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Dear Readers,

The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is marked with optimism and fervor as the member countries and partner organizations continued to place their trust to CPSC's capabilities of bringing TVET development to a higher level.

The noteworthy event of this period is the realization of our successful partnership with China's Zhejiang Technical Institute of Economics (ZJTIE) in highlighting the relevance and timeliness of technopreneurship, e-commerce and pedagogy to TVET teachers and middle-level managers from CPSC member countries. Conducted in five weeks, both in Manila and Hangzhou, this program solidifies CPSC's position as a conduit for change and excellence in bringing administrative skills to the middle and higher TVET personnel in the region.

In-Country programs implemented in Maldives, Malaysia Myanmar, Philippines and Sri Lanka covered topics such as Entrepreneurship Development; Quality Assurance Systems; Industry-Academia Collaboration; Greening TVET; and Organizational Excellence through Strategic Planning. These themes continue to be the benchmark of CPSC's reach to its member countries and are a testament of its commitment to contribute significantly to the success of their trainees and the institutions that they represent.

In addition, CPSC also started to advertise its customized training programs through its website. Through the maximization of this platform, we were able to organize two programs on Project Management and Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Systems, with the latter being the first customized program involving Myanmar officials in CPSC's history. Complementing this success, we received students from Thailand's Rajamangala Institute of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT) and Bhutan's Ministry of Labor and Human Resources (MoLHR) and National Environment Commission (NEC). These requests enabled CPSC to achieve the highest number of participants at its customized programs in its 43-year history.

Its expertise on Strategic Planning was also tapped twice at the National TVET Trainers Academy (NTTA) in Marikina City, Philippines. Its knowledge on research and development was also appreciated at the outreach program that started the training on Research and Development to high school teachers of Pateros National High School (PNHS) in Pateros, Philippines.

Our headquarters were visited by esteemed representatives from relevant institutions from our member countries such as the OVEC and IRPC Technical College, both from Thailand. During this period, we were able to visit the TESDA Women's Center for the fourth time as a part of their continued drive towards excellence. In addition, institutions from the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand and India have already indicated their plans to have their systems checked by the commission in the coming months.

These programs and visits further strengthen a solid and unassailable reputation of excellence and expertise in its academic and administrative capabilities. It also provides us with the motivation to further create new opportunities for its member countries in terms of TVET personnel development and to continue their regular participation in our routine programs and activities.

As CPSC faces a new fiscal year, may you continue to wish excellence for CPSC as we strive to deliver our mandate with the progress of the member countries in mind. We will continue to be of service to you, our dear stakeholders, as we realize our dream to be the intergovernmental TVET leader for sustainable development.

Truly yours,

Ramhari Lamichhane, PhD

Director General



In-Country Program in Maldives Focused on Entrepreneurship Development in TVET

A total of 31 TVET stakeholders in the different institutions and training centers in Maldives gathered at the Maldives Polytechnic in Male for the In-Country Program on Entrepreneurship Development in TVET held from April 8 to 12, 2018.

The program was organized to further strengthen the awareness of the participants on the relevance of entrepreneurship education in present times.

Topics such as the Blue Ocean Strategy, Entrepreneurial Motivation and Entrepreneurial Support Agencies were tackled during the 5-day event.

The program arrangements were supervised by Ms. Aminath Asra, the Director of the Maldives TVET Authority and CPSC Director General. Dr. Ramhari Round Table Discussion with International Delegates: Prepare “Kathmandu Declaration for Sustainable and Quality TVET” provided the academic resources of the program as

the coordinator and resource person. Local logistics were facilitated by the Assistant Director of the TVET Authority of Maldives, Mr. Ali Riyaz and additional information about the local scenario was delivered by the Managing Director of the Business Center Corporation, Ltd. Of the Ministry of Economic Development, Mr. Ahmed Mumthaz. The Chief Executive Officer of the Maldives Qualification Authority, Dr. Abdul Hannan Waheed, was also present during the program to provide his expertise and support.

As a way to supplement the lessons in the event and to extend the course to as many participants as possible, a National Seminar tackling the need

to strengthen the entrepreneurship education of the TVET sector in the country was held on April 10, 2018. The seminar invited notable persons in the field of entrepreneurship education in Maldives including Ms. Aishath Sinaau (Standard Developer, TVET Authority of Maldives); Ms. Shaahina Ali (Executive Director, Parley for the Oceans); Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and Mr. Ahmed Mumthaz.

Topics such as Entrepreneurship Education in the TVET curriculum, Women Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial opportunities for graduates were shared to the audience composed of 92 students and TVET practitioners.

In-Country Program in Sarawak, Malaysia targets to boost the APACC Capability of TVET Institutions

In anticipation of future onsite visit activities of the Asia-Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) in Malaysia and to better prepare polytechnic institutions and community colleges for the requirements of regional quality assurance systems, an in-country program focusing on the Quality Assurance in TVET through APACC Accreditation was held at the Politeknik Kuching in Sarawak, Malaysia from April 23-27, 2018. It involved the participation of 40 administrators from all over the country.

