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Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” de Vera III is the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Chairman of the Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST), and Commissioner of UNESCO. Prior to his appointment to the Commission, he served as Vice President for Public Affairs of the University of the Philippines from 2011-2016 and Professor of Public Administration.

As CHED Chairman, he steers the governance of all the Board of Regents/Trustees of all state universities and colleges including the University of the Philippines and Mindanao State University.

As UNIFAST Chairman, he ensures the implementation of the most important social legislation of the Duterte administration – the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTE) or Free Higher Education law.

Dr. de Vera steered the higher education system during the COVID19 pandemic by working with the education stakeholders in adopting a flexible learning system and ensuring the inclusion of higher education issues at the highest levels of government as a member of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).