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Dear Readers,

The first quarter of the year 2017 kicked off with the implementation of beneficial programs for CPSC stakeholders which has stemmed out from budding partnerships among newfound development partners such as the Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation. This promising partnership realized the conduct of the Regional Program (RP) back to back with an International Conference (IC) held in Nepal.

The CPSC team was proud to be a partner organization for the said back to back program and in bringing together 22 experts from CPSC member countries together with other countries like Australia, Scotland, South Korea and Switzerland. The program brought to fore issues on national vocational qualifications system (NVQS). We are thankful for the experts for sharing their insights during the discussions on the topics for the programs.

We just recently facilitated a 2-month Customized program for the officials of the National Skills Testing Board (NSTB) of Nepal. This program on Enhancement of Competency Assessment and Certification Systems under the National Vocational Qualification System Project (NVQS), funded by the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC), was entrusted to us by the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training, (CTEVT).

Also featured in this issue are programs conducted for the period such as the In-Country Program in India, Customized Program for Nepal and Special Programs held in India and the Philippines with Society for Education and Entrepreneurship Development (SEED) and Terrapin, respectively.

CPSC looks forward to more cooperative ventures with new partners like Swiss Foundation, Terrapin and SEED, in capacity development of TVET professionals in the region.

Continuously spreading our wings on accreditation and certification, now we have India in our fold with the Nachimuthu Polytechnic College, Pollachi as first APACC accredittee. APACC is set to target more on-site visits to India and Thailand which both conveyed preparations of institutions lined up for accreditation within the year or so. A revisit to Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades (SICAT), Philippines had been carried out for the period.

We are happy to welcome a new member of the Governing Board, Member for Bangladesh His Excellency Asad Alam Siam, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. I respectfully look forward for fresh cooperation with His Excellency on matters beneficial to both the country's constituents and other CPSC stakeholders.

May we also place our Congratulations and thanks to our long time partner Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna for inviting us to take part in the celebrations of its 12th anniversary as Resource Person for an International Forum on human resource capacity building.

Vigorous efforts on membership expansion and reactivation were pursued this quarter among them were courtesy visits to the Cambodian Ministry and Iran Embassy. Our pursuit for increased membership remains a focal agenda vis-à-vis other developmental targets, we keep our eyes fixed on this target that with perseverance we will soon welcome a new member country in the CPSC family.

These and more in the pipeline with more activities laid out as planned for the remaining months to finally complete fiscal year 2016-2017. While we look forward to the upcoming fiscal year we have started to draw out undertakings for the next fiscal year through our operational planning via the team building platform which we held as early as this quarter.

We shall keep our sleeves rolled up and our minds towards our targets. With all the support from partners and member families we shall be up to the challenge and continue to serve with the same vigor and sincerity.

Sincerely yours,

Ramhari Lamichhane PhD
Director General



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CPSC HOLDS 102ND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Governing Board (GB) convened its 102nd session on January 25, 2017 at CPSC Manila, Philippines. The Board took up six agenda items as follows: Adoption of the Agenda, Adoption of the Minutes of the 101st GB Meeting held on June 23, 2016, Summary of Actions Taken based on Board Decisions and Business Arising, Report of External Audit of CPSC's Financial Statements for FY 2015 – 2016, Report of CPSC Activities and Financial Status (Mid-Year Report for FY 2016 – 2017), Report of the Standing Committee on various matters of the Staff College.

The Chairperson of the CPSC GB and Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Philippines H.E. Aruni Ranaraja

presided the meeting. It was attended by the Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of India, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Union of Myanmar, Director General of CPSC, representatives from Embassies of Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and representatives from the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations, Department of Foreign Affairs and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The new CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane apprised the Board on the activities and accomplishments of the Staff College

in the first half of FY 2016 – 2017 with the Mid-Year Report. He reported on the implementation of regional programs, in-country programs, customized programs and study visits, special collaborative programs, activities related to the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC), as well as the Professional Internship Program for International Experience (PIPIE).

All the agenda items presented were disposed. In her concluding remarks, GB Chairperson H.E. Aruni Ranaraja expressed her appreciation to the Board of members for their cooperation and active participation.

The 103rd GB Meeting will be held on June 22, 2017 (Thursday).

CPSC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER FOR BANGLADESH, H.E. ASAD ALAM SIAM

His Excellency Asad Alam Siam graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Architecture and did his MBA from Maastricht School of Management, the Netherlands. He joined Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1995.

Besides working in the Headquarters, in his early career, he served in South East Asia including Bangladesh Missions in Jakarta and Bangkok. In strengthening bilateral relations between Dhaka and the two ASEAN Capitals, his job included enhancement of trade and investment, cultural exchanges, and political coordination. He also covered UNESCAP and Asian Institute of Technology in Bangladesh mission in Bangkok and coordinated Bangladesh's entry to the ARF from the Mission.

He then served as Director in the Offices of the Foreign Secretary and Foreign Minister in the Headquarters between 2005 to 2007, managing coordination and consultation between these two Offices and rest of the Ministry, also with other Ministries.

He joined Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Manchester, UK as Assistant High Commissioner (AHC) in 2006. His responsibility as AHC involved welfare of Bangladeshi

diaspora in Northern UK and Scotland and reporting regional political developments. From Manchester, he was transferred to Italy to open the Bangladesh Consulate General in Milan.

Returning to the headquarters in 2013, he headed the Department of Europe and EU coordinating bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Europe. Since 2013, he served as Chief of Protocol responsible for state ceremonies, ensuring privileges, immunities and security of foreign missions and international organizations in Bangladesh. He also coordinated Presidential and Prime Ministerial incoming and outgoing visits to and from Bangladesh until he joined Bangladesh Embassy in Manila.

In September, 2016 Bangladesh Government nominated him as Bangladesh Ambassador to the Philippines.

Reference: <http://bangladeshembassymanila.org/embassy/cv-of-ambassador/>



CPSC Inks Partnership with TITI and NITTTR Chennai

As the Colombo Plan Staff College continues to strengthen ties and expand its network, Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, along with CPSC Faculty Consultant Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, met with officials from the Training Institute for Technical Instruction (TITI) and National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) Chennai on March 9, 2017 in Dhulikel, Nepal.

