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Dear Readers,

We welcome the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 with confidence and pride as we remember the achievements and lessons brought by last fiscal year's activities. We now move towards the continued implementation of relevant programs for the benefit of TVET stakeholders in the region.

We are elated to report that the Philippines, through the efforts of the Technical Education Skills Development Authority, has continuously tapped CPSC to be the training provider the theme about greening TVET for sustainable development. Implemented in three batches from May until August, it involved a total of 114 TVET school administrators, experts and provincial officers from all over the country. It is noteworthy that CPSC has been playing a very active role in improving the awareness of Filipino TVET institutions in green TVET ideas, activities and requirements. We cannot be more satisfied with the results of this intervention in ensuring the sustainability of TVET programs in the Philippines.

In addition, we have promoted the implementation of results-based, quality assurance systems in the various training programs held in-house and abroad. As a result of creating more opportunities for participation through the exploration of online means, Customized Programs on Project Management and Leadership and Management Skills were successfully organized at CPSC. Another in-country program in Fiji was also geared towards the development of results-based monitoring and evaluation systems, aimed in further improving the monitoring mechanisms of Fijian TVET. In addition, CPSC was also successful in conducting a training to TESDA personnel on developing quality management systems in their respective departments and institutions.

Malaysian, Thai and Filipino institutions have either renewed or subscribed to the services of APACC- another testament of the trust that these governments have placed to CPSC's capability as a third-party accreditor of TVET institutions. With several more in the horizon, the aim of CPSC to facilitate the integration and linkage of TVET institutions in the region to APACC is now closer to reality.

CPSC has strived to be consistent with its mandate of improving the knowledge and capability of middle to top-level TVET managers and administrators. We believe that by promoting their improvement, they will be able to efficiently allocate the resources that their respective central governments allot for their operations and thus lead to a sustained economic and social transformation.

Thus, we continue to further pushing to the achievement of our initiatives that are consistent with our mission which is to "Transform TVET towards Sustainable Societies through Outcome-Based Quality Training, Accreditation, Research and Image-Building for Stakeholders".

We steadily anticipate your support to translate this mission into a long-term intervention that will significantly contribute to the economic and social success of this region as we carry on in our mission to serve you, our dear stakeholders, for the betterment of TVET in the region for this year and beyond.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramhari Lamichhane'.

Ramhari Lamichhane, PhD

Director General

Governing Board Approves CPSC Operational Plan at the 105th Session

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Governing Board (GB) convened its 105th session on July 5, 2018 at the CPSC Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. The agenda for this meeting include: (1) Annual Report for FY 2017-2018, (2) Report of the Standing Committee, (3) Honorary Membership Application of Diploma Engineers Association Nepal, and the (4) Turn Over of Chairpersonship and Vice Chairpersonship of the CPSC Governing Board.



105th GBM Members and Representatives (L-R): Ms. Therese Cantada, Director, Socio-Cultural Division, Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations (UNIO), Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines; Mr. N. Ramakrishnan, First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of India; Mr. Rizany Irwan Muhamad Mazlan, Counsellor, Embassy of Malaysia; H.E. U Win Naing, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; H.E. Asad Alam Siam, Ambassador of People's Republic of Bangladesh and GB Vice Chairperson; Ms. Urawadee Sriphiromya, Chargé d'affaires, a.i., Royal Thai Embassy and GB Chairperson; H.E. Dr. Aman Rashid, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; H.E. Aruni Ranaraja, Ambassador of Sri Lanka; H.E. Kok Li Peng, Ambassador of Singapore; Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, Director General, CPSC; Mr. Nawi Bokuik, Chargé d'affaires, a.i., Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea; Ms. Ma. Susan Dela Rama, Executive Director, Certification Office, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Philippines

The Chairperson of the CPSC GB and Chargé d'affaires, a.i. of the Royal Thai Embassy to the Philippines Ms. Urawadee Sriphiromya presided the meeting. It was attended by the Ambassadors of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore and Sri Lanka; Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Director General of CPSC; representatives from Embassies of India, Malaysia, 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 CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane reported the activities and accomplishments of the Staff College for FY 2017 – 2018 with the Annual Report. He presented 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). The Board also approved the proposed Operational Plan and Budget for FY 2018 – 2019.



