science Building – an academic and laboratory building for food technology;

(b) Multi-Tech Building 2;

(c) Covered Pedestrian Walk Design and Establishment – a covered walk from the main gate to the buildings so as to protect students from different types of weather;

(d) Student Lounge/Center – a two (2)-storey student center that will house all student offices and hold student activities;

(e) Campus Food Court/Cafeteria – a two (2)-storey food center for use of faculty and non-teaching employees and students;

(f) Dormitory 1 – for women;

(g) Dormitory 2 – for men;

(h) Dormitory – Guestel/Commercial Building 1;

(i) BU – East Faculty and Staff Condominium – to provide condominium spaces for rent to faculty and staff (particularly those residents in the housing area affected by the campus development);

(j) Commercial Building 3 with gender and development-sensitive comfort rooms;

(k) Bicol Material Testing Center and Multi-Purpose Building – a three (3)-storey testing center open to private and public agencies and individuals and to be used for income generating projects of the university; and

(l) Sports and Recreational Area Enhancement; and

BU – East Campus Perimeter Fence.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty
(60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the BU, in consultation
with the CHED, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for
its effective implementation.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential degrees,
executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent
with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
circulation.

Approved,