The meeting facilitated the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CPSC, TITI and NITTTR Chennai. TITI was represented by its Executive Director Mrs. Akim Shrestha and Training Department Director Mr. Durga Prasad Upadhyaya. NITTTR Chennai, on the other hand, had its Director Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda and Centre for Curriculum Development Professor Dr. S. Dhanapal. The partnership will pave the way for more collaborative programs and other opportunities for development and joint activities between CPSC, TITI and NITTTR Chennai.



CPSC DG Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (center), Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, CPSC Faculty Consultant (left) and Mrs. Akim Shrestha, TITI Executive Director (right) during the MOU signing between CPSC and TITI



Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane during the MOU signing between CPSC and NITTTR Chennai

CPSC Director General Visits MHRD India



MHRD Joint Secretary Shri S.P. Goyal receiving a token from CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and CPSC Faculty Consultant Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel



MHRD Deputy Secretary Shri Sashi Kumar with CPSC team



CPSC LO for India Dr. Paliwal receives token from CPSC

In line with the Colombo Plan Staff College's commitment to strengthen its ties with member countries, the CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, along with CPSC Faculty Consultant Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, visited the Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD) of India in New Delhi to meet various officials led by the MHRD Joint Secretary Shri S. P. Goyal on March 16, 2017.

Aside from the MHRD Joint Secretary, Dr. Lamichhane and Prof. Dr. GK also met CPSC Liaison Officer for India Dr. Paliwal and MHRD Deputy Secretary Shri Sashi Kumar. They discussed about the CPSC In-Country Program in

NITTTR Chandigarh from March 14 – 18, 2017 and India's participation to the upcoming CPSC Regional Program in Singapore in May 2017.

Dr. Lamichhane also informed MHRD about Nachimuthu Polytechnic College as the first ever institution in India to be accredited which received a Gold Award after successfully undertaking the rigorous accreditation process of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). He also took the opportunity to express his appreciation to the CPSC Liaison Officer for the assistance in cascading the information about APACC to various Indian polytechnics through the Directorate of Technical Education.



CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane presents token to NPIC President Dr. Bun Phearin.



CPSC with NPIC Officials during the presentation

CPSC DG Visits NPIC, Cambodia

CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane went to Phnom Penh to meet officials of the National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia (NPIC), Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training on January 16, 2017 with the aim of spreading the Staff College's programs and services to the TVET sector of Cambodia.

The NPIC President Dr. Bun Phearin, along with approximately 20 deans and department heads of the College, received Dr. Lamichhane and paid attention to his slide presentation about the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). Aside from the anticipation that NPIC would subscribe to APACC, Dr. Lamichhane is also looking into the possibility of welcoming NPIC to the CPSC family as Honorary Member.

The meeting ended on a high note as both CPSC and NPIC agreed to explore opportunities for partnership and collaboration in order to serve the sector better.

RMUTL Celebrates 12th Anniversary with International Forum

The Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna (RMUTL) organized an International Forum with the theme, Moving Across the Middle Income Trap (MIT) Border through Human Resource Capacity Building, on January 18, 2017.

A 200-strong delegation of technology educators, academicians and professionals from the different provinces of Thailand and other countries joined the forum held in celebration of RMUTL's 12th founding anniversary celebrations. CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane graced the occasion as a guest speaker on the topic, Industry-Academic Collaboration. Other topics discussed in the international forum included Thailand 4.0, Industry 4.0, Education 4.0, 21st Century Learning Skills and Public Private People Partnership Mechanism.

The one-day anniversary celebration also featured Lanna Food Market, academic and artistic competitions, and exhibitions about the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the university's history, research presentations and innovative projects.



RMUTL President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Numyoot Songthanapitak and CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane during the 12th Founding Anniversary Celebration

CPSC Pays Courtesy Call to Ambassador of Iran

As part of CPSC's membership reactivation, the Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane paid a courtesy call to the Ambassador of Iran in Manila, H.E. Mohammad Tanhaei on February 15, 2017.

The CPSC Director General, along with CPSC Faculty Consultant Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel and Executive Secretary Mr. Bryan Noel Lazaro, discussed with the Ambassador the possibility of the reactivation of Iran's membership with the Staff College. Dr. Lamichhane also looked into opportunities for mutually engaging collaborations and partnerships with relevant government agencies and institutions in Iran.

H.E. Mohammad Tanhaei responded positively and will try to consult his government as Iran has started to revive international linkages and regional cooperation for development.



H.E. Mohammad Tanhaei (L) and CPSC DG Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (R) during the latter's courtesy visit at the Embassy



H.E. Mohammad Tanhaei receives token from CPSC

International Program in NEPAL GATHERS EXPERTS OF NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS IN THE REGION

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) in partnership with the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT)-Nepal and the Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation, gathered 22 participants at the International Program on Sharing and Learning on National Vocational Qualifications System (NVQS) held from March 6 to 10, 2017 at Mirabel Resort, Dhulikhel, Nepal.

Representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the program. Experts from Australia, Scotland, South Korea and Switzerland also came to share their experiences in implementing skill testing systems and qualification.

The program was organized to emphasize the need to have a common understanding in assessing qualification standards within the region. The international platform proved to be a venue for sharing of best practices in designing, implementing and monitoring a national qualification framework initiative. The international event had been relevant in assessing the significance and impact of qualification standards and mechanisms to TVET particularly in actually improving enrollment, retention and employability of the trainees.

The participants were expected to be aware of various approaches and innovations on NVQs implemented by the member countries in TVET. The program ensured that the learnings that they have gained such as the best practices and models of NVQs in TVET would be shared and disseminated in their own countries for them to learn from or replicate. In addition, the countries will be able to explore the challenges and opportunities in developing NVQs through the guidance of the invited experts and academics from the NVQS development sector.