The program was supervised by the Director General of CPSC and President of APACC, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and the Director General of the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education, Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Ismail Bin Abd Aziz. CPSC's Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Tan Lee was the overall coordinator of the program and the main resource person. Program logistics on the other hand was facilitated by Nurhafizah Binti Yahaya, Senior Assistant Director of the Professional Excellence Division at the Department of Polytechnic Education.

A discussion of the local scenario meanwhile was delivered by Ms. Yusma bt Yusof, Deputy Director (Academic) of Politeknik Port Dickson (PPD) and Pn. Noor Aidi Bt Nadzri, Director of the



Ms. Therese Lee (left) receiving a token from the Malaysian partners in Kuching

Curriculum Development Division, Department of Polytechnic Education.

Themes discussed include the concept of quality assurance in TVET, regional quality standards of TVET Institutions, methods on Self-Assessment, Implementing Quality Assurance in TVET, Internal Quality Assurance for TVET Institutions, External Quality Assurance through APACC, Issues and Challenges on TVET Quality Assurance and Best Practices in ASEAN Countries on TVET Quality Assurance Systems.

During the 5-day program, the participants were able to prepare process flowcharts, analyze cases, prepare quality assurance implementation plan, conduct a mock compliance audit and prepare action plans as part of their. They were also able to examine each APACC criterion as a way to get ready for possible challenges that may face during the actual audit exercise.





In-Country Program in Myanmar Highlighted the Benefits of Industry-Academia Collaboration

The Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education (CPSC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MOE), Myanmar organized the In-country Program on “Industry - Academia Collaboration & Partnership” on May 7 -11, 2018 at the Office of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) in Yangon, Myanmar.

Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, Director-General of CPSC supervised the overall program implementation and also contributed as a resource person alongside Dr. Nay Myo Tun, Deputy Director General of DTVET. Dr. Rajesh Khambayat, Former CPSC Faculty Consultant and the current Joint Director of PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, Bhopal, India coordinated the program and provided the academic expertise. Dr. Zaw Min Naing and Mr. Zaw Lin Htun of DTVET, acted as local coordinators for the program.

The program was attended by 22 TVET administrators, senior teachers, from various TVET schools and industry professionals from private organization spread across Myanmar. It targeted to usher TVET institutions and private organizations represented to their journey towards developing competent workforce for meeting the emerging challenges of human resources in the TVET sector. It also strived to equip the participants with the working knowledge of industry-academia partnership and how it can be applied in TVET institutions.

Another highlight of the program is the one-day National seminar on Quality Assurance in TVET: Emerging Challenges and Fresh Perspectives held on 08 May 2018. The purpose of the seminar was to create a platform for academicians and practitioners to exchange research-based and experience based insights on issues, addressing the radiant transitions in the TVET system in the context of Myanmar.



Some of the invited guests from Myanmar's TVET sector and industry partners sharing their insights during the National Seminar.

The seminar was facilitated by seven TVET experts and industry representatives through three plenary sessions such as: a) Quality Assurance in TVET; b) Building Quality Culture in TVET Institutions; and c) New Initiatives and Best Practices on Quality Assurance in TVET. The expected seminar outputs included a set of recommendations for further actions, sharing of best practices in quality management in TVET system and networking among partner institutions and participants.

The seminar was attended by Senior Officials of Department of Education, MOE and DTVET, senior industry executives and about 60 TVET policy makers, faculty members, Directors and Administrators from various TVET institutions from all over Myanmar. Industry professionals and officials from private organization and media representatives from different places also took part in the event. The program also included a panel discussion on “Developing Industry-Academia & Government Collaboration: a Game Changer for 21st Century Workforce Development” which was held on 10 May 2018. On the same day, a local institution in Yangon was also visited to highlight the benefits of industry-academia collaboration.

This year's In-Country program in the Philippines was held at the National TVET Trainers Academy in Marikina City, Philippines on May 21 to 25, 2018. Planned to be conducted in two batches, the first group of participants is composed of 37 administrators from the VET schools administered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

The program was organized with a realization that TVET has to develop and promote sustainable TVET programs in order to contribute to achieving the SDGs. Greening or sustainable TVET is the key area of the Education for Social Development (ESD). The lectures were designed for the participants to facilitate the handover of an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable earth to the future generation through TVET. Thus, a development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of human resources to make clean, green, healthy and prosperous environment should be considered as a priority and are considered as core practices for this period (2015-2030) and beyond.

The five-day event was jointly organized by CPSC led by its Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, and TESDA, led by the Director General, Sec. Guiling Mamondiong. Program resources were furnished by CPSC's Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte. Local

Greening TVET for Sustainable Development Tackled at this In-Country Program in the Philippines



logistics was facilitated by the Director of the National Institute for Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD), Mr. Elmer K. Talavera. Additional resources meanwhile were provided by the Visiting Faculty Consultant, Dr. Romulita Alto and the Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Lee.

