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FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S DESK

Dear Readers,

"A dream come true". These were my very first words the moment I came back to CPSC to serve this esteemed organization once again, previously as a Faculty Consultant and now as its 13th Director General (DG).

As I step into this role, please allow me, dear readers, to put on record through this issue, my sincere gratitude to the CPSC Governing Board for entrusting me with this significant responsibility. I am also profoundly thankful to my predecessors, especially to the 12th Director General, Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, who have laid a strong foundation for CPSC over the years, shaping and reengineering TVET towards a sustainably progressive Asia-Pacific region. With commitment and dynamic efforts, I look forward to continuing the work they have started while also seeking new opportunities to enhance our impact among our member countries and industry partners. My appreciation also goes to my CPSC family who had always been a genuine family to me, and who has always been my source of inspiration to rejoin the College and be of service to its stakeholders once again.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the activities of the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) overlapping with the activities managed by the former DG and as the College kicks off the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Paying my full respect and introducing myself formally and personally to the CPSC Governing Board (GB) members, my first month was spent conducting courtesy visits to the Ambassador Designate of India, Shri Harsh Kumar Jain, and to the newly installed Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), concurrently the GB Chairman, Hon. Jose Francisco "Kiko" Benitez.

This issue covers CPSC's programs conducted for the quarter such as the Regional Program in Islamabad, Pakistan, two (2) In-Country Programs for Malaysia, two (2) Labtech Training on Renewable Energy Systems for Nepal and the Philippines, and the Study Visits for the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco and for the TESDA Women's Center. The Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) also successfully implemented its first on-site visit to Khugjil Polytechnic College in Khovd, Mongolia as part of our ongoing efforts to support quality assurance in TVET institutions.

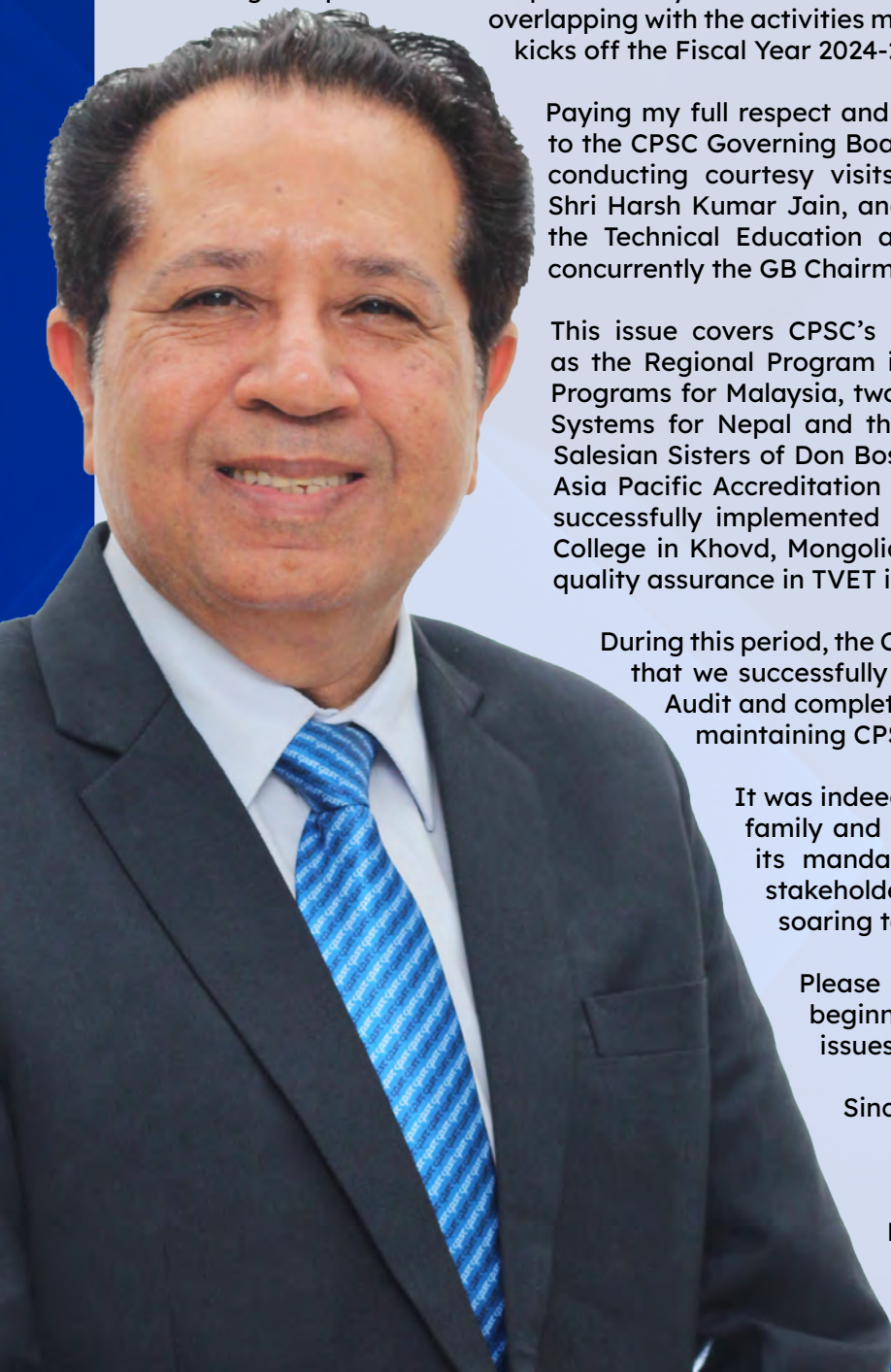
During this period, the CPSC team is immensely pleased to announce that we successfully passed ISO 9001:2015 Second Surveillance Audit and completed the 43rd Internal Quality Audit in view of maintaining CPSC's quality standards.