CPSC DG Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and Incoming GB Chairperson H.E. Asad Alam Siam awarding the Plaque of Recognition to the Outgoing GB Chairperson Ms. Urawadee Sriphiromya



IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM ON Greening TVET for Sustainable Development Invites Second Batch of TESDA School Administrators

Continuing the success of the first program held on May 21-25, 2018, the second In-Country Training Program on Greening TVET for Sustainable Development was organized from July 16 to 20, 2018 at the National TVET Trainers Academy (NTTA) in Marikina City, Philippines. This program tapped the participation of 42 administrators TVET institutions and provincial training centers under the jurisdiction of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

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 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.

As with the first batch, a Panel Discussion on "Transforming TVET for Sustainable Development" was organized on July 19, 2018 to further supplement the lessons of the program with



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Third Batch of Filipino TVET Professionals Trained by CPSC on Greening TVET for Sustainable Development

As the Philippines and the entire Asia-Pacific region is seen to be in the receiving end of the repercussions of climate change, there is a need to put forward some initiatives to create awareness and provide knowledge on the greening process among the administration, faculty, trainers, and students.

It is the motivation in holding the third batch of the in-country program on Greening TVET for sustainable development. It was held at the National TVET Trainers Academy (NTTA) in Marikina City from July 30 to August 3, 2018. A total of 37 participants from Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, SOCCSKSARGEN, Caraga Region, and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) were invited to participate in this session.

In addition to the classroom discussions, study visits to some of the notable sites where green TVET is practiced are also included. The participants were able to visit the Manila Water Company, UP Diliman Task Force on Solid Waste Management and the Quezon City Biogas Emissions Reduction Facility.

These visits are meant to show to the participants the actual practices of environmental conservation technologies.

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(Left photo) Dr. Chithral Ambawatte interacting with the participants, (Right photo) Ms. Therese Lee (in black) with some of the participants





Quality Assurance System through Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation- Focus of this Year's In-Country Program in Fiji

The Colombo Plan Staff College, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts (MEHA), successfully conducted the In-Country Program on Quality Assurance System through Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Management Systems for TVET Institutions and Educational System at the Regional Training Centre – Revenue and Customs Complex in Suva, Fiji from September 24-28, 2018. The program was able to tap the participation of 25 staff members from the Technical College of Fiji (TCF) and MEHA-Technology and Employment Skills Training (TEST), as well as heads of government schools around the country.

The in-country program dealt with a discussion and analysis of quality assurance in an educational system through the use of results-based monitoring and evaluation. This approach was adopted to determine the relevance and fulfillment of objectives, development efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability.

The program was coordinated by Ms. Therese Tan Lee (CPSC Faculty Specialist) and was supervised by Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (CPSC Director General) and Ms. Alison Burchell (Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Heritage, and Arts). Local arrangements were facilitated by Ms. Rina Roshni Chand (Senior Education Officer,

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The participants registering to the OnCourse- the online knowledge management portal of CPSC.



Ms. Therese Lee presenting some tokens to the group that acquired the highest training score.

CPSC Director General Meets Key Officials at the 2018 Asia TVET Experts Forum

In his capacity as the Director General of CPSC, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane presented a paper on the role of professional bodies ushering TVET for the Industrial Revolution 4.0 at the 2018 Asia TVET Experts Forum (ATEF) held from July 23-24, 2018 at the Everly Hotel in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

The event was organized with the theme, “Embracing TVET for Industrial Revolution” which aimed to discuss perspectives of various TVET providers and institutions on how to address the impact of the 4th industrial revolution. Participated by 57 experts coming from countries such as Malaysia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, this forum was organized by Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), within the purview of the Ministry of Education Malaysia, and in partnership with the Asia TVET Experts Network (ATEN). Lessons learned in this event will be carried over to the next ATEF Meeting tentatively scheduled in May 2019 at Ningbo Polytechnic in Ningbo, China.

After the event, the Director General was also able to meet the officials of the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE), Ministry of Education, Malaysia to discuss future activities for cooperation such as the planned in-country programs in Malaysia, future APACC onsite visits and other important matters.



Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane presenting a paper on the role of professional bodies ushering TVET for the Industrial Revolution 4.0



Dr. Ramhari (seated, third from left) with the DPCCE Officials namely EN. Noor Azizan bin Itam (Director, Instructional and Digital Learning Division); DR. Zainal Azhar bin Zainal Abidin (Deputy Director, Instructional and Digital Learning Division); Tn.Hj. Mohd Nasir bin Abd Ghani (Director, Governance and Excellence Division); Pn. Noor Aidi bt Nadzri (Director, Curriculum Division); En. Khairul Azha bin Ahmad (Deputy Director, Governance and Excellence Division) and Pn. Noaryanti bt Mohd Nor (Senior Assistant Director, Quality Assurance Unit, Governance and Excellence Division)

CPSC Director General Attends the International Seminar on Global Competitive TVET for Challenges of Industrial Revolution 4.0 in Dhaka, Bangladesh

The CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, and former CPSC Seconded Faculty, Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, were in Dhaka, Bangladesh from September 15 to 17, 2018 as presenters and guests of the International Seminar, Round Table and Policy Dialogue on "Global Competitive TVET for challenges of Industrial Revolution 4.0, Innovative professionalism & skills for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs)-pathways of 4.0 Industrial Revolution".

Organized by the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB), the international seminar aims to hold an open policy dialogue in order to understand how Bangladesh can respond to and prepare for facing challenge of the 4th Industrial Revolution. It was a combination of presentations, panel discussions, and small group discussions, structured to allow participants to openly share knowledge, opportunities, challenges and education strategies.

The two-day international seminar was attended by almost 10,000 participants from 10 countries. It was formally opened by H.E. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at a ceremony held on September 15, 2018.

The discussions were based on overarching themes: the characteristics of the 4th Industrial Revolution, challenges

of 4th IR, way of skilling up the peoples through TVET incorporating 4thm IR and way out for sustaining in global competitive job market. Given these themes, Dr. Lamichhane prepared and presented a paper that further discusses the role of TVET in the 4th industrial revolution.

CPSC was also able to promote its services to the stakeholders of IDEB as it also anticipates more vigorous engagements with the organization in the future. A joint regional program and international seminars were envisioned to be arranged in the coming months as both organizations strengthen their ties to each other. The CPSC Director General was also able to meet some of the key officials of the Government of Bangladesh and the IDEB, as well as other representatives of international offices based in the country, as a testament of this affirmation.



The organizers presenting tokens to Dr. Lamichhane in his role as a moderator and special guest of the International Seminar.



CPSC TARGETS TO ENHANCE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS OF DON BOSCO SCHOOL DIRECTORS



The Don Bosco Philippines-One TVET System, a network of technical schools that mostly benefit marginalized, out-of-school youths in the Philippines, sent 20 of their Directors to CPSC's headquarters in Manila, Philippines for a two-day training on Enhancement of TVET Leadership and Management on July 18-19, 2018. The program was realized for the benefit of the participating technical schools to manage a "change capable culture" that enhances their ability to sustainably adapt to the changing landscapes of TVET education.

The following topics were tackled during the training: (1) Educational Transformation through Leadership in TVET Institutions; (2) Leadership through Effective Communication and Communication Strategies in a Diverse Workplace Environment; (3) Managing Change and Improving Adaptability Through Organizational Development in the 21st Century; (4) Managing Employees from different Generations and Developing Employees to Become Future Leaders; (5) How the Leadership and Management Dynamics Contribute to TVET Institutions' Effectiveness and (6) Excellence of Leadership for Change Management through PDCA Cycle in TVET Institutes.

The program was facilitated by Ms. Therese Tan-Lee, CPSC Faculty Specialist as Program Coordinator. Dr. Romulita C. Alto, former CPSC Faculty Consultant, delivered a paper presentation and contributed to the learning experience of the participants. The program was under the helm of

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Ms. Therese Lee during the interaction and lecture with the participants



Dr. Lamichhane present the certificate of participation to Fr. Vitug during the closing ceremony



CPSC SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED TVET ADMINISTRATORS ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES IN TVET

The Colombo Plan Staff College, through its open registration programs that are readily available in its website, successfully trained 16 TVET administrators, government officials and project managers from various TVET learning institutions and government ministries in the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Bangladesh and Nepal on project management processes and techniques. This was made possible during the 5-Day Customized Program on Results-Based Project Management in TVET Institutions held from September 17-21, 2018 at CPSC's Headquarters in Manila.

The program was organized to enable the participants to learn the dynamics, definitions and processes in project management and understand project planning, project implementation and project evaluation as key phases in project management. They were also asked to demonstrate their knowledge in project planning by preparing project problem tree analysis, objective and solution. They also designed the project proposal using the project log framework matrix and applied project management tools and methodologies for managing TVET programs and projects.