Study visits were also embarked to supplement the classroom discussions with an onsite demonstration of green TVET initiatives. The group visited the Tulay sa Don Bosco Foundation in Alabang, La Mesa Eco Park, and the

University of the Philippines Task Force on Solid Waste Management on May 23, 2018. These visits facilitated a more thorough internalization of green TVET practices and concepts.

To further supplement the lectures with an in-depth discussion on the recent trends from the industries and government offices are concerned, a Panel Discussion on "Transforming TVET for Sustainable Development" was organized on May 24, 2018. In attendance were some of the esteemed professionals in the field of green TVET and sustainable

development namely: Ms. Gwyneth Ann Palmos (National Project Coordinator, Just Transition to a Green Economy, ILO, Manila), Mr. Celestino Millar (Chief TESD Specialist, TESDA Planning Office); Ms. Patty Orante (Representative, Solid Waste Management Office of Quezon City), Ms. Rosie Dones and Prof. Armando Basug (Representatives from the University of the Philippines Task Force on Solid Waste management) and Dr. Lamichhane himself. The panel was moderated by Dr. Ambawatte.



The Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) and the Sri Lanka Institute for Development Administration (SLIDA) worked with CPSC to deliver this year's in-country program to 46 participants composed of Directors of Colleges of Technology (CoTs), principals of Technical Colleges (TCs), lecturers, Instructors, Administrators, Directors and DTET Deputy Directors. The program was held from June 18-22, 2018 at SLIDA's campus in Colombo.

This program elaborated on the benefits and processes of formulating a strategic management in setting both long-term and short-term strategic directions for the organization. The organizers expected that by learning the process of strategic planning and management, a systematic way of carrying the interrelated activities is undertaken to obtain the desired goals and objectives.

CPSC's planning team is composed of Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, the CPSC Director General, who also supervised the program and Dr. H. Chithral Ambawatte, who acted as a Program Coordinator and main Resource Person. DTET provided their support to the program through Mrs. P.N. K. Malalasekara, the Director General, who acted as a co-supervisor of the program and Mr. W.K. Warnasooriya, who facilitated the logistical requirements as the local coordinator. They were assisted by CPSC's former intern and the current Development Officer at DTET, Mr. Y. Chamila Indika.

The classroom lectures focused on the crafting and formulation of SWOT (strengths-weaknesses-opportunities-threats), vision, mission, goals, objectives, strategies and activities. These will be used as inputs to the formulation of the logical framework and aid in the improvement of the current institutional development plans being implemented by the respective institutions.

CPSC's Expertise on Institutional Strategic Planning Shared at this Year's In-Country Program in Sri Lanka

In addition to classroom lectures, a study visit to the National School of Business Management (NSBM) - Green University Town was embarked on June 20. The participants were able to embark on a tour of its facilities and aided them in their exposure of the operations of a sustainable educational facility.

To further supplement the lessons in institutional strategic planning, a national seminar on Quality Assurance was held on June 21 at the SLIDA Auditorium. A total of 60 persons attended the half-day event which tapped experts from the field of quality assurance.

The speakers of the event include CPSC's Dr. Lamichhane and Dr. Ambawatte, in addition to some officials from the Sri Lankan education sector namely: Mr. Vajira Perera (Former Secretary of the Ministry of Skills Development & Vocational Training, Sri Lanka) and Mr. Samantha Rathnayake (Management Consultant, Postgraduate Institute of Management at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka). The four speakers discussed topics such as: (1) Excellence of Quality TVET Institute through APACC Accreditation, (2) Quality Assurance of TVET through Accreditation in Sri Lanka, (3) Quality Assurance System for Successful Business and Competitiveness: A Case Study and (4) Implementing Quality Assurance in TVET



CPSC Links with ZJTIE-China for Special International Program on Technopreneurship, E-Commerce and Pedagogy Concepts

In a tangible demonstration of their productive and worthwhile partnership for the benefit of TVET practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region, the Colombo Plan Staff College and the Zhejiang Technical Institute of Economics (ZJTIE) jointly hold a Special International Program on Technopreneurship, E-Commerce and Pedagogy Concepts.

It was held for five weeks in two phases: the first phase was held in CPSC's headquarters in Manila from April 9 to 22, 2018 and the second phase was conducted at ZJTIE's campus in Hangzhou, China from April 22 to May 12, 2018. A total of 19 participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand are attending the program.

The program was primarily aimed to impart understanding of technopreneurship and e-commerce and help them design plans to embed in the TVET system of their respective

countries, the participants are expected to come up with Policy Actions Plans that will enable them to enhance the current role of TVET in developing a culture of Technopreneurship and e-Commerce.

