

TECHNICAL COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES

FY 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

Pursuant to its mandate of providing non-degree, short-term technical training for the Developing and Least Developed Countries, TCCP has implemented the following activities:

I. SEMINAR ON CULTURE, HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT COSERVATION WITH ECO-TOURISM 08 – 12 January 2018, Province of Cebu

A. RATIONALE

Culture and heritage are what create the identity of a people and a nation. This is the reason why we need to preserve and promote culture.

Cultural tourism has also become an important activity that contributes to a nation's economic growth. At the same time, it provides visitors with opportunities to experience various cultures and explore a country's history and its importance in shaping the destiny of a people.

The conduct of this four-day activity will enhance the knowledge and skills of the participants on the environmental, social, cultural and economic aspects of ecological cultural tourism. This will likewise enable them to realize that ecological cultural tourism can provide significant economic benefits.

After the training, the participants will have greater potential to support the development agenda of their countries. Hence, they can make a concrete contribution in the promotion of sustainable ecological cultural tourism as a tool for sustainable development.

B. OBJECTIVES

1. General

To develop/enhance the knowledge, skills and capabilities of the participants on the social, cultural and economic aspects of tourism.

2. Specific

At the end of the training course, the participants was able to:

- i. Discuss the important role of culture and heritage;
- ii. Discuss the important role of environment protection and preservation;
- iii. Explain the deeper meaning of ecological cultural tourism and how it functions;
- iv. Discuss the demand segments and the steps in merchandizing and marketing;
- v. Enumerate and discuss the elements of identification of tourism sites; and
- vi. Identify and discuss the elements of active community participation.

C. PARTICIPANTS

1. DFA Junior Foreign Service Officers (future Consuls and Ambassadors 22)
2. Foreign Diplomats posted in the Philippine (Laos 1, Mexico 1, Myanmar 1, Timor Leste 1)

II. TRAINING ON GENDER AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Cavite and Laguna, Philippines (28 January to 02 Feb. 2018)

A. BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

The training on women and entrepreneurship is the second activity of the Philippines – Thailand Joint Partnership Programme led by the Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines (TCCP) of Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA-TCCP) in cooperation with Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA) as part of south-south cooperation among developing countries.

Many poor women go into entrepreneurship to support their families; low barrier entry and government support facilitate their entry into this arena. Studies show that while many women go into entrepreneurship, reproductive roles make it difficult for them to stay; need for more responsive support programs to sustain them including support from partners through sharing of reproductive responsibilities.

There are existing government programs in almost all countries that support entrepreneurship as a means to address poverty. This is true for the Philippines and Thailand, where the governments implement various programs for different levels of enterprises, beginning with skilling, licensing, product development, financing, marketing including export promotion.

B. OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Objectives for the government implementing partners

- To improve south-south cooperation among participating countries in promoting women's economic empowerment; and
- To contribute to the goals of SDG in promoting women's economic empowerment particularly among poor and marginalized women

Objectives of the training

- To equip participants with basic entrepreneurship skills and enhance their awareness of gender and development concepts.

C. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Participants from Bangladesh (2), Bhutan (6), Cambodia (4), Myanmar (3) who are stakeholders in the development of SME's with background on basic gender and development concepts. The training will focus on raising the awareness of women on basic gender concepts and women's rights as human beings and in the areas of education, government support to social protection, and access to productive resources as entrepreneurs. It will also give premium on skilling women in business development to enable them to start up their own enterprises.

III. STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM ON POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF FARM WOMEN (FOR THAILAND) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DA-ATI, Laguna Province, 23 – 25 March 2018

A. BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

The Exchange Program is an activity under the Philippines – Thailand Joint Partnership Programme.

The Program highlighted the best practices of the Philippines Rural women not only in agriculture but also other livelihood activities.

B. OBJECTIVES

The Program aims to provide a fora where Rural Women from the Philippines and Thailand can have an exchange of their experiences and best practices. Also, through this activity, participants would have a chance to widen their network which will enable them to consult each other and help one another to prosper.

C. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Women involved in the agriculture sector of Thailand (12 Women)

IV. GENDER, ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR DIPLOMATS FROM ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, Laguna Province, 22 – 24 August 2018

A. RATIONALE

For an economy to grow, the community should maximize utilization of its number one resource, the People.

Often times, women are discriminated upon especially in business.

The conduct of this activity will showcase the women who worked against the odds to achieve their dreams and at the same time brought economic growth and potential to their communities.

B. OBJECTIVES

To instill to the participants the importance of women in nation building and economic development.

C. PARTICIPANTS

DFA Junior Foreign Service Officers (future Consuls and Ambassadors 20)
Foreign Diplomats posted in the Philippine (Chile 1, Colombian 1, Mexico 1, Myanmar 1, Papua New Guinea 1, Panama 1, Timor Leste 4)

V. CONTAINMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE INFESTATION, SOLOMON ISLAND, HONIARA, Solomon Islands, 10 – 14 September 2018

1. BACKGROUND

Due to human activity, a type of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, not endemic to the Pacific Islands, destroyed most of Solomon Islands coconut trees.