CPSC and CTEVT Teams at the inaugural ceremonies of the Regional Program (Top and right photos)



(Top and right photos): Dr. Man-Gon Park, former CPSC DG and Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, current CPSC DG deliver their presentations during the program.



Ambassador of Switzerland to Nepal, Dr. Jorg Freiden, deliver his inaugural speech at the National Seminar



The program also included field visits to several Nepali TVET institutions such as the Banepa Polytechnic Institute and the Training Institute on Technical Instruction (TITI) on March 10.

The event was supervised by the heads of the three partner institutions namely Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, Director General of CPSC; Dr. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bakhathi, Acting Member Secretary of CTEVT and Mr. Devi Prasad Dahal, Team Leader of the Nepal Vocational Qualifications System Project implemented by Swisscontact.

Arrangements were facilitated by Dr. G. Kulanthavel, CPSC Faculty Consultant. Local logistics were coordinated by Mr. Tek Bahadur Malla, Director of Technical Division, CTEVT who was assisted by Mr. Mohan Bahadur Karki, Senior Technical Officer of the same division of CTEVT. CPSC's Finance Officer, Ms. Rosalinda Gonzales, assisted the implementation and preparation of the program.

During the closing ceremony, CTEVT Vice Chairperson Dr. Kul Bahadur Basnet expressed his gratitude to CPSC, CTEVT, Swisscontact and the Swiss Government for their assistance in making this program possible. He also communicated his sincere appreciation to the participants, staff and the personnel involved for making the program a success.

Likewise, Dr. Lamichhane affirmed the message of CTEVT and mentioned that the sharing of experiences "will be fruitful for Nepal and other countries which are making necessary preparations for NVQF". He also expressed his positive hope that the event "will pave the way for successful TVET systems in the SAARC and the Asia-Pacific region".

The 5-day event ended in good spirits as the countries which participated were expected to implement the lessons, recommendations and improvements gained for their own TVET systems during this program. It also inspired and motivated the participants, particularly those in Nepal, to explore new ways to align their TVET systems into a more modern and updated approach.

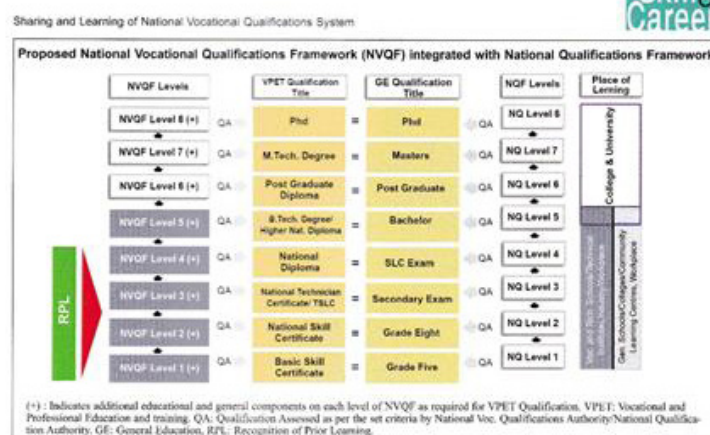
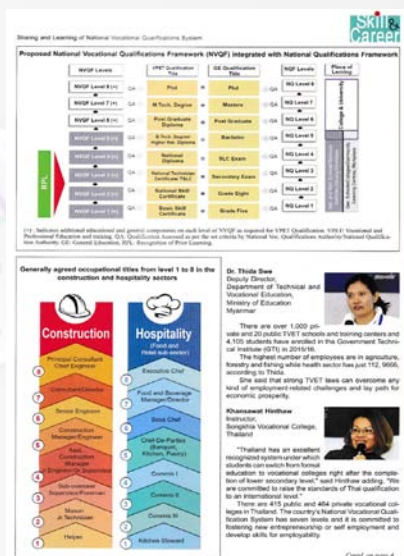
National Seminar

Another highlight of the 5-day program was the National Seminar that brought together senior faculty members and experts to discuss country cases and examples of NVQS implementation. This event was held at the same venue from March 8-9, 2017 and was divided into five sessions.

The seminar's objectives were to: (1) Examine the issues and challenges in developing Qualifications Frameworks in the

nation In-Country Programs at, regional and international levels, (2) Present tested models of conceptual frameworks and showcase different case studies, (3) Explore the challenges and opportunities in NVQs and (4) Exchange experiences and innovative practices in the development and implementation of National Qualifications Framework.

Some notable persons from CPSC's roster of past professional staff were invited to the seminar to impart their knowledge and expertise on the subject. Among them were Prof. Dr. Man-GonPark, first CPSC Director General and currently Professor of IT Convergence and Application Engineering at PuKyong National University, Busan, Korea; Prof. Pramod B. Shrestha, Ph.D, former Faculty Consultant and Professor at the Institute of



Some of the models of NVQS presented during the seminar (Courtesy of CTEVT)

Engineering in Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; and Dr. Renato M. Sorolla, former CPSC Faculty Specialist and currently SUC President II of Carlos Hilado Memorial State College, Negros Occidental, Philippines.

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The participants of the National Seminar



Some of the participants' activities during the program



CPSC In-Country Program in India Shared New Ideas on Instructional Design and Delivery Systems

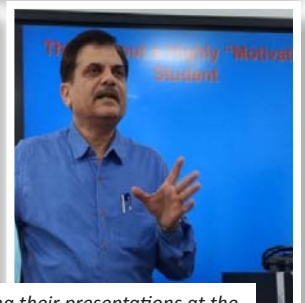
The quality of teaching, learning, and evaluation in technical institutions needs improvement in order to enable the graduates from these institutions to acquire the competencies expected of them to survive in the competitive world. Structured instructional plans implemented in a systematic manner guarantee attainment of quality course outcomes. Teaching requires skills on building explanations, elaboration, communication, questioning, feedback, motivating skills, integration of media in teaching, learning and evaluation for effective implementation of the planned instruction.



Dr. Lamichhane (center) with some officials of NITTTR, Chandigarh



Dr. Lamichhane (left), Mr. Sunil Dutt (right) during their presentations at the program.