In addition to the classroom lectures, the program also included study visits to the Development Academy of the Philippines and College of Public Affairs in Los Baños, Laguna in which they were oriented with some of the best practices in institutional administration and project management.

The program was supervised by the CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and coordinated by the CPSC Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Lee. Academic resources were provided by the CPSC Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte and the Research, Publications and Information Officer, Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria.



IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM IN PHILIPPINES (BATCH 2)



SPECIAL PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA



IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM IN PHILIPPINES (BATCH 3)



IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM IN FIJI



SPECIAL PROGRAM IN BANGLADESH



CUSTOMIZED PROGRAM IN PHILIPPINES

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CPSC SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TRAINING FOR TESDA PERSONNEL FROM VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Colombo Plan Staff College conducted the Customized Training Program on Enhancing Quality Management System (QMS) towards Quality Assured TVET Delivery and Service for the 54 personnel coming from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Institutes from the 15 regions of the country, TESDA Central Office and other satellite offices. The training was held from September 24-28, 2018 at the BSA Twin Towers in Ortigas, Manila.

The five-day knowledge transfer exercise was organized to further educate the participants on the concepts and principles of QMS, help them identify the applications of Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA), QMS Principles, and Tools for TVET institutions. The program helped the participants understand the APACC and STAR accreditation systems and other such quality assurance certifications for QMS. The program culminated with the participants preparing a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan in implementing QMS for TVET institutions in view of continual improvement.

The program was coordinated by CPSC Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte under the supervision of the Director General of CPSC, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane. Additional resources for academics were provided by Dr. Romulita Alto, Research Consultant at the Technological Institute of the Philippines and Project-Based Faculty Consultant of CPSC, and Ms. Janet Abasolo, the Division Chief of the Program Registration Division in the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority of the Philippines.



Dr. Romulita Alto shares her insights on the principles of QMS with the participants



Bangladesh Education Ministry Secretary, Key TVET Officials Affirm Ties with CPSC

Thirteen (13) officials from various government agencies and projects of the Bangladesh Education system were in Manila for a 5-day learning visit and exposure on the implementation of the Philippine Qualification Framework (PQF). They were composed of proposed members of the National Steering Committee of the Bangladesh Qualification Framework (BQF) and leaders of National Quality Assurance and Accreditation System (NQAAS) and they visited the Philippines from July 22-27, 2018 and Malaysia from July 28- August 2, 2018.

Notable officials in the delegation include the Secretary of the Technical and Madrasah Education Division (TMED) of the Bangladesh Ministry of Education, Mr. Md. Alamgir and the Director General of the Directorate of Technical Education, Mr. Ashoke Kumar Biswas. In their capacity, they were able to facilitate CPSC's numerous engagements in Bangladesh through the years.

The delegation was officially received by the CPSC team led by its Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane through a program held on July 27, 2018. During their visit, they were also able to understand CPSC's role in the development and implementation of qualification frameworks in the Philippines and CPSC member states. They were also able to learn about the steps that TVET and education institutions undertake with regard to institutional self-assessment and other related activities through a brief presentation about the Asia-Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). In addition, they also visited the National Coordinating Council of the Philippine Qualification System (PQF), Lyceum University, Commission of Higher Education (CHED) Philippines and the Technical and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).



CPSC and APACC Participate in PQF IRR Public Consultation

Through the invitation of the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) Coordinating Committee, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) and the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) represented by the APACC Officer Ms. Adrienne Abril, participated in the “PQF Act Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Public Consultation for National Capital Region (NCR)” on September 21, 2018. The consultation was held at the Bayanihan Center, United Laboratories, Inc., Pasig City, Philippines.

CPSC/APACC provided inputs and comments on the draft IRR and informed of the availability of information contained in CPSC publications on Asia Pacific countries' Qualifications Framework, in case PQF Coordinating Committee requires it for comparison purposes. This activity, which is the last leg of the consultations, served as a venue for soliciting comments and ideas from officials from NCR to achieve an effective IRR.

The Department of Education Honorable Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, who is also the Chairperson of the PQF National Coordinating Committee, closed the event through a Special Remarks.



