

Financial assets at amortized cost (debt instruments)

The Group measures financial assets at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest or the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

This accounting policy relates to the Group's cash and cash equivalents, receivables, receivables from related parties, and refundable deposits.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset shall be measured at fair value through profit or loss unless it is measured at amortized cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI). However, an entity may make an irrevocable election at initial recognition for particular investments in equity instruments that would otherwise be measured at fair value through profit or loss to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI.

The Group may, at initial recognition, irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (sometimes referred to as an 'accounting mismatch') that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognizing the gains and losses on them on different bases.

Included in this classification is the peso-denominated investment in Unit Investment Trust Fund (UITF) in Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC).

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognized (i.e., removed from the Group's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognizes an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.



ECLs are recognized in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date and the Group generally used the provision matrix to measure ECL. The mechanics of the ECL calculations and the key elements are, as follows:

- a. *Probability of default (PD)* is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon.
- b. *Exposure at default (EAD)* is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date.
- c. *Loss given default (LGD)* is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time.

The Group's debt instruments at amortized cost comprise of cash and cash equivalents and refundable deposits that are considered to have low credit risk. Hence, it is the Group's policy to measure ECL on such instrument on a 12-month basis applying the low credit risk simplification and based on the PD which is publicly available. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL. The Group uses external credit ratings both to determine whether the debt instrument has significantly increased in credit risk and to estimate ECL.

For tuition and other fees receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECL. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognizes a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date. The Group generally uses a provision matrix to calculate ECL. The provision rates are based on days past due for groupings based on school term. The provision matrix is initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will then consider directly relevant forward-looking information. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are considered.

Primary drivers like macroeconomic indicators of qualitative factors such as forward-looking data on inflation rate and unemployment rate were added to the ECL calculation to reach a forecast supported by both quantitative and qualitative data points.

The Group may consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

Financial Liabilities – Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate, and in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.



Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

- Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss
- Loans and borrowings

The Group's financial liabilities include loans and borrowings.

Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the EIR method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the EIR amortization process. The EIR amortization is included as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

This accounting policy applies primarily to accounts payable and other current liabilities (excluding payables to government), payables to related parties, dividends payable, lease liabilities, and loans payable.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

'Day 1' difference

Where the transaction price in a non-active market is different to the fair value from other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Group recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a 'Day 1' difference) in profit or loss, unless it qualifies for recognition as some other type of asset. In cases where use is made of data which is not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognized in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Group determines the appropriate method of recognizing the 'Day 1' difference amount.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets pertain to resources controlled by the Group as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the Group. This account includes the following:



Prepaid Expenses

These are expenses paid in advance to be amortized over the benefit period or to be expense once incurred or consumed. These consist of prepaid insurance and subscriptions, among others.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds held for government and private entities and invested in money market placements exclusively for use in government programs such as Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTIS), National Service Training Program (NSTP) and for financing of scholars of certain private entities. These are recorded at face value.

Creditable Withholding Tax (CWT)

This pertains to the tax withheld source by the Group's customers and lessees and is creditable against its income tax liability.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value (NRV). NRV is the selling price in the ordinary course of the business, less costs of completion, marketing and distribution. Cost is determined using weighted and simple average methods for textbooks, printed materials and supplies intended for sale.

Value-added Tax (VAT)

The input VAT pertains to the 12% indirect tax paid by the Group in the course of the Group's trade or business on local purchases of goods or services. Input VAT that is not expected to be fully applied against the output VAT of the succeeding year is presented as noncurrent asset.

Output VAT pertains to the 12% tax due on the local sale of goods or services by the Group.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, except for land, is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value.

The initial cost of property and equipment consists of its purchase price, including import duties, taxes and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditures incurred after the assets have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, are normally charged to operations in the period in which the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as an additional cost of property and equipment.

Construction in progress represents property under construction and is stated at cost. This includes cost of construction and other direct costs. Construction in progress is not depreciated until such time that the relevant assets are ready for their intended use.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives (EUL) of the related assets as follows:

	Years
Buildings and improvements	10-40
Office furniture and equipment	5-10
Transportation equipment	5



Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

The EUL and depreciation method are reviewed periodically to ensure that the period and method of depreciation are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

Fully depreciated property and equipment are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use and no further depreciation and amortization are credited to or charged against current operations.

When assets carried at cost are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected as part of current operations. When land carried at revalued amount are retired or otherwise disposed of, the carrying amount, which is the fair value at the time of sale or disposal, is derecognized and no gain or loss is recognized.

Land at Revalued Amounts

Land is carried at its revalued amount. The appraised values used for revaluation were determined by independent firms of appraisers.

The initial cost of land consists of its purchase price and directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

The appraisal increment (net of deferred tax) resulting from the revaluation is credited to OCI and accumulated in equity under "revaluation increment on land - net" account. Decreases in valuation is charged to profit or loss, except to the extent that it reverses the existing accumulated revaluation increment on the same asset and therefore such decrease is recognized in OCI. The decrease recognized in OCI reduces the revaluation increment on land - net account in equity. In case a subsequent revaluation increase of an asset reverses a revaluation decrease previously recognized in profit or loss, such increase is credited to income in profit or loss.

The same rules apply to impairment losses. An impairment loss on a revalued asset is first used to reduce the revaluation increment for that asset. Only when the impairment loss exceeds the amount in the revaluation increment for that same asset is any further impairment loss recognized in profit or loss.

Upon disposal, any revaluation increment relating to the land being sold is transferred to retained earnings.

