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### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS OFFICIALS TO VISIT RP FROM 10 – 19 FEBRUARY 2007



The University of California (UC) Davis delegation with officials of the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco. Seated left to right: City of Davis Mayor Pro Tempore Ruth Asmundson, UC Davis Chancellor Larry N. Vanderhoef, and Consul General Sanchez. Standing left to right: Tourism Director Mr. Rene de los Santos, UC Davis Assistant Vice Provost Robert A. Kerr, Assistant Chancellor Ms. Maril Revette Stratton, Consul Wilfredo C. Santos and Consul Arvic V. Arevalo.

7 February 2007 — Consul General Maria Rowena Mendoza Sanchez of the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco reported to Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo that a delegation from the University of California (UC), Davis, headed by its Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, will be going to the Philippines for an educational mission from 10 to 19 February 2007 to explore collaborative opportunities with counterpart academic and research institutions.

During a briefing hosted for the UC Davis delegation by the Consulate, Consul General Sanchez highlighted the depth of academic excellence in the Philippines and expressed her appreciation for the steps taken by UC Davis to explore opportunities there with the Philippine schools. “We appreciate the decision of UC Davis to visit the Philippines and collaborate with Philippine universities

and research institutions. We recognize this as a very significant step towards establishing long-term academic and research partnerships towards mutually beneficial goals,” she said.

The UC Davis delegation is expected to meet with officials of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Los Baños and Manila. They will also have meetings with the Commission on Higher Education, and with the International Rice Research Institute.

The other members of the UC Davis delegation are: Assistant Chancellor Ms. Maril Revette Stratton; Assistant Vice Chancellor Government and Community Relations Ms. Marjorie Dickinson; Assistant Vice Provost for International Alumni and Development, University Outreach and International Programs Mr. Robert A. Kerr; and Davis City Mayor Pro Tempore Ruth Asmundson. Mayor Asmundson is a Filipina-American. END.