The program was supervised by CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and coordinated by Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte. In addition, the program's academic resources were delivered by esteemed persons in the field of TVET instruction and e-commerce namely: Ms. Therese Tan-Lee (CPSC Faculty Specialist); Dr. Romulita Alto (CPSC Visiting Faculty Consultant); Mr. Ramon Manuel Nisperos (Business

Strategist, Educator & Entrepreneur); Mr. Edrian Bautista (E-Commerce Specialist and Professional); Mr. Felix Sibal (CPSC ICT Officer) and Ms. Janette Toral (E-Commerce Advocate and Digital Influencer).

To add to their total exposure in the field of e-commerce and TVET delivery, study visits to notable institutions in the Philippines were arranged during their stay. They visited the University of the Philippines- Open University in Los Baños, Laguna; Asian Development Bank in Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City and Zalora Philippines in Taguig City to know more about the technopreneurship strategies adopted by these institutions and companies.





Hangzhou, China hosts the Second Phase of the Special Training Program

In continuation of the successful two-week program held in CPSC, Philippines, the delegates went to the city of Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province, China for the second leg of the Special International Program on Technopreneurship, E-Commerce and Pedagogy Concepts. The three-week program was conducted in the main campus of the Zhejiang Technical Institute of Economics (ZJTIE) from April 22, 2018 until May 12, 2018.

The participants were officially welcomed to the event on April 23, 2018 which was graced with some of the high officials of ZJTIE. Notable persons who attended include: Prof. Shao Qingxiang, President of ZJTIE; Dr. Rupert Maclean, the Founding Director of UNESCO-UNEVOC and the current UNESCO Chair on TVET and Sustainable Development; Ms. Wu Changhong, Publicity Department Director of the of CCECPA and representatives from the education and industry sectors in China.

The participants were also able to visit some of the notable places of Chinese higher education and industry. In particular, they visited the headquarters of Alibaba.com, Zhejiang University, the China office of NetEase, Yiwu International Trade City and the Zhejiang Construction Technical College. For three days, they were dispersed into different groups and were made to experience actual internship practices on e-commerce and technopreneurship. This is in partnership with local companies and in consultation with local entrepreneurs.

The closing ceremony was held on May 12, 2018. Notable officials from CPSC namely the Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte and the Training and Development Division Assistant, Mr. Jan Michael Marasigan, represented the Director General

in the event. They relayed the message of appreciation from CPSC to ZJTIE for the successful organization of the program and hopes for similar engagements in the near future.

Memorandum of Agreement between CPSC and ZJTIE signed

A formal Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed by high officials from the Zhejiang Technical Institute of Economics (ZJTIE) and the Colombo Plan Staff College during the closing ceremony of the program on April 20, 2018.

In attendance were Prof. Huang Chunlin, Vice President of ZJTIE and Mr. Tony Zheng, Project Director of the External Affairs Office and International Education Center, ZJTIE. They visited CPSC to formally oversee the progress of the participants and to provide a brief background of the next three weeks of the program. They also met with the Director General to discuss the possibility of making this event as an annual undertaking of CPSC.

The memorandum of agreement strengthened the relationship of both institutions and formally laid out the details of the partnership, including the organization of similar programs in the coming years.

In his speech at the closing ceremony, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane mentioned that CPSC and ZJTIE had a productive partnership starting with a series of engagements shared by both institutions since 2016. He expressed his confidence on this strengthened partnership and hopes that the program will continually benefit all delegates of the CPSC member countries.

In response, Dr. Huang Chunlin expressed his appreciation to CPSC for ensuring the smooth implementation of the program for two weeks. He presented an overview of the beautiful and historic city of Hangzhou and formally welcomed the participants in the second phase of the program.





CPSC Conducts Community Outreach Training Program on Action Research in Pateros National High School

In its mission to continually reach out to the institutions in its member countries through the promotion of initiatives for human resources capacity development, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) conducted a community training on developing action researches at Pateros National High School (PNHS) on May 23, 2018. Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria, the Acting Research, Publications and Information Officer (RPID) delivered the training on behalf of CPSC which involved the participation of 31 teachers from the Math, Science and English departments.

The team composed of Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General; Ms. Arlene Cruz, Training Officer and Alumna of PNHS, Mr. Bryan Lazaro, Executive Secretary and Mr. Echaveria were warmly welcomed by the PNHS faculty through their officer-in-charge, Mr. Herman A. Casal. In his opening speech, Dr. Lamichhane hailed this event as another milestone for CPSC in the demonstration of its commitment to aid as many institutions on the need for the professional development of their staff. He also expressed his plan to introduce similar trainings in other localities not only in the National Capital Region (NCR) but to the entire Philippines as well.

The lecture focused on topics such as evaluating a good researchable topic, doing literature reviews and the prescribed format for developing action research proposals. They were also asked to develop a sample version of the Chapter 1 which included the Background of the Study, Research Problem and Questions, Theoretical and Conceptual Framework, Significance of the Study, Definition of Terms and Scope and Limitations. These outputs were presented by the groups to each other for further scrutiny and improvement.