It was indeed a dream come true to be back to my CPSC family and fulfill my visions for the College to perform its mandate, further create valuable impact to its stakeholders and continue spreading its wings and soaring to even greater heights.

Please join me, dear readers, as I pen my new beginnings through this issue and the coming issues of the Quarterly.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja
Director General



CPSC family welcomes Prof. Dr. Suresh K. Dhameja as he takes charge as CPSC's 13th Director General



The CPSC family warmly welcomed Prof. Dr. Suresh K. Dhameja, as he assumed his charge as the 13th Director General (DG) of the College in a welcome ceremony held on September 9, 2024 in CPSC.

The CPSC family conveyed their messages and pledge of support to the leadership of Prof. Dr. Dhameja. Each one wished for more successful programs, projects, more achievements for CPSC under his helm and for the realization of his visions for the College.

The CPSC family warmly welcomed the 13th DG and his wife during their arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), Philippines on September 8, 2024.

Prof. Dr. Dhameja was selected by the CPSC Governing Board through the Special Governing Board Meeting held on April 18, 2024.

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Introducing the 13th Director General, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dhameja

Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja is the 13th CPSC Director General and concurrently the President of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC).

Prof. Dr. Dhameja previously served as CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant from September 2005 to September 2008 seating as the Chairman of Training and Development; Research; APACC; and General Services Divisions.

Prior to his appointment as the new CPSC Director General, Prof. Dr. Dhameja was Professor in the Department of Entrepreneurship Development & Industrial Coordination (EDIC) at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR) in Chandigarh, India.

He also held various positions at NITTTR such as the Dean for Academic and International Affairs; Head of Departments of EDIC, Information Management & Emerging Engineering (IMEE); and Chairman of Academic Cell.



The CPSC Director General earned his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, M.Tech in Geotechnical Engineering followed by an MBA and a doctorate degree in Business Management from premier universities in India.

He started his career as Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering at National Institute of Technology, India in 1985 and has a total work experience of 39 Years of Teaching, Training and Research.

Prof. Dr. Dhameja has visited more than 30 countries including USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Italy, apart from many countries in the Asia Pacific region such as Bhutan, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, etc. for conducting training programs and consultancy assignments. He has many honours and distinctions to his credit and has received letters of appreciation from many international dignitaries including Ambassadors, UN under-Secretary General, Director Generals and Secretary Generals of many international organizations.

Prof. Dr. Dhameja has published more than 40 papers in International and National Journals, presented 143 papers in International and National Conferences and has chaired technical sessions in many international and national conferences both within India and abroad. He is a member of the Task Force on Women and Youth Entrepreneurship at UN-ESCAP Bangkok.

Dr. Dhameja has authored and Edited 22 books (Both International and National) in the area of Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, Entrepreneurship and has guided 6 PhDs and many M.Tech students both at International and National Level.