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actual practices as demonstrated by experts and professionals from the field. In attendance were: Ms. Gwyneth Ann Palmos (National Project Coordinator, Just Transition to a Green Economy, ILO, Manila), Mr. Celestino Millar (Chief TESD Specialist, TESDA Planning Office); Prof. Armando Basug (Representative from the University of the Philippines Task Force on Solid Waste management); Mr. David John Vergara (Representative, Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department of Quezon City) and Mr. Alberto T. Cabael (Vice President, Philippine Society of Plumbing Engineers). The panel was moderated by Dr. Ambawatte and was attended by all participants in addition to the five guests from the Marikina Polytechnic College (MPC).

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Technical College of Fiji, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts) and additional academic resources were provided by Mr. Eci Naisele (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, MFAT Project, Fiji Higher Education Commission).

To supplement the classroom lectures, the participants also visited some of the notable industries and learning institutions around Fiji such as the Australia-Pacific Technical College, Fiji Campus and the Kookai Factory- all located in Suva. They were oriented with the monitoring tools that these entities used in the hopes of providing them some relevant information regarding the subject.

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the CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane who managed and oversee overall facilitation and success of the course as Program Supervisor.

During the closing ceremony, the organization of the program was also hailed by the participants as a significant milestone especially that they are managing TVET schools all over the country. They expressed their appreciation to CPSC for organizing such program despite the challenges with the time and hopes to participate in similar opportunities in the future.

Romblon National Institute of Technology Visited by APACC for the Third Time

Romblon National Institute of Technology (RNIT), formerly known as the Alcantara National Trade School (ANTS), underwent a third cycle of accreditation with the on-site visit of the APACC team to its premises from July 9-10, 2018. The activity was embarked with the hopes of RNIT renewing its APACC accreditation, a status it held from 2012 until 2014.

The APACC team is composed of the Team Leader and CPSC Faculty Specialist, Ms. Therese Tan-Lee; APACC Team Member and CPSC Faculty Consultant, Dr. Chithral Ambawatte and APACC staff and Research, Publications and Information Officer, Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria. They were warmly welcomed by the RNIT faculty and staff led by their vocational school administrator, Engr. Israfel L Manqui.

In his opening speech, Engr. Manqui motivated the RNIT faculty and staff to “regain the lost glory” of the institution and gear it up to international expectations through subjecting their processes to the audit and scrutiny of APACC. In response, the APACC Team Leader, Ms. Lee, reaffirmed APACC’s commitment to assist in the development of VET institutions in the region through the implementation of quality assurance process in its systems and operations.

During the 2-day onsite visit process, an extensive review of their documents and evidences were examined by the APACC team to validate the scores that they indicated in their self-study report. A tour of the facilities was also embarked to visually validate the scores in the self-study report with the physical evidences.

RNIT is an autonomous Vocational Training School located in Brgy. Poblacion, Municipality of Alcantara, Province of Romblon, Philippines. It was created under the provisions of the Republic Act 4581 which was approved on June 19, 1965. On May 23, 2016, the Republic Act 108491 was enforced, changing its former name to the present.



The APACC team during the tour of the facilities (right) and the actual APACC exercise (left)

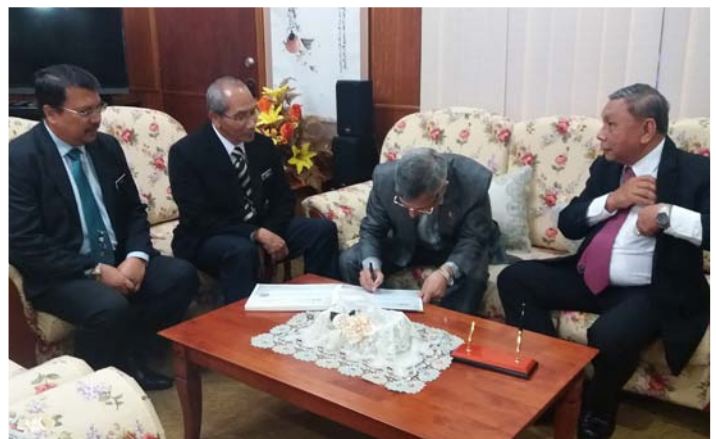


PUO, Malaysia Continues Quality First APACC On-

Malaysia started subscribing to the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) in 2014, with 3 premier polytechnics given the distinction of being the first institutions to be visited and received APACC Gold Award in the country. One of these polytechnics, the Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO) located at Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia, subjected itself to APACC reaccreditation on July 30 to August 1, 2018, 4 years after the first visit. To assess the improvements based on recommendations from the first visit and to generally evaluate the overall compliance of PUO to the APACC standards, an international team composed of Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs, APACC Special Officer in Thailand, Dr. Rajendra P. Adhikari, Advisor and Former President of Diploma Engineers Association of Nepal, and Ms. Adrienne Abril, APACC Officer, was assigned.