Right-of-use Assets and Lease Liabilities

Effective January 1, 2019, upon adoption of PFRS 16, the Group recognizes right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on contracts that qualify as leases under PFRS 16. The Group recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received and estimate of costs to be incurred by the lessee in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories. Unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognized right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.



Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies on Impairment of Nonfinancial Assets.

Lease liabilities are measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expense in the period on which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate (IBR) at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office space. It also applies the low-value assets recognition exemption to leases that are considered of low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Business Combination and Goodwill

An acquisition of a business (i.e. an integrated set of activities and assets that is capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return directly to investors) is a business combination. Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The acquired identifiable tangible and intangible assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are measured at their fair values at the date of the acquisition. Any excess of the acquisition cost over the net fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed is recognized as goodwill. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the acquirer measures the non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration which is deemed to be an asset or liability will be recognized in accordance with PAS 39 either in profit or loss or as a change to OCI. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity, it should not be remeasured until it is finally settled within equity.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognized for non-controlling interest over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If this consideration is lower than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.



After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units (CGU) that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods. The Group performs its impairment test of goodwill at least annually.

The goodwill recognized in the Group's consolidated statement of financial position pertains to the acquisition of MESI and merger with AEI as disclosed in Notes 6 and 12.

Intangible Assets Other Than Goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is the fair value as at the date of acquisition. Subsequently, intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and provision for impairment loss, if any. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and expenditure is reflected in the consolidated statement of income in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

The estimated useful life of intangible assets is assessed as either finite or indefinite. The estimated useful lives of intangible assets recognized as a result of the merger with AEI (see Note 6) are as follows:

	Number of Years
Intellectual property rights	Indefinite
Student relationship	5-7
Software cost	3

The estimated useful lives of intangible assets with finite lives are assessed at the individual asset level. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. Periods and method of amortization for intangible assets with finite useful lives are reviewed annually or earlier when an indicator of impairment exists.

Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset is accounted for by changing the amortization period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortization expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangible assets.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are tested for impairment annually, either individually or at the CGU level. The assessment of indefinite useful life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite useful life continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

A gain or loss arising from derecognition of an intangible asset is measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible assets and is recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income when the intangible asset is derecognized.

Impairment of Nonfinancial Assets

Property and equipment, student relationship, right-of-use assets, and other noncurrent assets

The Group assesses as of reporting date whether there is an indication that nonfinancial assets may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is calculated as the higher of the asset's or CGU's fair value



less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An assessment is made at each financial reporting date as to whether there is an indication that previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as revaluation increase in OCI to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset that was previously recognized in OCI. After such reversal, the depreciation and amortization charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Goodwill and intellectual property rights

Goodwill and intellectual property rights are reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Impairment on goodwill and intellectual property rights are determined by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit, to which these assets relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods.

Equity

The Group records common stock at par value for all shares issued and outstanding, and additional paid-in capital for the excess of the total contributions received over the aggregate par values of the equity shares. When the Group issues more than one class of stock, a separate account is maintained for each class of stock and the number of shares issued. Incremental costs incurred directly attributable to the issuance of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from proceeds, net of tax. When any member of the Group purchases the Group's capital stock (treasury shares), the consideration paid, including any attributable incremental costs, is deducted from equity attributable to the Group's equity holders until the shares are cancelled, reissued or disposed of. Where such shares are subsequently sold or reissued, any consideration received, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and the related tax effects, is included in equity. No gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Parent Company's own equity investments.

Retained earnings represent accumulated earnings less dividends declared and any adjustment arising from application of new accounting standards, policies or correction of errors applied retroactively.

The individual accumulated earnings of the subsidiaries are available for dividend declaration when these are declared as dividends by the respective subsidiaries as approved by their respective BOD or BOT, as applicable.



Revenue and Income Recognition

Revenue is recognized when the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service to the customer, which is when the customer obtains control of the goods or service. Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer. The Group assesses its revenue arrangements against specific criteria in order to determine if it is acting as principal or agent. The Group has concluded that it is acting as principal in all of its revenue arrangements.

Revenue from schools and related operations consist of the following:

Revenue from tuition and other matriculation fees

Revenue from tuition fees and other matriculation fees are recognized over time over the corresponding school term using the output method (i.e., time lapsed over the service period such as semester or school year, depending on the curriculum registered). Upon enrollment, students have the option to pay the tuition and other matriculation fees in full or on installment.

Other student-related income

Other student-related income is recognized at a point in time when the promised goods are delivered to the customer or at point in time when services has been rendered. These mainly consist of the following:

Admission, examination and other fees

Admission, examination and other fees are recognized as income when examination has been granted by the school and related services have been provided to the students (at point in time).

Seminar income

Seminar income is recognized as income over the corresponding term or as the services are rendered (at point in time or over time).

Miscellaneous income

Miscellaneous income is recognized when earned (at point in time).

Following are contract balances relative to PFRS 15:

Receivables

A receivable represents the Group's right to an amount of consideration that is unconditional (i.e., only the passage of time is required before payment of the consideration is due).

Contract assets

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the payment is due, a contract asset is recognized for the earned consideration that is conditional.

Contract liabilities

A contract liability is the obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer. If a customer pays consideration before the Group transfers goods or services to a customer, a contract liability is recognized when the payment is made or the payment is due (whichever is earlier). Contract liabilities are recognized as revenue when the Group performs under the contract. The Group's contract liabilities represent the unearned income on tuition fees (presented under unearned income) and accounts payable to students (presented under accounts payable and other current liabilities) and



will be recognized as revenue when the related educational services are rendered. Accounts payable to students are advance collections from students to be applied to the next school year or school term.

