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**35 Filipinos to take their MA and PhD Programmes in EU
under the Erasmus+ Programme**

In the coming weeks 35 Filipino students will pursue their academic dreams in several countries of the European Union after they won scholarships under the EU's Erasmus+ Programme.

The Erasmus+ Programme will allow them to pursue MA and PhD programmes in different universities across the European continent.

The scholarship is structured to allow students to pursue their studies in more than one country giving them the opportunity to benefit from the academic expertise and culture of more than one university.

European Union Ambassador to the Philippines Franz Jessen commended the outgoing Erasmus +students in a reception held yesterday at the EU Delegation to the Philippines.

Ambassador Jessen urged the Erasmus+ students to become ambassadors of goodwill and agents of change to help strengthen the partnership between the EU and the Philippines.

He also encouraged the Erasmus+ scholars to give back to their country after they finished their programme in the EU.

This programme gives life changing opportunities for Filipino students to experience European culture, learning European languages and being integrated into the European society for one to two years.

The Erasmus + (formerly called the Erasmus Mundus Programme) promotes the EU as a centre of excellence in learning and making student mobility a reality for EU and non-EU citizens alike.

Erasmus Mundus alumni led by Ms Sheila Balbutin, President of the Erasmus Mundus Association, Southeast Asia Chapter and Kate Ramil, President of the EMA – Philippines along with other alumni also attended the reception to share their experiences of studying in Europe.

The alumni encouraged the scholars to take advantage of their time in the EU to benefit from borderless travelling and studying across different European Union member states.

Since 2004, more than 200 students and lecturers have benefitted from the programme. The scholarship covers air travel to Europe, tuition fees and a monthly living allowance between approximately Php 55,000 and Php 138,000.

The Erasmus+ is among the leading international academic mobility programmes in the world, and students from the Philippines have benefited considerably from the programme.