In view of the need for enhanced teaching skills the Colombo Plan Staff College organized the In-Country Program on “Instructional Design and Delivery Systems” held from March 14-18, 2017 at the National Institute for Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) in Chandigarh, India. The program was participated by 38 instructors and TVET personnel from all over India.

The 5-day event was geared towards upgrading the technology skills of TVET instructors, shared the latest methods in instructional design, development, delivery, evaluation and management of educational and instructional programs which was delivered or supported by a variety of instructional technologies.

The papers presented during the program were: (1) Emerging Pedagogies and instructional processes, (2) Learning outcomes, (3) Instructional media and emerging technologies for teaching and learning; (4) Motivating Students and lastly, (5) Student evaluation.

Program supervision was handled by Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General while Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, CPSC Seconded Faculty Consultant, took charge of the resource materials and

CPSC arrangements. Local arrangements was coordinated by Dr. P.K Tulsi, Professor and Head of the Education & Educational Management Department at NITTTR, Chandigarh.

In addition, the program also tapped the expertise of Dr. Sunil Dutt from the Department of Education and Educational Management, NITTTR Chandigarh. CPSC also involved the expertise of Dr. M.M. Malhotra, former CPSC Faculty Consultant (1984-1987), Professor Emeritus and Former Principal of Technical Teachers Training Institute (TTTI) which is now known as the NITTTR Chandigarh.

Upon completion of the program, the participants perceived the course as very useful and was a great help to learn and experience the ideas, philosophies, and best practices of various academicians and experts, through the speakers and amongst themselves. The need to organize more programs like the ICP was realized as well, and various suggestions and feedback were provided through the OnCOURSE platform, deeming it very beneficial to the course.

The program design and management was rated positively by the participants, garnering scores of 95.63% and 96.99% respectively. The resource persons were received well also, with an average rating of 97%.

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CPSC Supports Terrapinn for *First EduTECH Philippines 2017*



CPSC DG Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane with participants during roundtable discussions



Parallel Session Speakers on Skills Development (Tertiary Leaders Track) (L-R: Terrapinn Project Manager Ms. Preeti Varadarajan, CPSC Faculty Consultant Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, University of Adelaide Educational Design and Development Manager Dr. David Santandreu Calogne, CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, and TESDA-NITESD Executive Director Mr. Elmer Talavera)

Backing up advocacies and promotions of quality TVET in the Asia Pacific region, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) extended its support to Terrapinn Pte. Ltd. in organizing the first EduTECH conference in the Philippines on February 21 - 22, 2017 at SMX Convention Center, Manila.

EduTECH Philippines intended to gather stakeholders coming from the education sector in the Philippines and challenge them in delivering 21st century education to all. For this inaugural year, Terrapinn was able to bring together around 2,000 participants and more than a hundred resource persons coming from different parts of the country and the globe.

The Guest of Honor Hon. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, delivered the Inaugural Address. It was followed immediately by three keynote speakers on the following themes: The Learning Revolution you Can’t Afford to miss by Dr. Gary Stager of Invent to Learn; Collaboration, Internationalization and the End of Educational Isolation by Mr. Jose Luis Yulo of Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands; and Filipino Education in an ASEAN context – the Opportunities and Challenges, with Dr. David Santandreu Calogne of University of Adelaide as the moderator and Dr. Alfredo Pascual of the University of the Philippines, Dr. Rosario Lopus of Miriam College and Dr. Elias Sampa of United Campus of MGIS and AIS as panelists.

The two-day conference was divided into parallel sessions, roundtable discussions and seminars, with two major tracks catered to K-12 Education Leaders and Tertiary Leaders, and sub-tracks anchored on the following topics: Realizing the K-12 Roadmap; Fostering



Panelists and Moderator composed of (L-R: Rappler Journalist Ms. Shaira Panala (Moderator), IETI School System President Dr. Horacio Montefrio, and Centre for Industrial Technology and Enterprise Vice Director for In-Plant Operations Mr. Marlon Valencia)

Digital Literacy; Building the Classroom of Tomorrow; Blended Learning; Educational Access and Inclusion; Technology Enabled Learning; Skills Development; Facilities Transformation; TVET and Alternate Learning Pathways; and Fostering Research and Development and Entrepreneurship.

In one of the parallel sessions on the first day, CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane was given the opportunity to talk about the impact of changes in the labor market demands to necessary education priorities. On the second day, he was engaged as one of the panelists in the discussion about the promotion of TVET as a viable alternative to university education.

EduTECH Philippines 2017 has elevated the networking experience among all education sector stakeholders in the Philippines.

In-Country Program in India



Customized Program for Nepal



EPSC in Action



Regional Program in Nepal

Customized Program for Nepal



Dr. Lamichhane, CPSC Director General addresses the participants and guests at the Inaugural Function of the program.

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) partnered with the Society for Education and Entrepreneurship Development (SEED) for the 5th National Summit on Sustainable Institute and Industry Partnership (SIIP), held at the ICSR Auditorium, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chennai, India on March 22, 2017. The annual gathering invited representatives of polytechnic and higher education institutions in India and in other countries to tackle the industry-institute gap through cooperation and information exchange particularly on institutional opportunities that promote the development of their students.

CPSC Partners with SEED for the 5th National Summit on *Sustainable Institute and Industry Partnership*

The Society for Education and Entrepreneurship Development (SEED) is an organization which was established by professionals with rich experience in industry, academia and entrepreneurship. Its mandate is to provide training programs for the academe and industries, facilitate quality assurance through accreditation, promote industry-institute partnership, establish linkages, strengthen entrepreneurship and undertake research and development projects for the benefit of Indian polytechnic institutes and other educational facilities.

The Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, was invited as one of the Chief Guests of the program, alongside the Commissioner of Technical Education, Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), Tamil Nadu, Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo. I.A.S. Dr. Lamichhane is accompanied by CPSC's Faculty Consultant, Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel.