Costs and Expenses

The Group's costs and expenses constitute costs of operating the business recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as incurred.

Cost of schools and related operations

Cost of schools and related operations constitute expenses directly related to the Group's school and related operations which include expenses for salaries and wages of teaching and academic support personnel, student welfare activities, and all other student-related costs and expenses. Cost of schools and related operations are recognized as expense when the school and related services have been provided to the students.

General and Administrative Expenses

These expenses constitute costs of administering the business. General and administrative expenses, except for rent expense, are recognized as incurred.

Interest and Financing Charges

Interest and financing charges, excluding capitalizable borrowing costs, is recognized as expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Borrowing costs are capitalized if they are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of a qualifying asset. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Group incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds. Capitalization of borrowing costs commences when the activities to prepare the asset are in progress and expenditures and borrowing costs are being incurred. Borrowing costs are capitalized until the assets are substantially ready for their intended use.

Retirement Benefits

Retirement benefits cost is actuarially determined using the projected unit credit method. This method considers each period of service as giving rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation.

Retirement benefits cost comprises the following:

- Service costs
- Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset

Service costs which include current service costs, past service costs and gains or losses on nonroutine settlements are recognized as expense in profit or loss. Past service costs are recognized when plan amendment or curtailment occurs.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability or asset that arises from the passage of time which is determined by applying the discount rate based on high quality corporate bonds to the net defined benefit liability or asset. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is recognized as expense or income in profit or loss.

Remeasurements comprising actuarial gains and losses (excluding net interest on defined benefit liability) are recognized immediately in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.



The net defined benefit liability or asset is the aggregate of the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period reduced by the fair value of plan assets (if any), adjusted for any effect of limiting a net defined benefit asset to the asset ceiling. The asset ceiling is the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Plan assets are assets that are held by a long-term employee benefit fund or qualifying insurance policies. Plan assets are not available to the creditors of the Group, nor can they be paid directly to the Group. Fair value of plan assets is based on market price information. When no market price is available, the fair value of plan assets is estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a discount rate that reflects both the risk associated with the plan assets and the maturity or expected disposal date of those assets (or, if they have no maturity, the expected period until the settlement of the related obligations).

Income Taxes

Current tax

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantially enacted at the financial reporting date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet liability method, on all temporary differences at the financial reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, net operating loss carry over (NOLCO) and minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred tax, however, is not recognized when it arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each financial reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilized.

When a subsidiary is disposed, and said subsidiary has a single asset, land, which is classified as property and equipment carried at revalued amount in the consolidated financial statements, the tax paid on disposal of the subsidiary, emanating from the difference between the cost of the land and its selling price, is taken to OCI in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The related tax, e.g. capital gains tax (CGT), is netted against the reversal of deferred tax liability on revaluation increment of land sold through sale of subsidiary.

Deferred income tax that relates to items that are recognized: (a) in other comprehensive income shall be recognized in other comprehensive income; and (b) directly in equity shall be recognized directly in equity.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right to offset current income tax against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to either settle current income tax liabilities and assets on a net



basis or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, on each future period in which significant amounts of deferred income tax assets and liabilities are expected to be settled or recovered. Subsidiaries operating in the Philippines file income tax returns on an individual basis. Thus, the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset on a per entity basis.

Leases – Group as Lessor

Leases in which the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognized over the leased term on the same bases as rental income. Rental income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Foreign Currency-denominated Transactions and Translation

Foreign currency-denominated transactions are recorded using the prevailing exchange rates at the time of transactions. Foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities are translated to Philippine Peso closing rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date. Exchange gains or losses arising from foreign currency are charged to profit or loss.

Basic Earnings Per Share (EPS)

Basic earnings per common share is computed based on weighted average number of issued and outstanding common shares, less treasury shares, after giving retroactive effect for any stock dividends. Diluted earnings per share, if applicable, is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. There are no dilutive potential common shares that would require disclosure of diluted earnings per common share in the consolidated financial statements.

Segment Reporting

The Group's operating business are organized and managed separately according to the nature of services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets. Financial information on business segments is presented in Note 28 to the consolidated financial statements.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when (a) the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, (b) it is probable that an outflow of assets embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and (c) a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as an interest expense.

Contingencies

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements. These are disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements but are disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.



Events after the Financial Reporting Date

Post year-end events up to the date of the auditor's report that provide additional information about the Group's position at financial reporting date (adjusting event) are reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Any post year-end events that are not adjusting events are disclosed when material to the consolidated financial statements.

5. Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Future events may occur which can cause the assumptions used in arriving at those estimates to change. The effects of any changes in estimates will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements as they become reasonably determinable.

Judgments and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fair valuation of land

The Group measures land at revalued amount with changes in fair value being recognized in other comprehensive income. The Group engaged an independent firm of appraisers to determine the fair value as at December 31, 2021 and 2020. The key assumptions used to determine fair value are disclosed in Note 11.

As at December 31, 2021 and 2020, the fair value of land amounted to ₱0,400.8 million and ₱6,219.8 million, respectively (Note 11).

Estimation of allowance for ECL on tuition and other fees receivables

The Group generally uses provision matrix to calculate ECL for tuition and other fees receivables. The provision rates are based on days past due or groupings of various customer segments that have similar loss patterns. The provision matrix is initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will then consider directly relevant forward-looking information. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment are updated to consider the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Group also applied weights to various scenarios in the computation of the allowance for ECL to incorporate impact of uncertainty due to the current economic conditions such as the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The amount of ECL is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Group's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of the customer's actual default in the future.

Allowance for ECL on tuition and other fees receivables and related carrying value are disclosed in Note 8.

Leases under PFRS 16 – Estimating the IBR

The Group cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses IBR to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that an entity would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the entities 'would have to pay', which requires estimation when no observable rates are available (such



as for entities that do not enter into financing transactions) or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease (for example, when leases are not in functional currency). The Group estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates (such as the stand-alone credit rating).

The Group's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are disclosed in Note 31.

Estimation of useful lives of student relationship

The Group estimates the useful lives of student relationship based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use which represents the number of years that the students are expected to stay until they graduate. The Group reviews the estimated useful lives based on factors that include asset utilization, internal technical evaluation and anticipated use of the assets. It is possible that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in these estimates brought about by changes in the aforementioned factors. A reduction in the estimated useful lives of student relationship would increase amortization expenses and decrease noncurrent assets.

There is no change in the estimated useful lives of student relationship from the effectivity of the merger. The carrying values of student relationship amounted to P43.8 million and P78.8 million as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively (Note 6).

Impairment of nonfinancial assets

The Group assesses impairment on its property and equipment, intangible assets (other than goodwill and intellectual property rights) and noncurrent assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these assets may not be recoverable. The factors that the Group considers important which could trigger an impairment review include significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results, significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for overall business, and significant negative industry or economic trends.

An impairment loss is recognized whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. The fair value is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction while value in use is the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to arise from continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life. Recoverable amounts are estimated for individual assets or, if it is not possible, for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

As to the Group's property and equipment, student relationship and noncurrent assets, no impairment loss was recognized, except for the allowance for impairment in value of land amounting to P15.8 million as of December 31, 2020, and the 2021 impairment in student relationship attributable to APEC (Notes 6, 10, 11 and 13). The impairment in land was reversed in 2021 with the increase in fair value based on the appraisal report obtained from SEC-accredited independent firms of appraisers as at December 31, 2021.

In 2021, the Group performed an impairment testing on the property and equipment and right-of-use assets of APEC due to the continuing losses and significant decline in number of students. In assessing the impairment, the Group determines the recoverable amount using value in use with details disclosed in Note 31. There is no impairment loss recognized on these assets in 2021. The carrying value of these assets are disclosed in Notes 10 and 31.



Impairment of goodwill and intellectual property rights are assessed at least on an annual basis. In assessing the impairment, the Group determines the recoverable amount using value in use with details disclosed in Notes 6 and 12. There is no impairment loss recognized on these assets in 2021, 2020 and 2019. The carrying value of these assets are disclosed in Notes 6 and 12.

Estimation of pension obligations and other retirement benefits

The determination of the Group's pension cost and liabilities is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions include, among others, discount rate and salary increase rate which were disclosed in Note 25 and to which the cash flows are most sensitive to. While the Group believes that the assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in the actual experience or significant changes in assumptions may materially affect the retirement expense and related asset or liability.

As at December 31, 2021 and 2020, the net pension liabilities amounted to P124.2 million and P168.1 million, respectively, while net pension assets amounted to P18.1 million and P4.7 million as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively (Note 25).

Deferred tax assets

The Group reviews the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets at each financial reporting date and reduces deferred tax assets to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax assets to be utilized. Where there is no absolute assurance that each legal entity in the Group will generate sufficient taxable profit to allow all or part of its deferred tax assets to be utilized, deferred tax assets are not recognized.

Deferred tax assets recognized and temporary differences on which deferred tax assets were not recognized are disclosed in Note 23.

Provisions and contingencies

The Group is currently involved in certain legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business. The estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims has been developed in consultation with outside counsel handling the defense in these matters and is based upon an analysis of potential results. The ultimate disposition of these matters cannot be determined with certainty. The Group will exhaust all legal remedies available to it in defending itself in these claims and proceedings (Notes 14 and 31).

6. Business Combination and Transactions with Non-Controlling Interests

Business Combination

As disclosed in Note 1, on October 1, 2018, the BOD of iPeople, inc. executed a MOA for a proposed Plan of Merger between iPeople, inc. and AEI with iPeople, inc. as the surviving entity with HI and AC owning 48.18% and 33.5%, respectively. The merger would bring together the educational groups of HI and AC.

On April 24, 2019, the SEC approved the merger between iPeople, inc. and AEI, with iPeople, inc. as the surviving entity, and to take effect five business working days thereafter or May 2, 2019. On said date, iPeople, inc. issued 295,329,976 common shares from its unissued capital stock to AC, the parent company of AEI. iPeople, inc., being the surviving corporation, is deemed to have acquired all the assets and to have assumed all the liabilities of AEI in a business combination accounted for under the acquisition method. In exchange for the transfer of the net assets of AEI to iPeople, inc., iPeople, inc. issued to AC an aggregate of 295,329,976 shares with par value of P1.0 per share for a total fair value of P3,591.21 million based on iPeople, inc.'s quoted closing rate per share as of



May 2, 2019. The excess of the fair value of shares issued over the par value was recognized as additional paid-in capital.