CPSC Supports 16th PACUIT National Conference, Renews MoA



The Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities of Industrial Technology (PACUIT), Inc. continued to facilitate exchange of new ideas and convergence of experts in the industrial technology sector with the successful conduct of the 16th PACUIT National Conference held from April 24 to 26, 2018 at the Nature's Village Resort, Talisay City, Negros Occidental. This year's conference, which carried the theme, "Strengthening the Workforce for Jobs in the Globalized Society", had Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) as one of PACUIT's institutional partners.

CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane delivered a lecture on Industry-Academe Partnership in Outcome-Based Curriculum Development while CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant Dr. H. Chithral Ambawatte talked about Re-Engineering Technical Education and Training for Sustainable Development.

Participants also saw the renewal of partnership between CPSC and PACUIT as Dr. Lamichhane and Dr. Muyong signed the Memorandum of Agreement during the conference.



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11 TVET
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Highlights

TVET MANAGERS AVAIL OF CUSTOMIZED TRAINING ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN TVET



A total of twelve (12) senior administrators, CEOs, directors and TVET practitioners from Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines attended a three-day training on project management held at CPSC's headquarters from April 17-19, 2018. The program was CPSC's premiere undertaking on the subject and was opened for the participation of the public through its website for the first time.

The program was designed for the participants to be able to learn the dynamics, definitions and processes in project management. They were also expected to understand project planning, project implementation and project evaluation as key phases in project management. Part of their tasks were geared to prepare project problem tree analysis, objective and solution which would help them to design project proposal using the project log framework matrix. At the end of this course, the participants were expected to apply project management tools and methodologies for managing TVET programs and projects.

The three-day event was supervised by the Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and was coordinated by CPSC's Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Lee. Dr. Chithral Ambawatte, CPSC Faculty Consultant and Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria, CPSC Acting Research, Publications and Information Officer provided additional materials as resource persons.

As part of their training activities, a study tour of several institutions particularly the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP); International Training Center and Hospitality Institute, Inc (ITCHI) and the Training Center of the Makati Development Corporation. They were also able to visit some key sights in Manila as part of their exposure trip.

CPSC HOSTS OFFICIALS FROM THE BHUTANESE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

The Ministry of Labor and Human Resources (MoLHR) and the National Environmental Commission (NEC) of Bhutan partnered once again with the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) in Manila to facilitate meetings with relevant agencies in the Philippines.

The meetings focused mainly on the assessment and certification of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) course, TVET programs in general and accreditation of courses and institutes. It involved the participation of seven officials, led by Mr. Norbu Wangchuk, the Director of Department of Technical Education of MoLHR and was organized from April 25-29, 2018.

The meetings and visits were organized to comprehend the TVET system in the Philippines and benchmark with Filipino institutions and other centers regarding skills testing assessment and certification systems of RPL and other TVET students with focus on Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. They were also briefed with the process of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) and discussed possible accreditation activities in Bhutan during their visit to CPSC on April 26.

Institutions visited by the delegation during their 5 days stay include: the Headquarters and Women's Center of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Taguig City; Jacobo Z. Gonzales School of Arts and Trades (JZGMSAT) in Biñan, Laguna and the Meralco Foundation, Inc. (MF) Polytechnic Institute in Pasig City.



Bhutanese officials inspecting the facilities of TESDA Women's Center (TWC) during their visit to the institution.

Seventeen (17) officers and staff from the Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT), Pathum Thani, Thailand, carried the lessons gained in the first phase of the English training program to its actual application during the five-day training and international exposure held in CPSC on May 7-11, 2018.

During the first phase of the program which was held on February 5-9, 2018, a total of 38 participants listened to lectures on subject-verb agreement and verb tenses, and took workshops and exercises to build their confidence and competence in communication using the English language for globalization. Out of the 38, 17 were chosen to continue their training to the Philippines and be exposed to different scenarios and applications of using English in everyday communication.

In-charge of the program supervision was the CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane while the Executive Secretary, Mr. Bryan Lazaro, facilitated the program arrangements as the program coordinator. Mr. Aleksandrov Ivan William Burcer, an expert of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) was invited as the main resource person for the whole duration of the program. The delegation was led by Mr. Wenson Gallaza, International Relations Officer of RMUTT.

The classroom lectures focused on basic lessons on English sentence structures, speech organization and accent neutralization. In addition, it also included practical communication skills such as telephone handling, writing business letters, giving directions, talking to small groups, and oral presentations. A benchmarking visit to Enderun Colleges in Taguig City and a cultural visit to Corregidor Island were also included for them to apply the lessons in the classroom to practical situations.

SECOND PHASE OF ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RMUTT PERSONNEL HELD IN CPSC



FIRST-EVER BATCH OF MYANMAR OFFICIALS TRAINED BY CPSC ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEMS

For this fiscal year, CPSC welcomed the first batch of officials from the Union of Myanmar in its headquarters for a customized training on developing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems. The program was organized on May 15-18, 2018 and was participated by 14 officers from the Myanmar Education Quality Improvement Program (My-EQIP).