In his special message as Chief Guest, Dr. Lamichhane mentioned that "TVET performs an important task to make opportunities available for people to learn not only the skills and knowledge but as well as the attitude required in the labor market, which oftentimes are not offered by the general education system". He also affirmed the role of the Asia-

Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) in facilitating the rapid changes in the labor market in the region and its potential to contribute to the quality advocacy of Indian TVET polytechnics. He also added that APACC promotes the importance of quality assurance and molds the graduates and institutions to adopt regionally-accepted standards that will enable them to be accepted in any country across the region.

This year's conference revolved on three themes: The first theme was focused on improving the employability framework through SIIP which discussed curriculum development, skills enhancement, staff exchange, industrial projects, accreditation, survey and rankings. The second focused on tackling the ways to promote inclusive growth by enhancing alumni involvement, student's job placement, entrepreneurship and internship. The last theme collected the best practices and initiatives of the invited speakers representing their own institutions or organizations.

Prof G. Kulanthaivel Ph.D. presented a paper under the first theme entitled the "Education Excellence of TVET Institutions through APACC Certification" which tackled the role of

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Dr. G. Kulanthaivel delivers his presentation during the program.

Nepal Officials in CPSC, Manila for 2-Month Program on *Enhancement of Competency Assessment and Certification Systems*

Five Nepalese officials of the National Skills Testing Board (NSTB) are in Manila from March 1 to April 28, 2017 for a 4-month long program on *Enhancement of Competency Assessment and Certification Systems*.

The Customized program was designed to provide exposure on and practical application of the Philippine National Vocational Qualification System (NVQS) methodology in order to reinforce the development of their TVET's assessment and certification systems and assist in improving the NVQS Project in Nepal.

The program is being organized by the College with the assistance of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippines. The program aims to provide the participants with knowledge on various systems and practices related

to competency enhancement and certification system.

Focusing efforts toward quality improvement and expansion of its services in Nepal, NSTB is currently in transition towards the establishment of the National Vocational Qualification Authority (NVQA) under an Act passed by the Nepal Parliament. This innovation centers on the enhancement of the officials' performance. The officials have chosen the Philippines as a benchmark and training ground to beef up their expertise on qualification systems.

The objectives of the activity are the following: (1) describe the National Vocational and Qualification Framework system of the Philippines and its implementation mechanism; (2) explain competency standards development, competency assessment

tools development, assessment center management, results preparation and publication, and management of database related to competency assessment; (3) discuss how the Philippines conduct competency assessment and certification; and (4) prepare a Field Visit Report and Re-Entry Action Plan that will guide the institution in implementing vocational qualification framework in Nepal.

The program is being supervised by Dr. Ram Hari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General while program coordination is being handled by Dr. Romulita Alto, CPSC Faculty Consultant and who also acts as Resource Person.

Co-coordinators and resource persons include: Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, CPSC Faculty Consultant, Ms. Maria Susan P. Dela Rama, Executive Director (Director

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(Photo Left to Right) : Dr. Romulita Alto, Program Coordinator and Resource Person, delivers a lecture during one of her sessions with the participants.; Ms. Maria Susan Dela Rama, Director, TESDA Certification Office, discusses the Philippine Education System.; Dr. Lamichhane presents a certificate of recognition to Mr. Elmer K. Talavera of NITESD.

CPSC Hosts Nepal Officials' Study Visit to Manila on *Philippine Apprenticeship System*

Ten (10) officials of the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT)-Enhance Skills for Sustainable and Rewarding Employment (ENSSURE) project of Nepal came to Manila for a Customized Program and Study Visit from January 30-February 3, 2017. The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) facilitated arrangements for visits and exposure activities in various institutions and organizations to learn about and benchmark on the Philippine apprenticeship system.

The core concept of the project ENSSURE was designed in view of enhancing work-based learning mechanisms in Nepal which is quite new in the context of the country's industries and TVET providers. In order to strengthen the project's implementation, intricacies and challenges, observation visits were embarked at the initial stage of the project timeline so that appropriate learning and training of the implementing staff may be initiated.

The program was organized to observe and assess the critical areas of apprenticeship training. It also aimed to equip the participants with knowledge to identify the methodologies of participants' selection, industries selection and coordination and collaboration mechanism for the training. The visits were designed to enable them to observe and identify the tripartite work process (industry, implementing agency, and apprentices) in apprenticeship model. They were expected to learn from the experiences of the Philippines in conducting apprenticeship training and adapt best practices in the context of Nepal. Outputs expected from the group included exposure visit reports to share learning in broader concerned audience and action plans on how to implement observed practices to suit the Nepalese context.

The program was supervised by Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General, with coordination by Prof. Dr. G.

Kulanthaivel, CPSC Faculty Consultant. The delegation was led by Mr. Surya Prasad Gautam, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Nepal.

ENSSURE was established under a bilateral agreement between the Government of Nepal and the Government of Switzerland with the goal to assist Nepalese workers particularly from disadvantaged groups to benefit from continuous employment and an improved standard of living. The whole project, envisioned in three phases with 10-year duration (2016 – 2025), was implemented by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the CTEVT with technical assistance from Project Support Unit (PSU) managed by HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation Nepal. The project targeted to address issues of unemployment, underemployment and unfair pay facing the Nepali labor market resulting from the skills mismatch between industry demands versus TVET graduate skills.

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APACC

Revisits SICAT Third Time



(Photos from left to right) SICAT Vocational School Superintendent Ms. Perla V. Lucas, DPA; APACC Team Leader Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel; APACC Team Member Dr. Renato Sorolla



APACC Team SICAT Faculty and Staff



Document inspections and interviews between APACC Team and SICAT Faculty and Staff APACC Accreditors during the tour of facilities

The Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) returned to Santiago City for a 2-day reaccreditation visit at the Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades (SICAT) from February 8 to 9, 2017.

The third on-site visit to SICAT was led by Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel as APACC Team Leader. He was with Carlos Hilado Memorial State College (CHMSC) President Dr. Renato Sorolla as Team Member and Mr. Bryan Noel Lazaro, CPSC Executive Secretary as APACC Support Staff for SICAT visit.