Assets acquired from AEI includes investments in the following subsidiaries:

<u>Subsidiaries</u>	<u>Ownership Interest</u>
Affordable Private Education Center, Inc. doing business under the name of APEC Schools (APEC)	100.00%
National Teachers College doing business under the name/s and style/s of The National Teachers College (NTC)	99.79%
University of Nueva Caceres (UNC)	58.63%
AC College of Enterprise and Technology, Inc. (ACCET)	100.00%
LINC Institute, Inc. Doing Business under the Name and Style of LINC Academy (LINC)	100.00%

The purchase price allocation has been finalized. The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired and goodwill arising as at the date of acquisition follows (amounts in thousands):

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	P1,291,500
Trade and other receivables	231,421
Other current assets	188,222
Land classified as property and equipment (Note 11)	2,038,085
Other property and equipment (Note 10)	725,681
Right-of-use assets (Note 31)	363,029
intellectual property rights	523,103
Student relationship	116,009
Other noncurrent assets	102,717
	<u>5,579,767</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts and other payables	319,124
Loans payable	260,000
Deferred tax liabilities	432,946
Leased liabilities (Note 31)	574,622
Other liabilities	77,815
	<u>1,464,507</u>
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	4,115,260
Non-controlling interest	(537,520)
Goodwill (Note 12)	13,472
Cost of acquisition	P3,591,213

The non-controlling interests have been measured at the proportionate share of the value of the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Acquisition-related costs incurred in 2019 were recognized as expense.



Analysis of 2019 cash flows on acquisition follows:

Cash acquired from the subsidiaries (included in cash flows from investing activities)	P1,291,500
Transaction costs of the acquisition (included in cash flows from operating activities)	(7,523)
Transaction costs attributable to issuance of shares (included in cash flows from financing activities)	(2,953)
Net cash flows on acquisition	P1,281,024

Based on the valuation performed, the Group has identified other intangible assets such as the intellectual property rights with infinite life and student relationship with an estimated useful life of 5 years to 7 years based on the contractual relationship between the school entities and its students. These assets are attributed from the acquisition of operating schools NTC, APEC and UNC. The carrying value and movement of student relationship as of and for the year ended December 31 follows:

	2021	2020
Cost from business combination	P116,009	P116,009
Accumulated amortization:		
Beginning balance	(37,184)	(14,874)
Amortization and impairment (Note 20a)	(35,064)	(22,310)
Ending balance	(72,248)	(37,184)
Balance at end of the year	P43,761	P78,825

Amortization amounted to P22.3 million in both years. In 2021, the Group recognized P12.8 million impairment loss on student relationship attributable to APEC due to the significant decline in students because of the impact of coronavirus pandemic

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Group performed impairment testing on intellectual property rights using the income approach. Key assumptions used are as follows:

- Revenue projections and long-term growth rate (3% for 2021 and 2020). Revenue projections based on financial budgets approved by management and considers the impact of the K to 12 Basic Education Program effective 2016 and the coronavirus pandemic. The long-term growth rate is the expected growth rate in the education industry sector.
- Discount rates (14% to 15% for 2021 and 13% to 14% for 2020). The discount rate used for the computation of the net present value is the weighted average cost of capital and was determined by reference to comparable listed companies in the educational sector.
- Royalty rates (1% to 6% for 2021 and 2020). This is based on the publicly available information on franchising of educational institutions in the Philippines, with consideration on the operational risk of the involved entity.

In 2021 and 2020, management assessed that no impairment loss should be recognized.

Transactions with Non-Controlling Interests

On May 9, 2019, the Parent Company acquired the 281,642 shares of MESI owned by HI, representing 7% ownership in MESI. With this acquisition, MESI became a 100%-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company. The P354.2 million excess of the consideration paid over the book value of non-controlling interest acquired was recognized in equity by debiting "Equity reserve".



In December 2019, the Parent Company acquired 2,743 additional shares of UNC from various stockholders representing 24.99% ownership in UNC. With the acquisition, the Parent Company now owned 83.62% of UNC. The P123.8 million excess of book value of non-controlling interest acquired over the consideration paid was recognized in equity by crediting "Equity reserve".

7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

This account consists of:

	2021	2020
Cash on hand	P2,360	P2,139
Cash in banks (Note 15)	448,853	344,874
Cash equivalents (Note 15)	1,152,916	971,989
	P1,604,129	P1,319,002

Cash in banks earn interest at the prevailing bank deposit rates. Cash equivalents have terms with varying periods of up to three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group and earn interest at the prevailing short-term investment rates.

Interest income from cash in banks and cash equivalents amounted to P6.0 million, P10.7 million and P22.6 million in 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively (Note 22).

8. Receivables

This account consists of:

	2021	2020
Tuition and other fees	P1,246,586	P1,160,745
Advances to officers and employees	21,529	21,882
Others	54,626	31,418
	1,322,741	1,214,045
Allowance for ECL	(289,890)	(177,748)
	P1,032,851	P1,036,297

Tuition and other fees receivable pertain to tuition and other matriculation fees which are normally collected during the school term. This also includes receivable from Department of Education (DepEd) amounting to P140.8 million and P138.8 million as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, arising from the Senior High School (SHS) Voucher Program wherein qualified SHS students are given assistance on tuition fees. These receivables are noninterest-bearing and are generally collectible within one year.

Advances to officers and employees consist mostly of advances subject to liquidation, interest-bearing receivables pertaining to car loan and noninterest-bearing telephone charges, hospitalization bill and library and printing charges. Receivables from employees are settled through salary deductions. Interest income from advances to officers and employees amounted to P0.1 million, P0.2 million and P0.1 million in 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively (Note 22). These receivables are noninterest-bearing and are generally collectible within one year.