PUO was established in 1969 named after Professor Dato' (Dr.) Ungku Omar bin Ahmad, the first Malay Director of the Medical Research Centre. One of the polytechnic's niche area is Marine Engineering and the Marine Engineering Department was recognized as the Best Maritime Institution in 2016.

The activity was inaugurated by the welcoming remarks of PUO Director Tn. Haji Zairon bin Mustapha. According to him, PUO has continually improved after the first APACC visit by addressing the recommendations, maintaining good practices, and sometimes exceeding what are expected. New buildings and facilities, interactive classrooms, and industry-sponsored education center are among the additional facilities being enjoyed by staff and students alike. He mentioned that through APACC, PUO was able to respond to changes effectively.



Courtesy Visit at the Director's Office. (From L-R) Dr. Mohammad Naim Bin Yaakub, DPCC DDG (Planning) and Former APACC President; Tn. Haji Zairon bin Mustapha, PUO Director; and APACC Accreditors Dr. Rajendra P. Adhikari and Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs



Improvement Journey Through Site Revisit



Robotics at Mechanical Engineering Department, (Top photo) Engine Room
Simulators at New Marine Engineering Centre of Technology Building

Key officials of the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE), Ministry of Education (MOE), Malaysia graced the program including Dr. Mohammad Naim Bin Yaakub, Deputy Director General (Planning) and Former APACC President who presented the latest developments in MOE; Ts. Haji Mohamad Amin Bin Hamat, Deputy Director General (Governance); Pn. Noor Aidi Bt Nadzri, Director, Curriculum Division and Malaysia National Coordinator for Accreditation; and Pn. Noaryanti Bt Mohd Nor, Senior Assistant Director, Quality Assurance Unit, Governance and Excellence Division.

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Quality Assurance Drive Continues in Thailand as UVC goes for APACC Accreditation

Another college supervised by Thailand's Office of the Vocational Education Commission (OVEC) affirmed its commitment to continual improvement through quality assurance as the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) went to the northeastern region of Thailand for a three-day on-site visit to Ubon Ratchathani Vocational College (UVC) on September 17 - 19, 2018.

The APACC on-site visit team for UVC had Pn. Noor Aidi Nadzri, National Coordinator for Accreditation (NCA) for Malaysia and Director for Curriculum Development Division of the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE), Ministry of Education, Malaysia as the Team Leader, along with Dr. Renato Sorolla, President of Carlos Hilado Memorial State College, Philippines and Mr. Bryan Noel Lazaro, APACC Support Staff.

UVC started its operations on January 16, 1937. After 80 years, the college is now occupying approximately 7.11 acres of land in Nai Mueang Sub-district of Ubon Ratchathani. It is known for offering Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's programs in Accounting and other TVET programs in Fine Arts, Home Economics, Hospitality and Tourism, and Business Computer.

During the exit meeting, Pn. Noor Aidi reported UVC's best practices in the form of commendations and addressed the college's areas for improvement with APACC's recommendations. Dr. Sorolla also added inspirational remarks to motivate UVC to continue pursuing quality service for its stakeholders.



The APACC team during the tour of the facilities

CPSC Welcomes Three New Interns from Bangladesh, the Philippines and Sri Lanka

The Colombo Plan Staff College is pleased to welcome the new batch of professional interns under the Professional Internship Program for International Experience (PIPIE).

Mr. Malvin Marquez, from the Philippines, started his internship on August 6. He is currently an instructor and training management unit head at the Bondoc Peninsula Technological Institute in San Narciso, Quezon Province. He took his Masters in Educational Management at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines-Open University in Lopez, Quezon Province and his Bachelor's Degree in Southern Luzon State University, Lucban, Quezon Province. He is trained on different tech-voc innovations and holds a certification as a licensed professional teacher on secondary mathematics, national certificates on electronic products assembly and electrical installation and maintenance.