The program was supervised by the CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and coordinated by the CPSC Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Lee. Program resources were provided by the CPSC Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte.

During the four-day program, the participants were able to understand the relevance and fulfillment of objectives, development efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability of projects and activities embarked by My-EQIP. The classroom lectures were organized for them to be able to compare the M&E Policies and Practice in ASEAN Countries and aid them in setting up an effective monitoring system as part of the quality assured programs. In addition, the materials and lectures were designed for them to be able to recognize the role of M&E in the education system. Lastly,

they were encouraged to explore the M&E policies in education and its conceptual framework for application in their own country by creating an action plan.

On May 18, 2018, the participants were split into two groups and were assigned to visit some of the offices of government education providers in the country. One group visited the headquarters of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Taguig City. Another group visited the Santa Lucia High School in Pasig City which is under the Department of Education. The group were also able to make a courtesy call to the officials of the Department of Education during a visit to the Central Office on May 16, 2018.

The closing ceremony was held on May 17, 2018 and was attended by the Honorable Ambassador of the

Republic of Union of Myanmar to the Philippines, H.E. U Win Naing. The ambassador exchanged pleasantries with the delegation and officials of CPSC and expressed his congratulations for the success of the training. His presence was appreciated by Dr. Lamichhane, speaking on behalf of CPSC. He mentioned that the current time is the right time for CPSC to support Myanmar in its plan to introduce long-term reforms and the college is always prepared to assist the country in this regard.

Overall, the program was well-appreciated by the participants and it is hoped that it will further pave the way for more opportunities for collaboration between CPSC and the Myanmar government on introducing capacity building activities for the benefit of its human resources.

TESDA PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTER ADMINISTRATORS TRAINED BY CPSC ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

In heeding the call of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) - Philippines to provide additional management training to its middle to high level personnel, the Colombo Plan Staff College conducted, for the third time, the Executive Course on Strategic Planning and Administration held in the National TVET Trainers Academy from May 28 to June 1, 2018. The program invited thirty four (34) administrators from TVET provincial training centers (PTCs) nationwide.

This period's course follows the success of the previous trainings embarked by CPSC held in two occasions. The first is from February 26 to March 2, 2018 attended by 30 administrators from TESDA-administered schools. The second is held from March 19-23, 2018 and was attended similarly by 32 administrators. Overall, CPSC has already provided strategic plan training to 96 TVET school administrators, principals and center heads, a commendable demonstration of its expertise and commitment to the human resources development of its member countries especially in the field of institutional development and change management.

As with the previous events, the Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and CPSC's Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte, provided the main academic supervision both as the resource persons and program coordinators. In addition, the Acting Research and Publications Officer, Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria and the Executive Secretary, Mr. Bryan Lazaro, also



provided assistance to the resource persons as program facilitators.

The five-day event aided the participants in their preparation of their Institutional Development Plans (IDPs) as mandated by TESDA. They were also exposed to the rigorous

process of strategic planning by assisting them in crafting the vision, mission, goals, objectives, strategies and activities of their institutions based on the analysis of their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT). They were also introduced to basic institutional monitoring tools through the logical framework development.

To supplement the classroom workshops, the participants were also given the opportunity to familiarize themselves to some of the interesting places in Marikina City in a brief city tour on the afternoon of May 30, 2018. In cooperation with the Tourism Office of the city, they were able to visit the Shoe Museum, the Lucban Hat Factory, Gibson Shoe Factory Showroom and other attractions in the area.





CPSC DG Joins other Experts in the 2018 International TVET Conference in Pakistan

The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC), in collaboration with the TVET Sector Support Program, organized another International TVET Conference held in Marriot Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan from May 3 to 4, 2018. This year's program, bannered by the theme "Industry Engagement in TVET for Growth and Employability" had around 200 participants coming from TVET agencies and institutes all over the world.

The conference had resource persons coming from Pakistan, UK, Australia, China, Malaysia, South Korea, Turkey, Germany, Sri Lanka, including CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane. He delivered his paper, "Fostering 21st Century Skills" in one of the conference sessions under the theme, Maximizing Regional and International Cooperation for Enhancing Youth Employability, along with fellow resource persons Mr. Zhang Yuan of China and Dr. Birol Cetin of Turkey.

Other thematic areas presented in the conference included: Industry Engagement for Effective TVET Delivery Obstacles and Opportunities; Enhancing Employability through Industrial Linkages: Issues and Challenges; Industry's Role in Training and Placement - Gaps & Solutions; Successful Implementation of Apprenticeship System - Impediments and Way Forward.

OVEC Officials Visit CPSC to Explore Collaborative Activities

Meetings between officials of the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC)/Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) and the Office of Vocational Education Commission (OVEC), Thailand were held on May 30 – 31, 2018 at CPSC Manila, Philippines. The general objectives of these meetings are to discuss and strengthen APACC activities in Thailand and to explore collaboration in future programs and activities.

