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Promoting the Formulation and Enhancement of Code of Conduct by Government Agencies in the Philippines – Mentoring and Coaching Program (Ongoing)

As part of CPED's project with the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission entitled "Promoting the Formulation of the Code of Conduct by Government Agencies in the Philippines", CPED started its mentoring and coaching program last 17 October 2008 at the NCPAG Assembly Hall.

There are 14 participating agencies and each agency is represented by its 7-member project team. The agencies were divided into two batches; each batch consists of agencies with and without codes of conduct. Batch 2 consisting of representatives from the Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Customs, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Foreign Affairs, National Irrigation Administration, National Labor Relations Commission, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission, will be having their last session this Friday, 05 December 2008. The wrap-up session and closing ceremony for the two batches are scheduled in January 2009.

Upcoming Activities starting January 2009

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

CPED, in collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsman and the Millennium Challenge Account, will conduct an eight-day corruption prevention program which generally seeks to enhance the professional competencies of the participants in managing the fight against corruption. Specifically, the course aims to deepen and broaden the participants' understanding of the causes and effects of corruption and its negative consequences on the well-being of the nation and citizenry. It also aims to strengthen their practical know-how in fighting corruption and be able to develop an effective anti-corruption strategic plan drawing lessons from best (and worst) practices in the Philippines and other countries.

The target participants are 70 junior to middle level executives (in two batches) from the Office of the Ombudsman (OMB), selected government agencies, and representatives of non-state actor groups. At least 30% of the trainees should be women.

Two batches of the eight-day course will be conducted: (a) 12 – 16, 19 – 21 January 2009 and (b) 26 – 30 January, 2 – 4 February 2009.

Executive Course on Effective Management of Anti-Corruption Program

CPED, in collaboration with The Asia Foundation (TAF), will be conducting an Executive Course on Effective Management of Anti-Corruption Program for multi-stakeholders in January 2009.

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 it. The target participants of the course are middle level government, private and civil society organization executives engaged in anti-corruption work. At least 30% of the trainees would be women.

Policy Analysis Course for Senior Officials and Technical Staff of DILG

CPED will conduct two separate policy analysis courses for the senior officials and technical staff of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). The eight-day course for the technical staff precedes the three-day course program for the Department's senior executives.

The course for DILG's technical staff (junior to middle level) provides basic concepts and practical methods in public policy analysis. It covers important considerations in the process of policy analysis. It also explains accessing data sources and weighing the utility of policy relevant information. It will also introduce the participants to the use of computer resources in policy analysis, particularly in searching electronic repositories of information, such as the Internet. This course will provide an overview of the types of policy issues on decentralized delivery of public services. By the end of the course, the participants should be able to write a policy paper and to know more about opportunities for further study in public policy analysis.

On the other hand, the course for DILG's senior officials is an appreciation course on policy analysis. Specifically, it introduces the senior officials to the basic concepts and important considerations in the process of policy analysis process such as assessing policy alternatives, choosing among policy options, and monitoring policy implementation. The course also introduces the senior officials to the broad range of policy issues being confronted by sub-national units of government in the delivery of efficient and responsive public services to the people.

The three-day course walks the senior officials through the principles, steps, and techniques of public policy analysis. The general format of the course is a roundtable discussion involving practitioners, policy analysts, and academics. The course incorporates the presentation and discussion of policy issue papers on decentralization and local development. The policy issue papers are outputs of the separate eight-day policy analysis course for DILG's technical staff.

8th Cycle of the Congressional Internship Program 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 teamed up with CPED to undertake the 8th Cycle of the Congressional Internship Program for Young Muslim Leaders in the first quarter of 2009.