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CPED Updates for June-July 2008

I. Executive Course on Effective Aid Management for Officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia Part 2 – Final Evaluation Report submitted

CPED has submitted the final evaluation report on the Executive Course on Effective Aid Management for Officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia last 21 April – 02 May 2008. With a total of 31 participants, the said program was a repeat of last year's successful execution of the executive course.

II. Strengthening the Integrity of the Judiciary – Last phase

Now on its completion stage, the CPED project team has completed the terminal reports and draft handbook for the Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC) and submitted to the USAID-ROLE. The handbook aims to assist the SC on its conduct of 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 of the course are middle level government executives engaged in anti-corruption work. At least 30% of the trainees would be women.

The first batch was originally scheduled on the 3rd week of May 2008. However, the training date is now moved to end of August to first week of September 2008 for the first batch and the second batch is scheduled on the end of September to first week of October.

IV. 7th Cycle of the Congressional Internship for Young Muslim Leaders

The United States Agency for International Development's Growth with Equity in Mindanao Program (USAID-GEM), together with the Mindanao State University and the House of Representatives, has once again requested CPED to conduct all training and seminars on public policy development, analysis and advocacy, and policy research on the 7th Cycle of the Congressional Internship for Young Muslim Leaders.

The training course was conducted last 20 June to 04 July 2008 held here at the National College of Public Administration and Governance. The interns of this academic course are now formulating their policy papers to be submitted and defended on 21 September 2008.

This same course was handled before by former CPED staff Ms. Gwendolyn Valdez-Rodriguez.

V. Promoting the Formulation of the Code of Conduct by Government Agencies in the Philippines

The Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) has engaged CPED on its ongoing project entitled "Promoting the Formulation of the Code of Conduct by Government Agencies in the Philippines" under the 1 Billion Presidential Anti-Corruption Fund. CPED will render its technical assistance on the following project outputs:

1. Draft codes of conduct for selected public offices;
2. Report on the status of enforcement of the codes of conduct (for offices which have started implementation);
3. Enhanced codes of conduct for offices with existing ones;
4. Training, mentoring, and coaching program for public offices on the development and implementation of codes of conduct;
5. Knowledge products on codes of conduct; and
6. Web portal in the PAGC website for disseminating knowledge and exchanging practical ideas in combating corruption, in general, and in adopting codes of conduct, in particular.

This project will run from June 2008 to January 2009. The first focus group discussion (FGD) among managers and rank and file employees of PAGC and DSWD is scheduled today, Friday, 01 August 2008. Succeeding batches of FGDs will be conducted this first two weeks of August.

VI. Indonesian Visiting Fellow Conducted Corruption Prevention Lecture

CPED spearheaded the coordination and administration of visiting fellow Dr. Prijono Tjiptoherijanto's lecture on corruption prevention entitled "Corruption Prevention in Indonesia: Expectations and Achievements" held last 18 July 2008 at NCPAG Room 307. A total of 65 guests from different government agencies attended his lecture. Among the lecture's reactors were NCPAG Dr. Ledivina V. Cariño, TAN Executive Director Vincent T. Lazatin, Atty. Rafael G. Hipolito from the Office of the Ombudsman, and PAGC Commissioner Jaime D. Jacob.

Dr. Tjiptoherijanto is a professor of Economics at the University of Indonesia.