

# CHED probes Pampanga student's suicide

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The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) will look into the reported suicide of a student in Pampanga after he was allegedly prevented from graduating.

Kenneth Ramos, a mechanical engineering student at the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU), reportedly drank poison on April 4 after he was informed that he would not graduate because of his incomplete grades.

“CHED is calling for an in-depth investigation to determine if there is culpability on the part of the university and if sanctions can be imposed,” CHED commissioner and DHVTSU Board of Regents chairman Ronald Adamat said.

“Although DHVTSU has clarified... that Ramos was not supposed to graduate due to failing grades from at least seven subjects, further explanation as to why the student’s case was not looked into despite his name being included on the initial list of those who will graduate from the university this year is necessary,” Adamat added.

He said he would lead the investigating panel.

Last week, Adamat met with university officials, faculty members and students to discuss the issue of non-eligibility of graduating students. It was learned that Ramos failed to comply with the requirements for graduation despite notifications and advices of university officials.

He said the university would review existing policies and guidelines to prevent a repeat of the incident.