The opening ceremony had Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel and Dr. Sorolla delivered Special Remarks. Aside from the officials, faculty and staff of SICAT led by newly appointed Vocational School Superintendent Ms. Perla Lucas, DPA, TESDA Provincial Director of Isabela and concurrent TESDA Region 2 Officer-in-Charge Mr. Nestor C. Ave, Ph.D. was also present to grace the ceremony and provide support and guidance.

Local government representatives such as Hon. Benzi Tan Chai from the Local Government Unit (LGU) and industry partners led by SICAT Private Industries Development Association (SPIDA) President Robert Alonzo, were also in attendance during the opening rites of the visit.

The Southern Isabela College of Arts and Trades, located on SICAT Road in Calaoan, Santiago City, was established on June 18, 1964 as Santiago Vocational and Industrial School (SVIS) by virtue of Republic Act 3922. From its humble beginnings, SVIS became significantly relevant to a lot of communities of Cagayan Valley, which led to its transformation into a College through the Republic Act 8075. As part of the College's efforts towards continuous quality improvement and excellence, SICAT underwent the rigorous accreditation process of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) and received Bronze award in 2008 and 2012.

Interviews, observations, validation of the Self-Study Report, tour of facilities and document inspections were undertaken in the re-assessment of SICAT's compliance with APACC standards. The activity revisited the institution's performance based on the 7 APACC criteria for measuring quality: (1) Governance and Management, (2) Teaching and Learning, (3) Faculty and Staff, (4) Research and Development, (5) Extension, Consultancy and Linkages, (6) Resources, and (7) Support to Students. Results of on-site visit activities are communicated accordingly upon deliberation of the APACC Board.

APACC

Conducts First On-Site Visit to a Polytechnic in India

APACC upholds the mandate to continuously improve the quality of TVET institutions through institutional assessment and accreditation and advocates to further spread its reach and benefits to more countries. This year, APACC adds the institutions and polytechnics in the Republic of India in its growing network of accredited institutions that vigorously uphold regionally accepted standards on quality and excellence.

The first ever on-site visit in India commenced at the Nachimuthu Polytechnic College Pollachi (NPCP) from January 5 to 7, 2017. The 3-day accreditation activity was headed by Dr. Romulita Alto, APACC Team Leader and CPSC Faculty Consultant along with Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, CPSC Faculty Consultant and APACC Team Member and APACC Support Staff, Ms. Felice Jeanine Marquez. Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, APACC President was also present to show his support to the APACC accreditation activities.

The APACC Team was warmly welcomed by NPCP officials headed by Dr. M. Manickam, Chairman of NIA Educational Institutions, Pollachi, Mr. Harihara Sudhan, Correspondent NIA Educational Institutions, Pollachi, Prof. C. Ramasamy, Secretary, NPCP and Mr. R. Manivannan, Principal of NPCP. During the welcome remarks, Dr. Manickam stated that it is a milestone for the polytechnic to be the first in India to undergo APACC accreditation. On the other hand,

Dr. G. Kulanthaivel expressed his gratitude to NPTC for pursuing the accreditation in his speech to the audience and he also shared that some institutions are starting to gain interest in applying for the APACC Accreditation in India.

Dr. Romulita Alto briefed the institution on the on-site visit schedule and activities. She also shared that the onsite visit is a new chapter of NPCP and she hoped that even after this activity, the polytechnic will continue to embrace and love accreditation as a way of life. In response to this, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane mentioned in his keynote speech that he sees a good vibe and bright future for the polytechnic.

The accreditation team went around the school campus to check and validate their claims based on their submitted Self-Study Report. NPTC was assessed against the following APACC Accreditation Criteria: (1) Governance and Management, (2) Teaching and Learning, (3) Faculty and Staff, (4) Research and Development, (5) Extension, Consultancy and Linkages, (6) Resources, and (7) Support to Students. Results of the on-site visit activity are communicated accordingly upon deliberation of the APACC Board.

The Nachimuthu Polytechnic College Pollachi located on Coimbatore district in the state of Tamil Nadu, India is a government aided and autonomous institution established in May 9, 1957. It was founded by renowned philanthropist, Aruthchelvar Dr. N. Mahalingam in memory of his beloved father, Thiru P. Nachimuthu Gounder. The polytechnic envisions to provide a state-of-the-art technical education with skills oriented training to the youth to meet the industrial requirements of the region. Its mission is to offer high quality, contemporary education at the diploma level and thereby enrich the technical capabilities of the rural people and the nation, to upgrade regularly, the facility and the competencies of faculty and staff so that they contribute to the all-round development of students to become good citizens and to develop students as good Diploma Engineers/Technicians and Entrepreneurs useful to society and good citizenry. Prof. C. Ramasamy, Secretary, NPCP has been working in this Institute as Faculty/Principal from 1957 till date and the institution is currently being headed by the Principal, Mr. R. Manivannan.



APACC Accreditors visiting workshop and laboratory areas



Officials of NPCP with the APACC Team: Dr. D. Brahadeeswaran, Adviser, Nachimuthu Polytechnic College Pollachi (NPCP); Dr. S. Vijayarangan, Director (Academic), NPCP; Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, APACC Team Member, Mr. Harihara Sudhan, Correspondent of NIA Educational Institutions; Dr. M. Manickam, Chairman of NIA Educational Institutions, Pollachi; Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, APACC President; Dr. Romulita Alto, APACC Team Leader; Prof. C. Ramasamy, Secretary, NPCP; Mr. N. Rajkumar, Secretary, SEED; Mr. Manivannan, Principal, NPCP

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accrediting bodies such as APACC in promoting labor mobility and quality assurance.

During the program, Dr. Lamichhane also presented the SIIP awards to some of the notable persons and institutions in the country. He also extended his felicitations to the recipients for their achievements. In his closing remarks, he highlighted the importance of industries involvement in TVET pre-program to post-program stage and expressed CPSC's commitment to further contribute in the progress of TVET in the region.

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CPSC facilitated visits to the following institutions and offices which exposed the CTEVT-ENSSURE officials on implementation of actual apprenticeship training: TESDA Central Office, TESDA Women's Center, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Toyota Motor Philippines, Dualtech Center, Holcim Philippines, Don Bosco Technical Institute-Makati, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Hotel H20.

