

# CPED UPDATES

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## CIPMYL 2008 Completed

Last September 29, 2008, two days before the celebration of our Muslim brothers and sisters' Eid'Il Fitr that marks the end of hardships of the period of fasting; the Muslim participants of the Congressional Internship Program for Young Muslim Leaders (CIPMYL) had finally graduated from the course after three months of internship program.



Prof. Rizalino B. Cruz and Atty. Emma Salmani of USAID-GEM with one of the CIPMYL 2008 graduates.

Nineteen interns graduated from the program after completing the requirements of the Academic Course on Public Policy Development and Advocacy conducted by CPED from 20 June to 04 July 2008 at Room 307, NCPAG Building. The interns were given two months to write their policy papers and defended them before Dean Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. and Dr. Nestor N. Pilar last 25-26 September 2008.

The said program was conducted in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (USAID-GEM) Project 3, Mindanao State University and the House of Representatives.

## Code of Conduct Project Inception Meeting

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 organized its inception meeting held last September 11, 2008 at the NCPAG Audio-Visual Room.

Forty participants from 13 government agencies attended the inception meeting in preparation for the project's upcoming mentoring and coaching program. The said training program is scheduled to start 17<sup>th</sup> of October at NCPAG to guide the participants in formulating and enhancing their codes of conduct.

## Academic Courses on Integrity to be offered by Asia's 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Graft Institution

Dean Alex B. Brillantes, Jr., Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, and Professor Charles Sampford of Griffith University's Institute of Ethics, Governance and Law signed a memorandum of agreement on the establishment of the Center for Asian Integrity (CAI) last August 28, 2008.

Ombudsman Gutierrez said in a Philippine Star item that "the CAI would be a big boost to the government's campaign against graft and corruption as it will focus on the study and prevention of corruption in government." She also added that "the proposed center seeks to offer curriculum design and course development on 'integrity courses' to be undertaken by the University of the Philippines."

Last September 25, 2008, Dean Brillantes attended the first steering committee meeting at the Office of the Ombudsman.