The changes in allowance for ECL as at December 31 follow:

	2021			
	Tuition and other fees	Trade	Others	Total
Balance at beginning of year	P168,978	P3,393	P5,377	P177,748
Provisions for the year (Note 21)	114,229	-	-	114,229
Write-off	(2,087)	-	-	(2,087)
Balance at end of year	P281,120	P3,393	P5,377	P289,890
Gross receivables	P1,246,586	P4,964	P49,662	P1,301,212

	2020			
	Tuition and other fees	Trade	Others	Total
Balance at beginning of year	P125,261	P3,393	P6,191	P134,845
Provisions for the year (Note 21)	48,755	-	-	48,755
Write-off	(5,038)	-	(814)	(5,852)
Balance at end of year	P168,978	P3,393	P5,377	P177,748
Gross receivables	P1,160,745	P5,482	P47,818	P1,214,045

9. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

	2021	2020
Prepaid expenses	P192,032	P99,553
Restricted funds (Note 15)	34,816	30,960
CWT	7,298	12,676
Books inventories	5,095	3,983
Office supplies	3,805	2,802
Input VAT	1,539	597
Others	146,436	120,033
	P391,021	P270,604

Prepaid expenses mainly include prepayments for membership fees, subscriptions, and insurance, among others.

Restricted funds significantly pertain to funds held for government and private entities and invested in money market placements exclusively for use in government programs such as CWTS, NSTP, for financing of scholars of certain private entities, and for the purpose of undertaking socio-economic studies, and development projects (Note 14).

Others relate to rent deposits and other supplies. This also includes payments made on certain claims that are under protest (Note 31).



10. Property and Equipment

The rollforward analysis of this account follows:

	2021				Total
	Buildings and Improvements	Office Furniture and Equipment	Transportation Equipment	Construction In Progress	
Cost					
Balance at beginning of year	₱4,914,555	₱2,365,584	₱48,521	₱1,654,804	₱8,983,464
Acquisitions	46,919	85,600	6,353	72,498	211,370
Disposals/retirement	(120,388)	(4,398)	-	-	(124,786)
Reclassifications and adjustments	58,969	125,924	(2,897)	(82,222)	99,774
Balance at end of year	4,900,055	2,572,710	51,977	1,645,080	9,169,822
Accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment loss					
Balance at beginning of year	1,532,900	1,832,916	32,136	-	3,397,952
Depreciation (Notes 20 and 21)	198,864	156,312	7,063	-	362,239
Disposals/retirement	(120,388)	(2,223)	-	-	(122,611)
Reclassifications and adjustments	(21,317)	148,977	(2,426)	-	125,234
Balance at end of year	1,590,059	2,135,982	36,773	-	3,762,814
Net book value at cost	3,309,996	436,728	15,204	1,645,080	5,407,008
Land at revalued amounts (Note 11)	-	-	-	-	6,460,845
Total	₱3,309,996	₱436,728	₱15,204	₱1,645,080	₱11,867,853

	2020				Total
	Buildings and Improvements	Office Furniture and Equipment	Transportation Equipment	Construction In Progress	
Cost					
Balance at beginning of year	₱4,835,054	₱2,235,728	₱49,552	₱1,020,920	₱8,141,254
Acquisitions	92,009	177,822	-	633,884	903,715
Disposals/retirement	-	(39,298)	-	-	(39,298)
Reclassifications and adjustments	(12,308)	(8,668)	(1,031)	-	(22,207)
Balance at end of year	4,914,555	2,365,584	48,521	1,654,804	8,983,464
Accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment loss					
Balance at beginning of year	1,362,597	1,665,887	29,293	-	3,057,777
Depreciation (Notes 20 and 21)	170,303	201,698	7,851	-	379,852
Disposals/retirement	-	(39,298)	-	-	(39,298)
Reclassifications and adjustments	-	4,629	(5,008)	-	(379)
Balance at end of year	1,532,900	1,832,916	32,136	-	3,397,952
Net book value at cost	3,381,655	532,668	16,385	1,654,804	5,585,512
Land at revalued amounts (Note 11)	-	-	-	-	6,219,772
Total	₱3,381,655	₱532,668	₱16,385	₱1,654,804	₱11,805,284

Construction in progress as at December 31, 2021 and 2020 mainly includes the general cost of construction of MESI's new school building in Makati City and other direct costs (Note 11).

Capitalized interest expense on loans obtained to finance the construction of school buildings amounted to nil and ₱58.0 million in 2021 and 2020, respectively (Notes 16 and 17).

The land and related improvements owned by MCMI with carrying value of ₱2,382.0 million and ₱2,361.5 million as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were used to secure the long-term loans of MCMI as disclosed in Note 17.

As disclosed in Note 5, the Group performed an impairment testing of the property and equipment and right-of-use assets of APEC in which management assessed that there is no impairment. Details of the impairment testing is disclosed in Note 31.



11. Land at Revalued Amounts

This account, classified as property and equipment (see Note 10), consists of:

	2021	2020
Land at cost:		
Balance at beginning of year	₱4,066,906	₱5,100,906
Land sold through sale of subsidiary	-	(1,034,000)
Balance at end of year	4,066,906	4,066,906
Provision for impairment:		
Balance at beginning of year	(15,763)	(21,000)
Reversal during the year charged to profit or loss	15,763	5,237
Balance at end of year	-	(15,763)
Revaluation increment on land:		
Balance at beginning of year	2,168,629	2,480,949
Change in revaluation increment	225,310	600,321
Revaluation increment on land transferred to retained earnings as a result of the sale of subsidiary	-	(912,641)
Balance at end of year	2,393,939	2,168,629
	₱6,460,845	₱6,219,772

Land at revalued amounts consists of owner-occupied property wherein the school buildings and other facilities are located.