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IV), TESDA Certification Office, Mr. Elmer K. Talavera Executive Director (Director IV) of the National Institute for Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD, TESDA), Ms. Imelda B. Taganas, Executive Director (Director IV), TESDA Qualification and Standards Office, Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Center Chief, TESDA Women's Center. Other Resource Persons include Mr. Julford C. Abasolo, Mr. Zoilo C. Galang, and Ms. Nelie A. Llovido Division Chiefs of TESDA Competency Standards Development Division, with Ms. Ma. Dianne C. Naag Senior TESD Specialist, TESDA Competency Assessment Division and Mr. Lorenzo Templonuevo, PhD of LiFT Training and Consultancy Services.

Aside from the lectures being held in CPSC, exposure trips to TESDA's headquarters in Taguig City are set to equip the participants with further understanding on the actual systems and processes of competency assessment.

At the opening ceremonies, Dr. Lamichhane, in his welcome remarks, expressed his warm appreciation to the NSTB officials for giving their trust and confidence to CPSC in facilitating the program. He assured the officials that the program will help them gain comprehensive knowledge and expose them to actual practices in competency assessment in the Philippines. The newfound information and understanding will aid them to strengthen Nepal's skills testing systems based from the action plans that they will develop for their own systems.

Dr. Alto, as Coordinator of the program, imparted an orientation on the program, schedule of lectures and various activities and places to visit. She ensured the participants for an excellent service and sincere support and assistance from every division and area of the College in view of achieving the objectives of the program.

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National Conference

In line with the In-country program, a National Conference on Technical and Vocational Educational Training in India: Challenges and Opportunities, was hosted at NITTTR Chandigarh on March 17, 2017. The conference provided venue for exchange and sharing of experiences, research results and innovations on TVET in India. Over 70 faculty and staff of NITTTR participated in the event



Dr. Lamichhane with the NITTTR Officials during the Conference's Opening Ceremony.

The objectives of the seminar were to: (1) identify the issues and challenges posed to technical education system; (2) elucidate different approaches towards sustainable development of TVET systems and (3) evolve strategies to make technical education more relevant and effective.

The conference was divided into two sessions and tackled ideas such as institutional accreditation, business startups and incubation through TVET, ICT in TVET, Outcomes-based education and Challenges of TVET implementation in India.

Key speakers who shared their insights on the topics during the plenary session included Dr. Lamichhane, Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Tulsi, Prof. Dr. Suresh K Dhameja, Dean of Academics and International Affairs NITTTR, Chandigarh, India and former CPSC Faculty Consultant and Prof. Dr. G. Kulanthaivel.

In addition to the abovementioned speakers, twelve papers and presentations from the NITTTR faculty and staff were presented in two parallel sessions. These papers were meant to showcase the expertise of the NITTTR faculty and staff on research, curriculum development and teaching strategy development. These sessions were chaired by Prof. Dr. M.M. Malhotra (former Principal of TTTI renamed as NITTTR, Chandigarh, and Professor Emeritus, NITTTR, Chandigarh) and Dr. SK Bhattacharya (former Director of NITTTR, Chandigarh & Kolkata).

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Speakers from other international organizations such as the International Labor Organization (ILO); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Scottish Qualifications Authority; Technical and Further Education-Australia (TAFE); Kathmandu University, Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET), Sri Lanka; National Institute of Technical Teacher Training & Research (NITTTR), India; National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTEC) Pakistan and Rajamangala University of Technology-Lanna (RMUT-L) shared their insights on the topic.

The seminar succeeded in gathering the necessary information from those countries that are implementing and strengthening their qualification systems. It also opened opportunities for some countries to replicate or adopt the lessons with their own TVET systems.

CPSC Incorporates Planning with Annual Team Building Event

“WHERE ARE WE NOW?”

“WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?”

“HOW DO WE GET THERE?”



“Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How do we get there?” These are some of the questions asked as CPSC took a step in preparing for a better fiscal year in organizing the team building activity which included exercises on institutional planning. The event was held in two phases: the first phase was held on February 16-21, 2017 at the CPSC headquarters while the second phase was held at the Costa Pacifica Resort in Baler, Aurora Province on February 23 to 25, 2017.

The 6-day activity aimed to equip the staff members with the ability to develop an operational planning process. The exercise provided teachings on strategies to: (a) utilize and apply the quality tools in strategic planning, (b) apply Risk – Based Thinking in ISO 9001-2015, (c) prepare a cross divisional operational plan and (d) carry out annual operational plan and achieve divisional objective.

First Phase of the Team Building Exercise: Indoor Activities

Mr. Vergel dela Paz, HR Officer, initially discussed the events and processes included in the Annual Operational Planning for CPSC. He provided the necessary information such as the schedule and expected outputs. For the said activity, three days were allotted to ensure that CPSC continues its growth and to discuss the last leg of the five year core plan.

On the first day, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General, has given his opening remarks to officially start the activity. He presented his vision and future plans for the College. He discussed the corporate strategies focusing on the challenges and priorities. Each division – ODG, PCD, RPID, TDD, ICT and GSD – were given a chance to present their ideas on the questions posted by the Director General.

Ms. Arlene Cruz (ISO Document Controller) and Ms. Adrienne Abril (Projects and Consultancy Division Officer), discussed how CPSC would make its transition from ISO 9001-2008 to ISO 9001-2015 to ensure that the College is at par with other international organizations. Presentations of divisional KPI (Key Performance Indicators) were also shared on the second day.

In addition, Mr. Dela Paz discussed the importance of SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threat) Analysis and gave a task for all divisions to prepare and present their SWOT Analysis. On the same day, Dr. Romulita Alto (CPSC Faculty Consultant), gave a lecture on the importance of Gap Analysis and on Quality Management. She also discussed the Quality Tools in Strategic Planning and Introduction to Action Planning, which helped prepare the divisional Operational Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The Operational Plan was presented by each division during the second phase of the annual event.