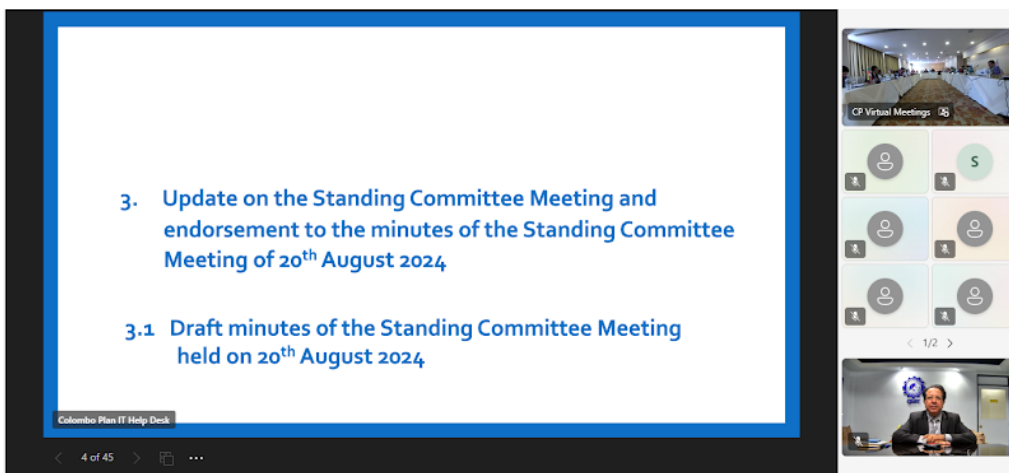
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CPSC DG Virtually Attends 309th Colombo Plan Council Meeting



Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Director General Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja virtually attended the 309th Colombo Plan Council Meeting on September 19, 2024.

The meeting, presided by the Colombo Plan Secretary-General, Dr. Benjamin P. Reyes presented the updates on the Standing Committee Meeting held on August 20, 2024, the launching of the Colombo Plan new website, Capacity Building Programme, Strategic Planning Meeting and the adoption of minutes of the 308th session and the 48th Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) Record of Conclusion.



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Prof. Dr. Dhameja pays his first courtesy visit as CPSC's 13th Director General to Ambassador Designate of India Shri Harsh Kumar Jain

Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja, upon assumption of his duties as 13th CPSC Director General paid his first courtesy visit to the Ambassador designate of India H.E. Shri Harsh Kumar Jain at the Ambassador's residence in Makati City on September 18, 2024.

Prof. Dr. Dhameja introduced himself to the Ambassador that he was a former faculty member of the CPSC and was selected through a Special Governing Board session. He also shared with the Ambassador relevant information about CPSC, its composition of 16 active member countries, its advocacy, objectives and vision for its stakeholders, being newly designated as well as Ambassador of India in the Philippines.

Both the new Ambassador-designate and the new DG looked forward to strong collaborative efforts for the College in the near future.



Profile of Shri Harsh Kumar Jain, New Ambassador of the Embassy of India in Manila



Mr. Harsh Kumar Jain took up his assignment as the new Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Philippines on August 2, 2024.

Over the course of his diplomatic career, he has served at various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and abroad. Mr. Jain served as India's Ambassador to Ukraine from April 2022-June 2024, to Kazakhstan from 2014-2017, and to the Slovak Republic from 2017-2018. Prior to this, he first joined the Indian Foreign Service in September 1993. He also served in different capacities at Indian Missions in Moscow, Russia (1995-1996), Kyiv, Ukraine (1996-98), St. Petersburg, Russia (1999-2002), London, United Kingdom (2004-2007), and Kathmandu, Nepal (2007-2011).

Aside from his diplomatic missions, he served as a Member of the UN Group of Governmental Experts on the Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the context of International Security during 2012-2013. At headquarters in Delhi, he became the Head of the BIMSTEC and SAARC Division (2020-2021), Global Estate Management Division (2019-2020) and e-Governance, Information Technology and Cyber Diplomacy Division (2011-2014). He served as desk officer for Afghanistan from 2002-2004.

Mr. Harsh Kumar Jain holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and master's degree in Industrial Engineering. He is married to Smt. Vandana Jain and they have one son. He speaks Hindi, English, and Russian.