Representatives from OVEC include Dr. Pongsatorn Pimpanit, Director, OVEC Quality Assurance Section; Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs, APACC Special Officer Thailand/ APACC Advisor to OVEC; Ms. Khansawat Hinthaow,



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Officials of IRPC Technological College Discuss Collaborative Opportunities with CPSC



The officers and faculty of the Colombo Plan Staff College, led by the Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, welcomed three high officials from the IRPC Technological College in Rayong, Thailand for a half-day discussion, familiarization and presentation on their respective institutions. The visit commenced on June 11, 2018 at CPSC's Headquarters in Manila.

IRPC's delegation include the Managing Director, Dr. Photiwat Paopongchuang; Deputy Director for Corporate Strategic Plan Department, Mr. Chalermpun Yotsombut and Acting Deputy Director of Special Projects and DVT Department, Ms. Supaphon Phuaphanprasong.

The team were briefed regarding CPSC's operations and mandate, as well as the mechanisms of the Asia-Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). They were also apprised regarding the developments of each institution in terms of Green TVET, e-Commerce, Industrial Development and other notable aspects of TVET. A study visit to the Toyota Motors School of Technology was also organized.

In their respective speeches, Dr. Ramhari and Dr. Photiwat acknowledged the relevance of this meeting to foster more possibilities of cooperation between the two dynamic institutions especially on institutional accreditation through APACC, which was already included in IRPC's developmental road map for 2018-2022. It is anticipated

that a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed by both leaders to formalize their intent to cooperate with each other.

IRPC Technological College is considered as one of the leading private technical colleges in Thailand that is directly affiliated with one of its major petrochemical and industrial companies, the PTT group. It is considered as one of the model institutions in ASEAN in developing the competencies and skills of the graduates in preparing them for a career in heavy industry. It is also considered as a center for excellence in technical education not only in Thailand but in neighboring countries such as Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.



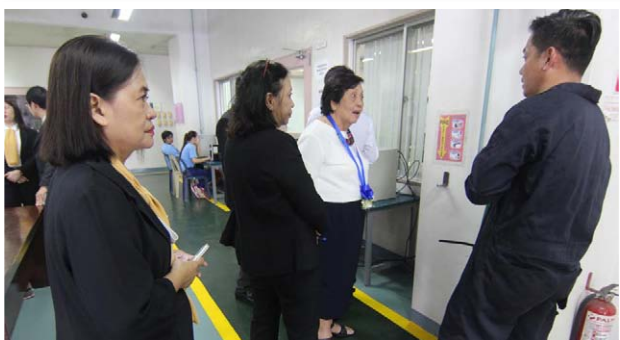
IRPC Officials visit Toyota Technology Center in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

TESDA Women's Center Undergoes APACC On-Site Visit for the Fourth Time



The TESDA (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) Women's Center (TWC), Philippines subjected itself once again to the evaluation of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) through an on-site revisit held on June 18-19, 2018. This is the fourth of such activity by APACC to the institution, with the previous visits held in 2008, 2012, and 2015.

The APACC team assigned to this onsite revisit is composed of the Team Leader, Dr. Romulita C. Alto from the Philippines; Team Member, Dr. Panyachart Wongpanya from Thailand; and APACC Staff member, Mr. Jan Michael Marasigan. Colombo Plan Staff College's (CPSC) Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Lee, attended the proceedings as an Observer.



(left) Dr. Romulita Alto (in white) inspecting the facilities; (right) the APACC team consolidating their findings for the closing meeting

A summary of the actions taken by TWC regarding the recommendations of the previous onsite visit was presented by Ms. Ignacio. This also included the additional measures they have undergone for the improvement of the center. Through this, they reiterated their desire to achieve the highest APACC certification level. A site tour and interview with the team leaders and staff of TWC ensued afterwards.

After the extensive information validation which lasted for two days, the onsite visit was concluded during the exit meeting on the afternoon of June 19. Both quantitative and qualitative results will be presented to the APACC Board together with the supporting documents for deliberation, resulting in the final certification status.

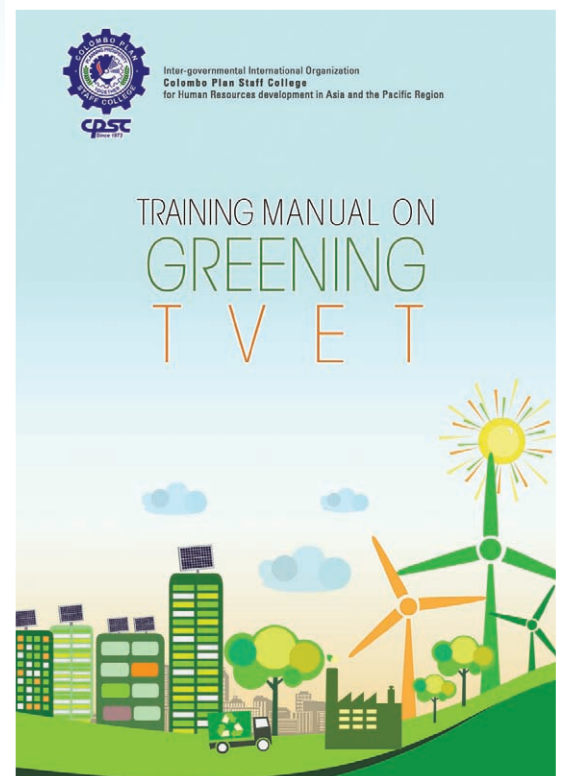
New Publication Announcement: Training Manual on Greening TVET