Mr. Shihab Karim, or popularly known as George, is a new graduate from Bangladesh and he started his internship on August 13. He finished his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechatronics Engineering, cum laude, at the De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines. He is adept in using Microsoft software, CAD software such as AutoCAD,



Solidworks, ANSYS, G codes in CNC, Ladder Programming, and basic C programming. He also had work experience as a teaching assistant in a private academic coaching center and as an intern and design engineer at RAMCAR Technologies, Inc.



Ms. Gamage Piyumathini Kansajitha, or popularly known as Yumi, started her internship on September 7, 2018. She is an ICT Officer from the Management Information Unity of the Department of Technical Education and Training in Sri Lanka. Previously, she is a software design engineer an enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation consultant at Designsoft Technologies and a trainee business analysis at Market Trader, Ltd. Part of her responsibility in her current job includes the drafting designs of information and communication technology and identification of information technological solutions for institutional information and communication technology requirements.

The College wishes the new interns the best and hopes that this experience in CPSC will have a fruitful result in their respective careers.

CPSC Successfully Gains ISO 9001:2015 Certification



In recognition of its continued commitment to be the institutional model for quality assurance, SOCOTEC Certification International of United Kingdom awards the ISO 9001: 2005 certification to the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) for its success in maintaining the conformity of its operations to ISO 9001:2015 standards.

The certification, issued on August 7, 2018 and received by the college on August 29, 2018, reports "the strengths of CPSC's QMS and the activities that have been initiated by its different departments to meet their quality objectives and ensure external and internal customer satisfaction". It recognizes CPSC's excellence in "Organizing demand-driven training programs, projects, accreditation and certification, research, information and communication technology (ICT) in technical and vocational education and training (TVET), and human resource development services".

The certification remains as a mark of quality and excellence that CPSC has continually gained since 2001. It also indicates the successful transition of its system from ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015 and carries over the tradition of effectively validating the quality of its operations by third-party assessors.



NEW PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

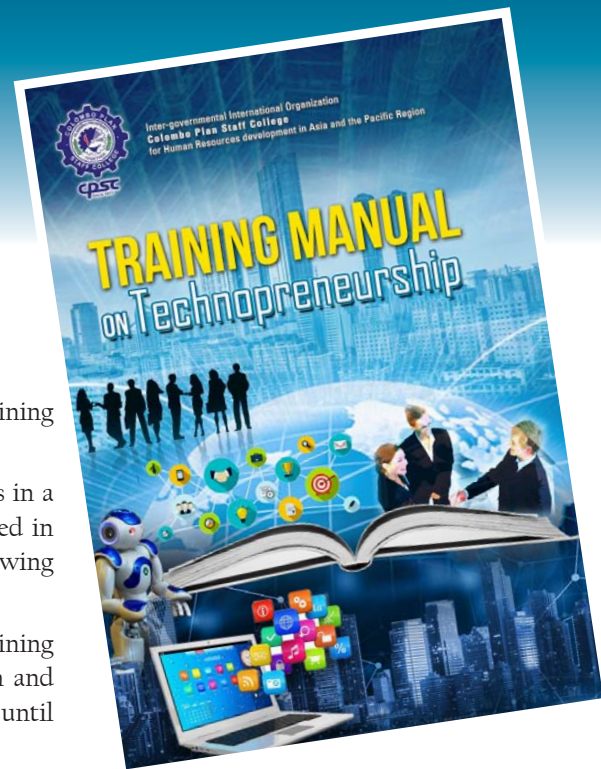
TRAINING MANUAL ON TECHNOPRENEURSHIP

This training manual is a document geared towards the facilitation of training activities related to technopreneurship and entrepreneurship.

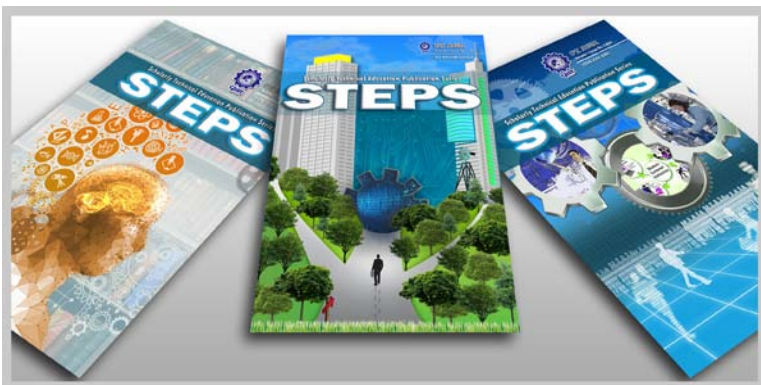
The contents present the fundamentals as well as the modern concepts in a simplified and easily understood fashion how a training program be conducted in TVET on the abovementioned area that is becoming a popular endeavor in a growing economic society.

