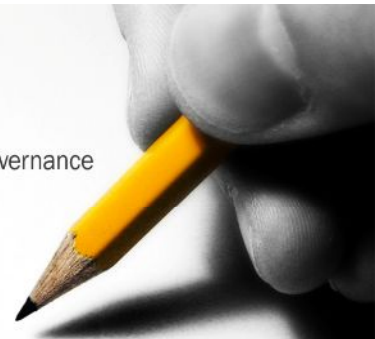


CPED UPDATES

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Executive Course on Strategic Planning and Management of an Effective Corruption Prevention Program

CPED, in collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsman and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Millennium Challenge Account, conducted an eight-day corruption prevention program, which generally seeks to enhance the professional competencies of the participants in managing the fight against corruption.

The course was conducted in two batches: a) 12 – 16, 19 – 21 January 2009 and (b) 26 – 30 January, 2 – 4 February 2009 which was participated by 70 executives from the Office of the Ombudsman, Bureau of Resident Ombudsman, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and Bureau of Customs.

Ombudsman Merceditas N. Gutierrez and Deputy Ombudsman Emilio A. Gonzalez III welcomed the

first and second batch, respectively. Experts and seasoned local and international resource persons like former Prime Minister Cesar E.A. Virata, former CSC Chairperson Patricia A. Sto. Tomas, former DSWD Secretary Corazon Alma de Leon, former DBM Secretary Emilia L. Boncodin, former National Treasurer Leoner Magtolis-Briones, and former BIR Commissioner Rene G. Bañez were some of the agency heads invited. International experts on anti-corruption, Mr. Tony Kwok Man-wai and Mr. Chua Cher Yak gave lectures on cross-country comparisons. Local chief executives were also invited as panelists, namely: Hon. Jesse M. Robredo (Naga City), Hon. Marides C. Fernando (Marikina City), Hon. Juan M. Sanchez (Lubang), former Vice-Mayor Enrico Salazar (Legaspi City), and former Mayor Dindo Garciano (Baras, Rizal).

The second batch of the course successfully ended yesterday, 04 February 2009, with Deputy Ombudsman Orlando C. Casimiro and USAID-Office of Economic Development and Governance Chief Mr. Christian Hougen as guests of honor.

Training Course on Strategic Planning and Management of an Effective Anti-Corruption Program

CPED, in collaboration with The Asia Foundation (TAF), conducted a five-day anti-corruption course for multi-stakeholders from 19 to 23 January 2009.

Twenty-five middle-level government, private and civil society organization executives engaged in anti-corruption work attended the said course. Former agency heads as well as international anti-corruption experts were invited as resource persons during the training program.

The course successfully ended last 23 January 2009 with Hon. Ombudsman Merceditas N. Gutierrez and The Asia Foundation Country Representative Dr. Steven Rood as distinguished guests.

8th Cycle of the Congressional Internship Program for Young Muslim Leaders (Academic Course on Public Policy Development and Advocacy) – Ongoing

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Growth with Equity in Mindanao Project (GEM3), together with the Mindanao State University and the House of Representatives, has once again teamed up with CPED to provide an intensive two-week structured learning course on public policy analysis and development for the 8th Cycle of the Congressional Internship Program for Young Muslim Leaders interns from 2-13 February 2009.

The course is an introductory exploration of public policy analysis. It provides the students with basic concepts and practical methods of public policy analysis. It covers important considerations in the process of policy analysis such as: (a) defining the policy problem; (b) establishing criteria for analyzing policies; (c) assessing policy alternatives; (d) choosing among policies; and (e) monitoring and evaluating policy implementation. It also deals with accessing data sources and weighing the utility of policy relevant information.

It also introduces the students to the use of computer resources in policy analysis, particularly in searching electronic repositories of information, such as the Internet, and to provide a means of communication with the instructors/mentors and other students in the course. By the end of the course, the students should be able to write a policy paper and to know more about opportunities for further study in public policy analysis.

The two-week course commenced last 30 January 2009 at NCPAG Room 307. Dean Alex B. Brillantes welcomed the 25 interns with an overview of the Philippine Public Administration using his famous technology of participation.

Upcoming Activities

1. Policy Analysis Course for Senior Officials and Technical Staff of the Department of Interior and Local Government
2. Executive Course on Effective Aid Management and Development Policy for Papua New Guinea Officers
3. Institutional Restructuring Study of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority