

**Center for Policy and Executive Development  
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**CPED Updates for April 2008**

**I. Executive Course on Effective Aid Management for Officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia Part 2 – Completed**

With funding support from the United Nations Development Programme – Cambodia, the Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board of the Council for the Development of Cambodia of the Royal Government of Cambodia has once again engaged the Center for Policy and Executive Development (CPED) to manage the conduct of an executive course on effective aid management for 31 government officials of Cambodia. The participants vary from different government agencies and their ranks range from technical staff to secretary-general. The two-week course started last 21 April 2008 and ended last Friday, 02 May 2008 at the NCPAG Assembly Hall.

The general objective of the course is to provide the participants with the knowledge, skills and attitude to be able to effectively and efficiently manage aid/ODA.

A mix of interactive learning approaches was used in the delivery of the training course such as case studies, lecture-discussions, individual and group exercises, workshops/panel discussions, agency visits, learning diaries, and action planning. Of particular importance is the interaction with key Filipino executives and expatriates who are engaged and who have direct experiences in aid coordination and management. Among these resource persons were: Former NEDA Director-General Dr. Cayetano Paderangga, Former NEDA Deputy Director-General Dr. Dante Canlas, and Prof. Leonor Magtolis-Briones.

**II. Strengthening the Integrity of the Judiciary**

With funding support from the United States Agency for International Development – Rule of Law Effectiveness (USAID-ROLE), CPED with the Centre for human Resource Strategies Asia, Inc. is currently implementing a Judicial Reform Activity in the Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC). The activity focuses on a comprehensive diagnosis to address the perceived declining public confidence on the judiciary. By systematically identifying areas and practices that are vulnerable to corruption, the SC will have adequate basis for approaching the problems. This activity will contribute to USAID-ROLE's goal of reducing corruption opportunities. It seeks to support the efforts in reducing corruption in the judiciary by providing the tools for diagnosing the problem and installing effective corruption reform measures.

Now on its last phase, the CPED project team is already finalizing its completion report together with a guidebook for the SC to conduct its own review and enhancement of performance and integrity program in the future.

### **III. Executive Course on Effective Management of Anti-Corruption Program**

CPED, in collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsman and the Millennium Challenge Account, will be conducting an Executive Course on Effective Management of Anti-Corruption Program this next three months.

At the end of the eight-day workshop, the participants should be able to identify the root causes of corruption and the practical methods to effectively manage the fight against corruption. The target participants to the course are middle level government executives engaged in anti-corruption work. At least 30% of the trainees would be women.

Targeted for two batches of 35 trainees per batch, the first course is scheduled this 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May 2008 to be held in Panglao, Bohol.