In keeping with modernized training programs, the material begins with the training plan, methods that can be used in the training, and progresses to the design and components of a program book, conduct of a program, course evaluation and up until the closing of the program.

Also available online through the following link: <http://cpsctech.org/publications/tm-technopreneurship/pdf.pdf>



INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE 4TH EDITION OF THE CPSC JOURNAL ON TVET TITLED STEPS (Scholarly Technical Education Publication Series)



We are pleased to inform you that CPSC invites interested authors, experts and students to publish their research papers/articles to CPSC Journal on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) titled STEPS (Scholarly Technical Education Publication Series).

The journal, currently on its fourth issue, is a publication which seeks to generate information, new findings, strategies, innovations, best practices on TVET and provide a launch pad for research-based papers or original research articles, case studies, review or report articles, papers presented in TVET conferences, or any compilation of current information covering issues, concerns, trends, and development in TVET in the Asia-Pacific Region in particular and the world at large.

For this edition, CPSC will feature Green TVET Practices and Initiatives of CPSC Member Countries. Papers and researchers will revolve to a theme that highlights the importance of promoting sustainable and environmental-friendly TVET practices centered towards making TVET socially relevant in lieu of the upcoming challenges and problems such as climate change. Topics that can be featured includes, but are not limited to the following suggestions:

- Technical TVET researches on sustainable and environmental friendly TVET practices
- Education for sustainable development
- Promotion of "green jobs"
- Development of green curriculum
- Facilitation of Asian TVET as a catalyst for industrial transformation

Thus, paper submissions will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposed topic to the theme
- Innovativeness and creativity of the paper
- Usability in addressing emerging challenges on sustainable development

Papers may be sent through the email of CPSC's Research, Publications and Information Division (rpид@cpsctech.org). Deadline for submission is extended until December 1, 2018.



Presentation of Commendations, Affirmations, and Recommendations relayed by Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs, APACC Team Leader for this Onsite Visit

Being the first polytechnic established in Malaysia, PUO strives to be a good example, thus representatives from various polytechnics were welcomed and given the chance to observe the proceedings of the 3-day event. Facilities inspections and interviews with relevant officials ensued after the opening program. PUO Officials and Criterion Leaders, including Mr. Juhaidi Zamani Jamaludin, Deputy Director (Academic Support), led each team and presented the overview per criterion.

At the exit meeting on August 1, Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs presented the qualitative results detailing the commendations (demonstrated strengths), affirmations (healthy practices being adopted), and recommendations (suggested measures to address areas for improvement).



Dr. Adhikari observing the students' demonstration of an electrical device during the tour of the facilities

FEEDBACK

Thank you for sharing the very much valuable Training Manual on Greening TVET written by our Respected Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane sir. This is very useful for all TVET stakeholders for their career development.

Upendra Pokharel
Unit Chief-Marketing Unit
National Skill Testing Board (NSTB)
Bhaktapur, Nepal



Thank you for the email and many thanks for the warmth and care during our stay at CPSC. I have learnt a lot from joining the programme. This is really applicable to my work.

Dr. Parichart Kluensuwan
RMUT



Thank you for providing the service to TESDA Certification Office. This is going to be a continuous program for our STAR Awardees, so rest assured that we will be communicating with you again for succeeding runs.

Maria Susan P. Dela Rama
Exec. Director, Certification Office, TESDA
(Concurrent) Project Manager, eTESDA PMO



The staff and the services that CPSC provided are highly commendable! The participants gave the program variety and a richer experience!

Dr. Carolyn Manga
Instructor II
Puerto Princesa School of Arts and Trades



CPSC programs, particularly the one that I attended, are very relevant to my work in as much as it provides me the skills, knowledge and the right attitudes to perform my mission.

Fr. Rex Carbilledo, SDB
Technical Director Mati
Don Bosco - One TVET Philippines



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