Land were appraised by SEC-accredited independent firms of appraisers to determine the revalued amounts as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The valuation was derived through the market approach based upon prices paid in actual market transactions. This approach relies on the comparison of recent sale transactions or offerings of similar properties which have occurred and/or offered with close proximity to the subject properties, adjusted based on certain elements of comparison (e.g. location, size and road frontage).

The parcels of land were valued in terms of their highest and best use which is categorized under Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Location	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs Used	Range	
			2021	2020
Makati and Intramuros, Manila	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱61,000 to ₱222,500	₱48,000 to ₱100,800
Cabuyao, Laguna	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱10,412 to ₱14,042	₱8,640 to ₱16,200
Davao City, Davao Del Sur	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱23,750 to 32,148	₱13,553 to 40,800
Pandacan, Metro Manila	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱76,500 to ₱93,500	₱51,300 to ₱85,500



Location	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs Used	Range	
			2021	2020
San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱55,510 to 59,993	₱50,468 to 59,993
Naga City, Camarines Sur	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱18,573 to 27,075	₱15,750 to 31,050
Quiapo, Manila	Market Approach	Price per square meter	₱70,837 to 130,625	₱69,034 to 133,650

Net adjustment factors arising from external and internal factors (i.e. location, size and road frontage) affecting the subject properties as compared to the market listing of comparable properties, range from -5% to +50% in 2021 and from -55% to +35% in 2020.

Significant increases (decreases) in estimated price per square meter would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value of the land.

In 2019, the Group recorded provision for impairment in value of ₱21 million on a parcel of land charged to profit or loss [presented under 'Other income (charges) - net] as there was no previous revaluation increment recognized on said land. Based on the 2021 and 2020 appraisal of the same parcel of land, there was an increase in value that resulted to the reversal of the impairment loss. The reversal was credited to profit or loss as "Other income (charges) - net" in the 2021 and 2020 statement of comprehensive income.

In December 2020, MESI sold its investment in subsidiary San Lorenzo Ruiz Investment Holdings and Services Inc. to HI for ₱1,946.6 million and paid CGT of ₱126.8 million on the gain on sale. MESI applied the ₱250.0 million earnest money received from HI in 2019 which was recorded as part of 2019 accounts payable (Note 15) as payment and the balance was paid in cash. The Group treated the sale of investment as disposal of the net assets of the subsidiary which mainly represents the land classified as property and equipment. As the land is carried at revalued amount, prior to the sale, the Group recorded revaluation increment of ₱188.7 million (gross of tax) to reflect the land's fair value of ₱1,946.6 million equivalent to the selling price of said land. The revaluation increment (net of tax) of ₱132.1 million was credited to OCI. Upon sale of the subsidiary in 2020, the Group recorded the following:

- Reversal through OCI of the deferred tax liability on revaluation increment of subsidiary's land amounting to ₱273.8 million;
- Recognition of CGT on the sale of the subsidiary through OCI amounting to ₱126.8 million, which is netted against Reversal of deferred tax liability on revaluation increment of land sold through sale of subsidiary in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income; and
- Transfer of revaluation increment of the subsidiary's land accumulated in equity (net of tax) amounting to ₱785.8 million to retained earnings.

Since the land of the sold subsidiary was carried at revalued amount, in accordance with the Group's accounting policy, gain or loss on sale will not recycle to profit or loss but the corresponding revaluation increment in equity is transferred to retained earnings.



12. Goodwill

The goodwill recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position amounting to P151.3 million as at December 31, 2021 and 2020 pertains to the P137.8 million goodwill from acquisition of MESI in 1999 and P13.5 million goodwill from the 2019 acquisition of AEI subsidiaries as disclosed in Note 6.

The Group performed impairment testing on goodwill arising from acquisition of MESI wherein MESI was considered as the CGU. No impairment testing was done on the P13.5 million goodwill as the Group assessed it as not material to the consolidated financial statements. In 2021, 2020 and 2019, management assessed that no impairment loss should be recognized.

Key assumptions used in the value in use (VIU) calculation

As at December 31, 2021 and 2020, the recoverable amount of the CGU has been determined based on a VIU calculation using five-year cash flow projections. Key assumptions in the VIU calculation of the CGU are most sensitive to the following:

- Future revenues and revenue growth rates. Cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a five-year period and considers the impact of coronavirus pandemic, among others.
- Long-term growth rates (4.84% for 2021 and 3.78% for 2020). The Long-term growth rate is the expected growth rate in the education industry sector.
- Discount rate (11% for 2021 and 10.9% for 2020). The discount rate used for the computation of the net present value is the weighted average cost of capital and was determined by reference to Parent Company's capital structure.

Sensitivity to changes in assumptions

Management believes that no reasonably possible change in any of the above key assumptions would cause the carrying value of goodwill to materially exceed its recoverable amount.

13. Other Noncurrent Assets

This account consists of:

	2021	2020
Input VAT - net	P39,146	P39,563
Miscellaneous deposits	27,081	29,322
Creditable withholding tax	22,714	23,059
Computer software	19,464	9,036
Books and periodicals	5,266	7,047
	P113,671	P108,027

Miscellaneous deposits include rent deposits of the Group amounting to P15.0 million and P18.0 million as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.