CPSC, TESDA Forge Stronger Partnership, Discuss Future Collaborations under New Leadership



Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja, Director General of the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), conducted a courtesy visit to the Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) on September 26, 2024 at the TESDA Office in Taguig City, Philippines.

During the visit, Prof. Dr. Dhameja formally introduced himself and CPSC to Hon. Jose Francisco “Kiko” Benitez, the newly appointed TESDA Director General and CPSC Governing Board Chairperson for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

CPSC and TESDA have a longstanding partnership in continuously enhancing TVET systems in the Philippines and across Asia Pacific region. As part of strengthening their ties and cooperation, Prof. Dr. Dhameja and Hon. Benitez discussed future collaborative programs for the Filipino professional staff, which may explore the areas of research, pedagogies with digital technologies, competency-based program design, instructional/modularized/portable design, curriculum development, and artificial intelligence (AI) in TVET.

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Profile of Hon. Jose Francisco “Kiko” Benitez, CPSC Governing Board Chairperson and TESDA’s 15th Director General

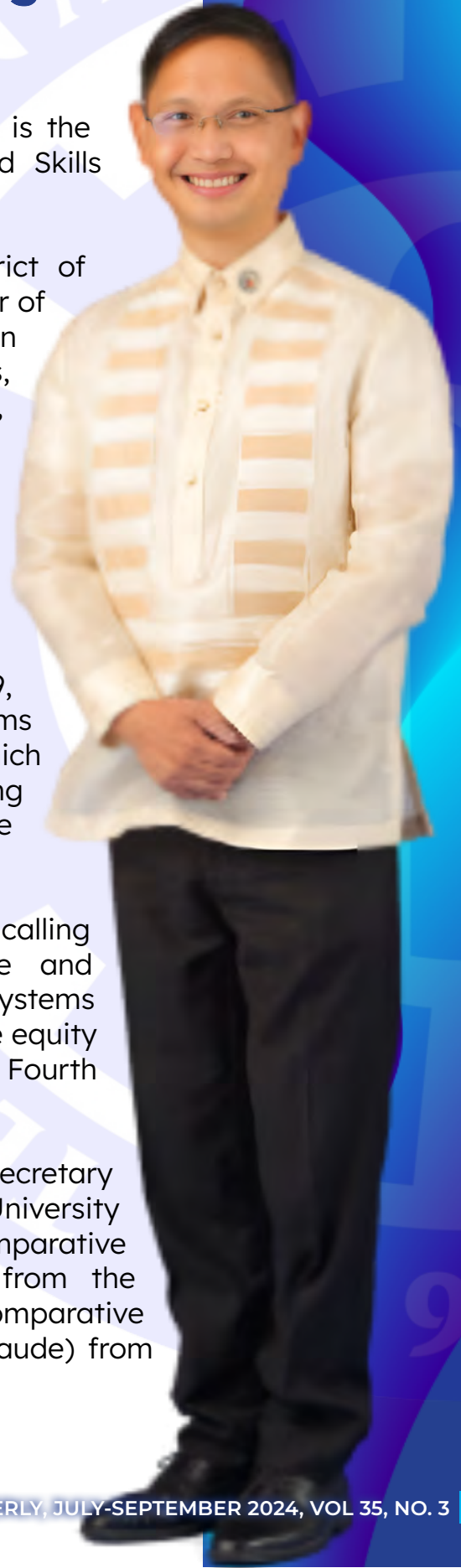
Secretary Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Ph.D. is the Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

He served as Representative of the Third District of Negros Occidental in 2019-2024 and was a member of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II). In the House, he held several key roles, leading policy discussions on a wide range of issues, from education reform to digital transformation, from circular economy to supply chain resilience, from housing finance and sustainable urbanization to creative industries and blue economy.

He is a principal author of landmark laws, including Republic Act No. 11648, which increases the age to determine statutory rape; RA No. 11899, which created EDCOM II; RA No. 11904, which aims to strengthen creative industries; RA No. 11995, which institutionalizes environmental-economic accounting in the country, and RA No. 12000, which created the Negros Island Region.

Secretary Benitez has been a strong voice calling for paradigm shifts in education governance and development planning, stressing the need for systems thinking, design solutions, and innovation to ensure equity and sustainability, and address the demands of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

A literary scholar and educator by profession, Secretary Benitez was President of the Philippine Women’s University in 2010-2019. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in comparative literature (minor in Southeast Asian studies) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his B.A. in comparative literature (summa cum laude) and English (cum laude) from Cornell University.