This training manual is a guiding document for a trainer in conducting training activities related to greening TVET. It is prepared with the contents collected from different documents and especially designed to encapsulate the needs of the TVET leaders, managers and faculties/instructors in practical and easy strategies to convert TVET in a sustainable and green direction.

The purpose of preparing this document is to provide a fundamental and step-by-step process for the guidance of the TVET trainers, administrators and academics, which are the target users of this manual.

This training manual recognizes the dynamic nature of the topic and thus, can be edited or changed as the authors see fit. It is designed to accommodate updates and trends on greening TVET that the trainers can apply to the present training context or to the scenario of their respective countries and localities.

The training manual is available online and on selected Greening TVET Programs organized by CPSC



Wildfires in Asia

Forest fires were currently highlighted in many temperate areas currently such as the US as it has been a source of destruction of property and pollution to the atmosphere.

These are caused either by nature or humans or human caused. Natural fires are generally started by lightning, with a very small percentage started by spontaneous combustion of dry fuel such as sawdust and leaves. On the other hand, human-caused fires can be due to any number of reasons. Some classifications include smoking, recreation, equipment, and miscellaneous.

The most recent major wildfire in the region is the incident in Indonesia's Kalimantan and Sumatra island in 2015 that affected many parts of Malaysia and Singapore, as well as parts of Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines. The fires, caused by widespread deforestation aggravated by dry weather conditions of the El Niño, affected 28 million people and destroyed millions of hectares of rainforest. Its total cost is estimated to be 9 billion US Dollars and generated 600 million tons of greenhouse gases.



APACC Coordinator, Songkhla Vocational College and Mr. Thanapon Khanthawichai, Staff, OVEC Quality Assurance Section.

During his welcoming remarks, CPSC Director General and APACC President Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane commended OVEC for the great contribution by spearheading the APACC accreditation activities in Thailand and for supporting CPSC's programs. In addition to this, Dr. Lamichhane also affirmed that APACC is ready to plan and send competent accreditors in case additional Colleges under OVEC's purview decided to apply for APACC accreditation.

Dr. Pongsatorn Pimpanit discussed about the massive clamor of TVET institutions in Thailand to pursue and undergo the APACC accreditation process. Currently,

there are four (4) APACC accredited Colleges in Thailand: Siam Business Administration College (Bangkok), Songkla Vocational College, Siam Business Administration Nonthaburi Technological College and Khonkaen Vocational College. Awarding for the said Colleges will be held on a suitable schedule.

Furthermore, he mentioned that OVEC proposes collaborative activities with CPSC/APACC including a Regional Program and Symposium on "Green TVET for Sustainable Development" and meeting of the Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA). OVEC also has the plans of setting up a CPSC Asia Pacific Technical and Vocational Education Center (CAPTVEC) or a CPSC satellite center in Thailand. Details of the above will be firmed up through succeeding meetings and communications.

From this program we had the opportunity to learn about M&E plans which are used by educational institutions worldwide to improve school systems and education results. We had a chance to learn over two and a half days in lectures based on M&E.



All the lectures were very useful for development of the M&E system for Ministry of Education, Myanmar.

Again, we would like to say thank you to all the CPSC staff members including all our lecturers. This program gave us not only ways of thinking on M&E for education system but also for M&E in education and its conceptual framework.

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Indeed, it is matter of pleasure to be a CPSC alumnus. We are thankful for your cooperation and hospitality experienced during whole training period. We would be pleased to get updates regarding new learning opportunities at our alma matter.



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On behalf of the delegation, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to DG sir and your competent team for making our visit worthwhile and productive. The visit was well organized. We have been able to have productive meetings with the most relevant TVET institutions in the Philippines. We were able to gain many insights from our interaction with them, all of which will surely help us to transform our TVET system of Bhutan.



Once gain I would like to sincerely thank you and your colleagues for coordinating our visit and look forward to continued support and cooperation.

Mr. Norbu Wangchuk
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Thimphu: Bhutan

I express my gratitude to all of you for giving me a chance to attend the international training program. I have earned very important knowledge and skills about Technoprenureship and Pedagogy which is very important for me and our country. I want to utilize my knowledge and experience in our TVET sector with the help of CPSC and ZJTIE.



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Thank you so much for the opportunity. I have already started implementation and I will update you on the progress soon. CPSC is the best training I have ever attended. I will miss it a lot. Until then, I wish CPSC best wishes



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