



24 June 2019

**ADVISORY OPINION**

Reference No. DPO 19-28

FOR : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : **Inquiry on Philippine Universities' Tuition Survey**

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your attention to data privacy as [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]. We herein address your inquiry on whether the University may provide the requested data of the [REDACTED].

**Authenticate the Request and the Requester**

Before any information is disclosed, it is suggested that we verify the authenticity of the request and the authority of the requester with either the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED].

**Right of the University to deny the request**

The [REDACTED] is not a Philippine entity. The right to access our University's records arise from the [Philippine Constitution](#) and the [Freedom of Information Executive Order](#). The *right to information* granted by these decrees are only applicable to Filipinos. Hence, if the University decides to provide information, it is not based on a legal obligation but is based on other considerations such as diplomacy, support for research, etc.

**No Data Privacy Issues**

Since the request does not involve personal data of specific individuals, no data privacy rights are violated. Hence, from a data protection perspective, there are no data privacy issues.

**Other considerations**

In deciding which information to release and in what amounts, we may consider other non-privacy considerations such as the University's reputation, desirability to keep certain information discreet, etc.

We hope we have addressed your concerns. Please feel free to reach out for clarifications.

Yours,

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