CPSC Bids Farewell to its First Sri Lankan Director General



The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) hosted a simple and heartwarming farewell dinner on August 22, 2024 dedicated to Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe in honor of his commitment and service to the Staff College during his three-year directorship tenure. Prof. Wickramasinghe formally left his post as the 12th Director General on August 31, 2024.

The Farewell Dinner was filled with gratitude, heartfelt messages, and recollection of good memories shared by the current and former local staff together with Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathan, CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant. A farewell video was also presented to look back on Prof. Wickramasinghe's leadership, achievements, and contributions to CPSC's undertakings.

Prof. Wickramasinghe received a Plaque of Recognition and some tokens of appreciation from Dr. Kesavan and the CPSC local staff members. All CPSC Staff cheered and gave a toast wishing good luck to the outgoing Director General for his future endeavors.

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Prof. Wickramasinghe receives Plaque of Commendation from DFA Secretary Hon. Manalo



Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, who was ending his term as the 12th Director General of the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), received a Plaque of Commendation from the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary for Foreign Affairs (SFA) Hon. Enrique A. Manalo during a courtesy visit held on August 28, 2024 at the DFA Office, Pasay City, Philippines.

Prof. Wickramasinghe also submitted his 3-year Accomplishment Report to Secretary Hon. Manalo. He thanked the 12th Director General for all his achievements for CPSC including all his collaborative efforts and consistent cooperation with the DFA and with the entire diplomatic community.

Prof. Wickramasinghe likewise thanked the DFA Secretary and his team for the pleasure of the visit and for the solid support to CPSC and to his leadership. He specifically mentioned DFA's hard work and full attention to the drafting of an updated Memorandum of Agreement between the Philippines and CPSC and for all the assistance in all the concerns and endeavors of the College.

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CPSC, NAVTTC, Empower Gender Inclusivity in the Regional Program Held in Islamabad, Pakistan

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), in collaboration with the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), conducted the Regional Program on Empowering Workforce and Gender Inclusivity: Navigating the TVET Landscape Through Digitalization and Green Practices from July 8 to 12, 2024 at Margala Hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan. The pool of participants consisted of 18 TVET institutes' officials from Bhutan, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

The overall program was implemented by the following Program Supervisors Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, CPSC Director General; Ms. Gulmina Bilal Ahmad, NAVTTC Chairperson; and Mr. Muhammad Aamir Jan, NAVTTC Executive Director, together with Engr. Dr. Mian Khuram Ahsan, CPSC Senior Faculty Specialist; and Dr. Henna Karamat, NAVTTC Director for International Cooperation, who both served as Program Coordinators.

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CPSC, Labtech, CTEVT, Train 19 Nepalese Electrical Trainers in Online ICP on Renewable Energy Systems



The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) together with the Council for Technical Education and Technical Training (CTEVT) and Labtech International Ltd. trained 19 electrical teachers, instructors, trainers, and department heads from various TVET institutes in Nepal through the Online In-Country Program on Training of Trainers on Renewable Energy System Using Virtual TVET conducted from July 1 to 4, 2024 via Zoom platform.

The goal of the program was to provide the participants with a thorough understanding on the principles of renewable and green technology components through the use of interactive 3D models in virtual learning courses. The four-day online training was implemented under the supervision of Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, CPSC Director General; Dr. Steven McKee, President and Founder of Labtech; and Er. Mahesh Bhattarai, CTEVT Member Secretary.

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CPSC, DPCCE-Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia Jointly Conduct Staff Development Program on Leadership and Management for Malaysian TVET Administrators

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) together with the Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE) organized the In-Country Program on Leadership and Management of TVET Institute. A total of 31 Directors from Malaysian polytechnics and community colleges under DPCCE joined the program from July 22 to July 26, 2024 at the Crystal Crown Hotel in Malaysia.

The program was supervised by Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, CPSC Director General; Dr. HJ Mohd Zahari Bin Ismail, DPCCE Director General; and Ts. Zulkurnain bin Shahadan, DPCCE, Director of Competency and Career Enhance Division, with further facilitation by the following Program Coordinators: Engr. Dr. Mian Khuram Ahsan, CPSC Senior Faculty Specialist; Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathan, CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant; and Azmir Bin Md. Dom, DPCCE Deputy Director.