TCCP, through information from TICA, saw it as urgent to dispatched two (2) experts from the Philippine Coconut Authority, to look into the type of assistance the Philippine can provide and if possible, initiate immediate action to contain the infestation.

2. BENEFICIARIES

Solomon Island

VI. DISPATCH OF TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSORS TO SOLOMON ISLANDS, Honiara, Solomon Islands, 10 – 14 September 2018

1. RATIONALE

The Pacific Islands are the most vulnerable to Climate Change. That is why they need all the assistance they can get to mitigate the effects of Climate Change and help them to adapt to the changing weather patterns.

The need to dispatched a representative from TCCP was deemed necessary to help TCCP understand the situation on the ground and hear directly from the locals their needs.

2. BENEFICIARIES

Honiara, Solomon Islands

VII. PHILIPPINES – CAMBODIA COOPERATION PROGRAM, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 1 – 5 and 22 – 24 October 2018

Activity Title: Music and Art Workshop for Cambodian Youth, Boeng

Mealea, Seam Reap, Cambodia, 1 to 5 October 2018

1. RATIONALE

Cambodian artists and intellectuals were decimated under the brutal Khmer Rouge regime when many were killed or exiled. Thus, many Cambodian's, particularly the victims of persecution and those injured by mine bombs lost their abilities to express emotions, creativity and ideas.

This Music and Art Workshop seeks to rekindle the artistic feelings of the villagers of Boeng Mealea, by teaching them to create things of beauty as well as artisanal works that they can sell to tourists resulting in additional income for them.

2. BENEFICIARIES

Boeng Mealea Village, Siem Reap, Cambodia consisting of 60 youths for music and 60 youths for art.

3. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION

- a. Two TCCP personnel
- b. Artists : Prof. Noell El Farol (School of Design and Arts, College of Saint Benilde-La Salle)

- c. Six College of Saint Benilde - La Salle Arts and Design
Students/Assistants (2 students airfare shouldered by TCCP and 4 students shouldered by sponsors)

Activity Title: Art Workshop for Cambodian for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) , Boeng Mealea, Seam Reap, Cambodia, 1 to 5 October 2018

1. RATIONALE

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This Art Workshop seeks to rekindle the artistic feelings of the villagers of Boeng Mealea, by teaching them to create things of beauty as well as artisanal works that they can sell to tourists resulting in additional income for them.

2. BENEFICIARIES

Boeng Mealea Village, Siem Reap, Cambodia consisting of 25 PWDs

3. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION

Two former winners (artist) of the Metrobank Art Competition.

Activity Title: Dispatch of Training Needs Assessor and Evaluator

1. RATIONALE

Cambodian, being one of the least developed in ASEAN, is in need of technical assistance in various levels. Most rural areas in Cambodia are lagging behind in terms of development.

This activity plans to dispatch experts from the Departments of Agriculture and, Science and Technology with the aim of crafting a viable technology transfer to help the rural area of Boeng Mealea. It is envisioned that the technology and know-how that will be transferred could help the people Boeng Mealea have a decent livelihood.

2. BENEFICIARIES

Community Members in Boeng Mealea Village, Siem Reap, Cambodia

3. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION

- a. 2 TCCP Staff
- b. 2 DOST-ITDI Science Research Specialist
(1 Expert for Food and 1 Expert for Non-Food Technologies)
- c. 1 DA-ATI Supervising Agriculturist

**VIII. ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE
TECHNICAL
COOPERATION PROGRAM**

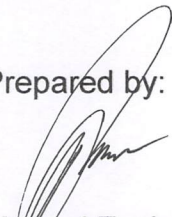
A. 3rd Consultation Meeting on Development Cooperation between Philippines and Thailand, Chiang Mai, 7 – 10 March 2018

- The Third Consultation on Development Cooperation between the Philippines and Thailand discussed the outcome of the second Bilateral and Tri-lateral cooperation program between the Philippines and Thailand
Bilateral
- The Philippines reported on the successful implementation of the Gender and Entrepreneurship held in Laguna and Cavite Provinces on 28 January to 02 February 2018
- Reviewed and Revised the three - year Cooperation Program between the Philippines and Thailand.

B. Participation in the Regional Consultation on South-South Cooperation For Asia and the Pacific Towards the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 40th Anniversary, Thailand 27 – 29 June 2018

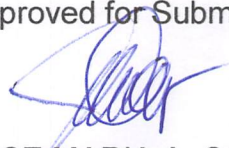
The Activity served as Venue for South-South Cooperation Agencies for the review of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, successes and failures, and how to further make relevant the BAPA in the present and future

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