Second Phase: Team Building 2017

Sunglasses, cold drinks, beautiful beaches, and breath taking sunsets simply spelled out S-U-M-M-E-R. Colombo Plan Staff College held its annual team building in Baler, Aurora, from February 22 – 25, 2017. The activity was organized to give the staff an opportunity to take a plunge to a breath of fresh air away from the busy city of the metro.

Dr. Lamichhane officially marked the opening of the team building activity at the Costa Pacifica by his encouragements to everyone to actively participate in the fun and games, tours and sightseeing and all sorts of unifying activities of the 2-day event. The staff members were grouped into three (3) teams for the games and activities.

Presentations of the strategic operational planning of each division ensued in the evening. The CPSC team discussed the plan of activities and concerns entailed in every undertaking.

A city and nature tour was also conducted for the CPSC staff to appreciate some of the historical places in Baler, Aurora. Places such as the vacation house of the former Philippine president President Manuel L. Quezon, the Baler Catholic Church, and the popular Balet or Millennium Tree were some of the places visited by the team. In addition, a visit to the Museo de Baler and a hike to Ditumabo Falls were also included in the itinerary. The Staff were also given a chance to take some basic surfing lessons to complete their Baler experience.





5 Tips on Saving Energy this SUMMER



As summer has officially started in the Philippines, here are some of the recommended measures to save money on the expected rise in the price of electricity consumption during this hot season.

NO. 1: MANAGE YOUR CONSUMPTION

Making small changes to your living habits can bring significant savings to your cooling costs. Programming your thermostat to a higher temperature when not at home can help reduce your bills along with keeping shades down to let in less sun heat.



NO. 2: USE ENERGY-SMART APPLIANCES

If you are in the market for a new air conditioner or refrigerator, consider buying an energy-smart model. They use less power and may be tax credit eligible. Check out [Energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov) for more information on energy-efficient appliance and possible tax breaks. Also, consider dusting the bottom of your refrigerator coils to help them run more efficiently. If it's covered in dust, it has to work harder to release that heat"



NO. 3: CLEAN OUT AIR CONDITIONER FILTERS

Experts recommend cleaning out air conditioner filters once a month, either on your own or hire a professional. If they are covered in fuzz and dust, they can't cool the air as much.



NO. 4: LOOK FOR LEAKS AND CRACKS IN HOME

Make sure your house is properly sealed in order to keep the cool air that you are paying for in. You can do this yourself by walking through your home and finding cracks and leaks in windows and baseboards, or you can pay a professional to come in and identify any leaks. Fill any holes with rubber or caulk. Do anything you can to fill these leaks and cracks. There's a huge debate out there [on the topic of green homes] of whether you should install solar panels, or just make your home an airtight box. Sealing your home will help you see a drastic reduction on your electric bill.



NO. 5: USE POWER STRIPS

All of the gadgets you leave plugged in during the day, called the "phantom load", are increasing your utility bills. Use a power strip with about five to six different plugs and connecting gadgets in one strip. This way, you can either turn the entire strip off when you leave the house for the day, or find a "smart" model that only turns on when you want it to.



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We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the excellent support provided by CPSC in arranging the study visit of our stakeholders. We hope that the learning obtained during the visit will be crucial in the implementation of industry based training in the days to come. We are expecting the continuous collaboration with your esteemed institution in the days to come too.



Please accept our grand thanks for all this.

Durga Prasad Baral

Team Leader

ENSSURE / HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation Nepal

We thank you for considering Dualtech as itinerary of the exposure visit program you conducted for Nepal delegates on February 1, 2017.

We look forward to continuing collaboration with CPSC and we hope to explore other programs. We hope to pay a visit to CPSC office and benchmark or discuss more opportunities for cooperation with you.



Arnolfo S. Morfe

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Dualtech Philippines

Thank you so much for having me at the NVQF Regional Program in Nepal. Thank you for inviting me to present a theme paper at the program. Ramhari ji, under your capable leadership, the reputation of the CPSC increases every day. We wish you all the best.



Prof. Pramod B. Shrestha, Ph.D.

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I wholeheartedly appreciate CPSC's ingenious effort through your leadership in organizing the CPSC and CTEVT Collaborative Regional Program on "Sharing and Learning on National Vocational Qualification System (NVQS)" held on March 6-10, 2017 in Dhulikhel, Nepal.



I am grateful for having been a Resource Speaker for the said conference attended by highly respected TVET personalities from around the region. It was such an honor to share innovative ideas and participate in the gathering that everyone can benefit and learn from in order to fill or bridge whatever gap there is.

The program was inspiring and fruitful coupled with good memories of Nepal, with its amazing people. It is always great to network and meet new friends.

DR. RENATO M. SOROLLA

SUC President II

We learned from the different institutions of Philippine also from CPSC. We are really very impressed by your management. All staff members are very cooperative, dedicated on duty and they have good managerial skills. Congratulations to all of you from the Ministry of Education Nepal.



The support, cooperation with CPSC will be continued in future also too. Thanks once again for the warm hospitality and for the excellent management of our visit.

Surya Prasad Gautam

Ministry of Education

The event you organized in Nepal remained important not only in capacity development of the Nepalese who are in the areas of TVET, it also contributed to the exchange of ideas and experiences. I would like to acknowledge your contributions to make it happen in such a manner and I am also equally hopeful that Nepal will get such opportunity in the days to come as well.



Dr. Hari Lamsal

Spokesperson

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Singhadurbar, Nepal

I wanted to say a huge personal thank you for your involvement in the launch of EduTECH Philippines. I really appreciate the work you put in to delivering such an interesting presentation at the event as well as joining the panel discussion. I learned so much listening to the speakers at the event, particularly from the panels and I will be incorporating some of the themes into the 2018 show.



Zoe Hancock

Conference Producer

EduTECH Philippines

I would like to express my high gratitude to you and your team for the kindness, warmest welcome and hospitality throughout the program. It was a great pleasure and honor to me being involved in the program and having opportunity be surrounded with great peoples from all over the world. It is hoped that the good cooperation and relationship can be maintained in the near future.



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