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CPSC, TESDA, Labtech Train 20 Filipino TVET Instructors in Online ICP on Renewable Energy Systems

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) and Labtech International Ltd., together with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) jointly conducted the online In-Country Program on Training of Trainers on Renewable Energy System Using Virtual TVET from July 23 to 26, 2024 via Zoom platform. The program trained 20 Filipino TVET instructors, assistant professors, and specialists across technical education centers in the Philippines.

The goal of the program was to provide an extensive understanding on the principles of renewable and green technology components using digital TVET frameworks and animated 3D models. This was done under the supervision of Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe, CPSC Director General; Dr. Steven McKee, Labtech International Ltd. President; and Sec. Suharto T. Mangudadatu, Ph.D., TESDA Director General.


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CPSC, UMPSA, MOHE- Malaysia, Successfully Conduct ICP on Training Methods for Malaysian TVET Teachers

The In-Country Program on “Training Methodology in TVET and Innovative TVET Teaching Methods” was jointly conducted by the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) and the Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA) with the coordination of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysia. A total of 57 university professors and teachers joined the program held from September 9 to 13, 2024 at UMPSA Pekan Campus in Pahang, Malaysia.

The training program was crafted to introduce TVET Teaching Methodology to instructors and lecturers (of Level 6 and above MQF), and allow the participants to design organizational strategies to improve the quality of teaching. These objectives were fulfilled with the supervision of Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja, CPSC Director General; and Professor Dato’ Ts. Dr. Yuserrie bin Zainuddin DIMP, UMPSA Vice-Chancellor, together with Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathen, CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant; and Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Shahrir Mohd Sani, UMPSA Director, who served as Program Coordinators.

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CPSC Facilitates Benchmarking Visits to TVET Institutions in Malaysia and Singapore for Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco



The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), in collaboration with Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, organized and facilitated the benchmarking visits to TVET institutions in Malaysia and Singapore from August 26 to September 1, 2024. The study visit was designed to provide a comprehensive exchange of best practices among TVET institutions, including the exposure to diploma programs and industry partnerships, which was joined by 15 school administrators and directors from the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

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CPSC Organizes Study Visit for TESDA Women's Center on Best Practices of Politeknik Port Dickson



The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) organized a benchmarking visit for the TESDA Women's Center (TWC) from September 17 to 20, 2024. A delegation of nine (9) TWC officials went to the Politeknik Port Dickson (PPD), a fellow Platinum-level TVET institution accredited by the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC).

This benchmarking program aimed to identify best practices, assess alignment with international standards, facilitate knowledge sharing, strengthen TWC's position as a leading TVET institution, and promote regional collaboration. To attain these objectives, TWC focused on a comprehensive evaluation of PPD's curriculum, teaching and learning methodologies, industry engagement, student support services, faculty development, and quality assurance mechanisms.

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TVET Practitioners and Academicians Participate in CPSC's Webinar on Sustainable Practices and Green Initiatives



Sustainability is fundamental to institutional operations and fulfilling the responsibilities of higher education institutions. With this, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), together with the Malaysia Green Technology Society and UYERVOM, organized a webinar on Implementing Sustainable Practices: Green Initiatives in Higher Education Institutions, held on July 12, 2024. A total of 79 practitioners and academicians from various disciplines attended the webinar via Zoom platform.

The webinar consisted of two lectures from Dr. Chandra Sagar M. Muniandy, Chairman of Malaysia Green Technology Society; and Mr. Raveendran Ramasamy, Principal Lecturer and Career Coach in Politeknik Mersing Johor, while CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathan served as the Moderator.

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APACC Joins TWC Webinar on Gender and Development



The Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) joined the Gender and Development (GAD) International Webinar organized by the TESDA Women's Center (TWC), a Platinum-level APACC institution. The international webinar was conducted on a hybrid setup from September 5 to 6, 2024.

TWC Chief and Association of APACC Accreditees' (AAA) Secretariat Chairperson Ms. Mylene H. Somera delivered her welcome remarks during the opening ceremony. APACC Chairperson Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathen also participated as a keynote speaker on behalf of APACC President Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja.

The webinar focused on the following themes: Changing Women's Lives: The Impact of a Gender-Responsive Philippine TVET in the 21st Century; and Collaboration and Network Building to Foster Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: The Philippine TVET Experience, as anchored to the succeeding sessions.