Computer software is amortized over a period of three years. The rollforward analysis of computer software follows:

	2021	2020
Cost		
Balance at the beginning of the year	P44,025	P42,185
Additions	15,479	1,840
Balance at the end of the year	59,504	44,025
Accumulated Amortization		
Balance at the beginning of the year	34,989	32,844
Amortization (Notes 20 and 21)	4,551	2,275
Reclassifications	500	(130)
Balance at the end of the year	40,040	34,989
Net Book Value	P19,464	P9,036

14. Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities and Unearned Income

Accounts payable and other current liabilities consists of:

	2021	2020
Accounts payable	P397,869	P515,992
Accrued expenses	385,599	432,927
Funds payable	240,628	140,415
Other payables	12,023	66,251
	P1,036,119	P1,155,585

Accounts payable pertains to the Group's obligation to local suppliers. Accounts payable also includes payables to students which are considered Contract liabilities as disclosed below.

Accrued expenses consist of:

	2021	2020
Provisions (Note 31)	P159,266	P159,266
Payable to suppliers	111,979	124,460
Accrued salaries and wages	19,222	21,661
Accrued professional fees	15,359	21,515
Accrued interest	18,057	16,890
Accrued communication expense	3,998	15,042
Withholding taxes and others	15,864	12,003
SSS and other contributions	5,136	6,050
Contracted services	5,665	3,687
Accrued utilities	4,311	3,224
Output VAT payable	5,181	2,625
Insurance	3,081	1,594
Others	18,480	44,910
	P385,599	P432,927

Funds payable includes funds received by the Group from Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and private entities for their scholarship programs to be granted to the Group's students, and NSTP and CWTS fees collected from students.



Other payables include outstanding balance on the acquisition of additional shares from UNC amounting to nil as of December 31, 2021 and ₱60.68 million as of December 31, 2020.

Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other payables are noninterest-bearing and are expected to be settled within a year after the financial reporting date. Funds payables are noninterest-bearing and are expected to be settled upon payout related to the funded projects and scholarship programs.

Unearned Income

Unearned income amounted to ₱658.4 million and ₱680.6 million as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. This mainly includes unearned tuition fees amounting to ₱655.6 million and ₱670.0 million as at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Contract Liabilities

The Group's contract liabilities represent the unearned tuition fees (presented under unearned income) and accounts payable to students (presented under accounts payable). These will be recognized as revenue when the related educational services are rendered. Accounts payable to students are advance collections from students to be applied to the next school year or school term.

As at December 31, 2021, contract liabilities amounted to ₱691.44 million and these will be recognized as revenue in the following year. Contract liabilities as of January 1, 2021 amounting to ₱708.13 million were recognized as revenue in 2021. The decrease in contract liabilities in 2021 is mainly due to timing of enrollment period for School Year 2021-2022 and decrease in number of students for certain schools.

15. Related Party Transactions

Related party relationships exist when the entity has the ability to control, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or exercise significant influence over the entity in making financial and operating decisions. Such relationships also exist between and/or among entities which are under common control with the reporting entity and its key management personnel, directors or stockholders. In considering each possible related entity relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship and not merely the legal form.

Following are the transactions with related parties and the balances as at December 31:

	Year	Amount / Volume	Receivables from (Payables to)	Terms and Conditions
Controlling entity- HI				
a) Payable to HI	2021	₱-	(₱13,566)	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable
	2020	-	(2,941)	
Management fee and other professional fees (Notes 20 and 21)	2021	51,534	-	-
	2020	66,973	-	-
	2019	69,520	-	-
b) Receivable from HI	2021	-	248	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable; no impairment
	2020	-	206	
Reimbursements	2021	229	-	-
	2020	35	-	-

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	Year	Amount / Volume	Receivables from (Payables to)	Terms and Conditions
Entities under common control of HI				
c) Receivables from related parties	2021	P-	P25,328	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable; no impairment
	2020	-	25,824	
Reimbursements	2020	25,325	-	-
Rental income	2021	-	483	-
	2020	(467)	-	-
	2019	(2,447)	-	-
d) Payables to related parties	2021	-	(569)	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable
	2020	-	(13,325)	
Contracted services (Notes 20 and 21)	2021	36,934	-	-
	2020	37,660	-	-
	2019	61,556	-	-
e) Accounts payable (Notes 10 and 14)	2021	-	(352)	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; payable on demand
	2020	(11,342)	(1,029)	
Entities under common control of PMMIC				
f) Cash and cash equivalents (Note 7)	2021	-	1,146,315	Interest at prevailing deposit and short-term rates; unsecured; no impairment
	2020	-	992,360	
Interest income (Note 22)	2021	6,950	-	-
	2020	10,734	-	-
	2019	22,630	-	-
g) Receivables from related parties	2021	-	18	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable; no impairment
	2020	-	18	
h) Insurance expenses	2021	13,279	-	-
	2020	12,803	-	-
	2019	12,577	-	-
Financial asset at FVTPL (Note 30)	2021	-	9,213	Carried at fair value; No impairment
	2020	-	9,705	
Restricted funds (Note 9)	2021	-	34,816	Interest at prevailing deposit and short-term rates; unsecured; no impairment
	2020	-	30,960	
Entities with significant influence				
i) Payable to related parties	2021	-	-	Due on demand, noninterest-bearing; unsecured; no impairment
	2020	-	(10,214)	
Management fee and other professional fees (Notes 20 and 21)	2021	9,900	-	-
	2020	10,530	-	-
	2019	7,133	-	-
Others				
j) Accounts payable	2021	-	(3)	Noninterest-bearing; unsecured; due and demandable; no impairment
	2020	-	(2,207)	
Utilities	2021	-	-	-
	2020	167	-	-
	2019	65	-	-
(Forward)				

