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[G.R. No. L-5592. December 21, 1953]

IN RE: PETITION OF UY YU ALIAS IGNACIO UY SECHUN, TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE PHILIPPINES. UY YU ALIAS IGNACIO UY SECHUN, PETITIONER-APPELLEE, VS. REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, OPPOSITOR AND APPELLANT.

D E C I S I O N

MONTEMAYOR, J.:

The Republic of the Philippines through the Solicitor General is appealing from a decision of the Court of First Instance of Cagayan, granting the petition for naturalization of Uy Yu *alias* IGNACIO UY SECHUN on the strength of the evidence presented by the applicant, the Republic having adduced none in support of its opposition to the application. The only basis for the appeal is that the minor child of the applicant named ELPIDIO is attending the SAMANTABHADRA INSTITUTE, a Chinese school located in Juan Luna, Manila and there is no proof that said school has been duly recognized by the Government and that it is teaching Philippine Government, History and Civics.

Examining the record we find that the applicant in his testimony assured the court that before he enrolled his son Elpidio in said school he made the necessary investigation and was assured that said school was recognized by the Government, and so we agree with the trial court's finding about said government recognition. The Solicitor General, however, further insists that mere recognition by the Government of a private school is no proof that the subjects of Philippine Government, History and Civics are taught in said recognized school. We are of the opinion that under the present law, one of the requirements of government recognition of a private school is that said school has the minimum standard requirement of instruction required by

the Government, including the teaching of such subjects as Philippine Government, History and Civics. Furthermore, to give us further assurance of the correctness of this opinion, at least in the present case, at our instance, the office of the Director of Private School went over the record of the Samantabhadra Institute, and in his certificate dated December 4, 1953, the Director states that Philippine Government, History and Civics are prescribed as part of the curriculum of the Institute.

In view of the foregoing, and finding the decision appealed from to be in conformity with the law and the evidence, the same is hereby affirmed. No costs.

Paras, C. J., Pablo, Bengzon, Padilla, Tuason, Reyes, Jugo, Bautista Angelo and Labrador, JJ., concur.