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APACC Conducts First On-Site Visit at Khugjil Polytechnic College in Khovd, Mongolia



The Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) conducted its first on-site visit to Khugjil Polytechnic College (KPC) in Khovd, Mongolia from September 18 to 20, 2024. KPC submitted its first accreditation to APACC in pursuit of earning a silver-level award.

The highlight of the three-day accreditation focused on the rigorous discussions and validation of evidence for the indicators of the seven APACC criteria on (I) Governance and Management, (II) Teaching and Learning, (III) Human Resources, (IV) Research and Development, (V) Image and Sustainability, (VI) Other Resources, and (VII) Support to Students.

The APACC Accreditation Team was composed of Dr. Godelyn Hisole, Lead Accreditor; Prof. Chuluuntsetseg Dagvadorj, Member Accreditor; and Ms. Julifer Madeja, Documentation Officer. The team was also assisted by Ms. Basbayar Batmunkh, Senior Liaison Officer for Research and Development at the Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation (MNCEA), who served as the coordinator and translator in the evaluation activities.

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CPSC Reaffirms ISO 9001:2015 Certification during its Second Surveillance Audit



The Colombo Plan Staff College successfully passed its second surveillance audit of the Quality Management System, reconfirming the validity of the ISO 9001:2015 certification. The external audit was conducted by the Certification International Philippines (CIP) on July 18, 2024.

The Staff College was audited based on the performance and effectiveness of the QMS, ensuring compliance to ISO 9001:2015 clauses 4. Context of the Organization; 5. Leadership; 6. Planning; 7. Support; 8. Operation; 9. Performance Evaluation; and 10. Continual Improvement. The audit covered the following QMS areas of CPSC: Context of the Organization, Risk and Opportunities, Management Review, Projects and Consultancy Division, Research, Publications, and Information Division, Fiscal Management, Accreditation and Certification Services, Training and Development Division, Internal Audit, and Customer Satisfaction.

The implementation of CPSC's planned actions will be verified at the next audit set in 2025, subject to the renewal of a three-year certification contract between CPSC and CIP.



43rd Internal Quality Audit

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) conducted its 43rd Internal Quality Audit (IQA) successfully from August 13 to 15, 2024 to revisit and evaluate CPSC's compliance to the ISO 9001:2015 standards and Quality Management System (QMS) from January to June 2024 of FY 2023-2024.

The 43rd IQA started on August 13 with a short opening meeting joined by the auditors and auditees, followed by the audit proper and writing of the report which were conducted until August 14. The auditees and auditors were gathered again during the closing meeting on August 15 to present the audit reports and discuss the audit findings.

The IQA was followed with a Quality Management Review (QMR) on August 16, 2024 wherein CPSC Faculty Members and Team Leaders discussed the results of the 43rd IQA and the second surveillance audit, including the status of actions from the QMR Meeting held March 15, 2024.

The meeting also facilitated the reporting on Divisional Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for FY 2023-2024, review of Stakeholders Analysis and CPSC Risk Management Matrix, and presentation of the Divisional Activities for the first half of FY 2024-2025.



Prof. Dr. Dhameja attends Symphony Orchestra by the invitation of Royal Thai Embassy in celebration of Thai-Philippines Diplomatic Relations



The CPSC Director General (DG) Prof. Dr. Suresh K. Dhameja, attended the Symphony Orchestra Concert by the invitation of the Ambassador of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Tull Traisorat. The concert, held on September 16, 2024 at the Metropolitan Theater, Manila, was organized in celebration of the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Thailand and the Philippines. The event was hosted by the Royal Thai Embassy, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the City of Manila and other collaborating institutions and companies in the Philippines.

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CPSC Strengthens Ties with Saudi Arabia on its 94th National Day Celebration

In commemoration of the 94th National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), and the 55th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between KSA and the Republic of the Philippines, CPSC Director General Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja joined the celebrations at Grand Hyatt Manila, Philippines on September 23, 2024.

During the celebration, Prof. Dr. Dhameja was able to engage with key persons H.E. Hisham S.A. Alqahtani, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the Philippines; Hon. Robinhood Padilla, Senator of the Philippines; and other dignitaries.

CPSC plans to conduct a courtesy visit to the Office of the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to strengthen its ties with Saudi Arabia and invite them for CPSC membership in the near future.

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CPSC DG Prof. Dr. Dhameja Joins 75th Anniversary of the Founding of China, Explores Ties with China for Future Collaborations

Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) Director General Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar Dhameja was invited and participated in the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, held on September 26, 2024, at Shangri-La, Taguig City, Philippines.

CPSC has had previous engagements with China like the Regional Program on E-Commerce in 2018, and some conferences attended by former CPSC Director Generals, which were held in China. CPSC also plans to visit the Office of the Ambassador of China to discuss further collaboration opportunities.

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CPSC family hosts a send-off for Senior Faculty Specialist Engr. Dr. Mian Khuram Ahsan



On August 2, 2024, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) hosted a send-off party gathering for Engr. Dr. Mian Khuram Ahsan in completion of his two-year tenure as the Senior Faculty Specialist and as the Chairperson of Projects and Consultancy, ICT and Media Services, and General Services Divisions. Engr. Dr. Mian officially completed his service on August 14, 2024.

During the farewell ceremony, the CPSC staff members shared some words of appreciation for Engr. Dr. Mian.

Afterwards, CPSC Governing Board-Engaged Faculty Consultant Dr. Kesavan Ulaganathen and former CPSC Director General Prof. G.L.D. Wickramasinghe imparted their farewell messages and thanked their fellow for his valuable efforts for CPSC. ICT also prepared a farewell video for Engr. Dr. Mian to highlight his fruitful years of dynamic service and active commitment to the Staff College.

Engr. Dr. Mian received a Plaque of Recognition for his service and some tokens of appreciation from Prof. Wickramasinghe, Dr. Kesavan, and the CPSC local staff members. The former Faculty Specialist expressed his gratitude to the CPSC family for the heartwarming send-off, and for remembering his contributions during his term.

CPSC Welcomes New Local Staff Members (July 2024)



Mr. Paul John Mayo

Mr. Paul John Mayo is currently the new IT Technical and Development Staff of CPSC. He previously worked as an I.T. staff and technical engineer in various companies around Metro Manila wherein he administered troubleshooting and server maintenance, as well as assisted in day-to-day operations. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology at Informatics College Manila in 2016.

Ms. Diana Reyes

Ms. Diana Reyes is currently the Training Assistant of the Staff College. Prior to CPSC, she worked as an assistant teacher in a national high school and a computer teacher in Our Lady of Perpetual Succor College. She graduated from Rizal Technological University with a bachelor's degree in Technical Vocational Teacher Education, majoring in Computer System Servicing in 2022.



What is ESG?



ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)



ESG, known as environmental, social, and governance, is a set of standards used by investors, companies, and other stakeholders to analyze a corporation's performance in the areas of environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and corporate governance. In recent years, **ESG** has emerged as an important framework for analyzing risks and opportunities that go beyond the financial indicators.

The need to promote sustainable business operations and economic resilience has made ESG more popular in the Asia Pacific region. Countries such as Singapore and Australia, which have competitive ESG laws, accomplish this, while other countries are beginning to explore the concept of ESG and responsible corporate practices.



The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to focusing on social issues, which leads firms to consider the communities and employees that they work with. Ultimately, harping on ESG is necessary to combat future economic challenges in Asia Pacific as well as other regions, where every development will need to be equitable to its beneficiaries.

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**Rico Briones**

Participant

Regional Program on Empowering Workforce and Gender

Inclusivity: Navigating the TVET Landscape Through Digitalization

July 8-12, 2024, Pakistan

I found the training session to be extremely valuable. The content was well-organized and presented in a clear and engaging manner. I especially appreciated the hands-on activities that helped reinforce the concepts. Thank you Pakistan Government, CPSC, NAVTTC, TESDA and other agencies for making this event possible. Mabuhay!

**Siaroliza Alih**

Participant

In-Country Program on Leadership and Management
of TVET Institute

July 22-26, 2024, Malaysia

This programme gave a new perspective of being a good leader for my institution and awareness on how important it is for me as a TVET leader to adapt with the changes of the technology environment. This program made me realize I need to change myself first before changing others for the betterment of the TVET institution, especially for Semporna Community Colleges. I am very honored to be here because after joining this program, it became more clear to me on what I should do to help DPCCE in achieving the vision, mission, and goals. Again, thank you CPSC for giving us this opportunity.



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