

# TECHNICAL COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES

## FY 2019 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 PROTECTION WITH ECO-TOURISM**

**29 June – 03 July 2019**

#### **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**

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

#### **C. PARTICIPANTS**

1. DFA Junior Foreign Service Officers (future Consuls and Ambassadors 26)
2. Foreign Diplomats posted in the Philippine (Argentina 1, Cambodia 1, Chile 1, Laos 1, Myanmar 1, Timor Leste 1)

### **II. TRAINING ON FOOD PROCESSING FOR VANUATU Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19 – 22 November 2020**

#### **A. BACKGROUND / RATIONALE**

Its been 6 years that the TCCP has prioritized the Pacific Island nations as its beneficiary due to their vulnerability to Climate Change and their lack of basic technical knowhow in many fields especially in food processing and preservation.

## **B. OBJECTIVES**

To help the Government of Vanuatu to provide its citizens with alternative livelihood by imparting the Philippines' expertise in food processing.

## **C. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE**

Participated in by 22 participants (hands-on) and 20 observers identified and selected by the Government of Vanuatu

## **III. STUDY VISIT AND SEMINAR ON GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING FOR THAILAND, Manila, Quezon and Laguna Provinces, 15 – 18 October 2019**

### **A. BACKGROUND**

As one of the leading countries in promoting Gender and Development, the Philippines was requested by Thailand to share its experiences in promoting GAD and how it incorporates funding for GAD related projects / activities in the national Budget.

### **OBJECTIVES**

To develop stronger relations between Philippines and Thailand and expand their collaboration in the field of Gender Responsive Budgeting implementation processes.

### **B. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE**

4 delegates from the Thailand's Department of Women's Affairs and Family Development and 4 delegates from the Budget Bureau

### **C. METHODOLOGY**

Lectures, Discussions, Presentations and Study Visit to LGUs with successful GAD practices

## **IV. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR JUNIOR DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS FROM CAMBODIA, LAOS, MYANMAR AND THAILAND, 16 – 21 September 2019**

### **A. BACKGROUND**

The Philippines and Thailand are committed to cooperate and extend technical assistance to developing countries especially to the countries of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

During previous consultation meetings, the Philippines and Thailand agreed to co-implement a language program for the junior diplomats of CLM countries.

The Philippines tapped the services of EON Group and the College of Saint Benilde to provide one expert each to be lecturers in the above mentioned activity. The experts tackled the modules on Training on Public Speaking and Workshop on Presentation Skills respectively.

## **B. OBJECTIVES**

To develop stronger relations between Philippines, Thailand and ASEAN by extending technical assistance to CLM countries.

## **C. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE**

Junior Diplomats from Cambodia – 5, Laos – 5, Myanmar – 5 and Thailand 26

## **D. METHODOLOGY**

Lectures, Discussions, Presentations, Write-shop

## **E. ACTIVITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM**

### **A. 4th Consultation Meeting on Development Cooperation between Philippines and Thailand, Laguna Province, May 2019**

- The Fourth Consultation on Development Cooperation between the Philippines and Thailand discussed the outcome of the third Bilateral and Tri-lateral cooperation program between the Philippines and Thailand
- Reviewed and Revised the three - year Cooperation Program between the Philippines and Thailand.
- Reviewed status of proposed and agreed for implementation activities

### **B. Participation in the United Nations' South-South Cooperation on the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, March 2019**

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

### **C. Participation in the Pacific Island Forum Round Table, Suva, Fiji, May 2019**

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### **D. Consultation Meeting between TCCP and the Philippine Embassy in Canberra, June 2019 / Meeting with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia, June 2019 / Meeting with the Vanuatu High Commission, Canberra, Australia, June 2019**

After attending the Round Table held in Fiji, the TCCP Chair-Alternate met, one after the other, with the Philippine Embassy in Canberra, the Australian DFAT and the high Vanuatu High Commission in Canberra, to have a clearer view of the situation in the Pacific and how the

Philippines could be of assistance and explore partnership in implementing programs specially with Australia.

**E. Participation in the Directors-General Forum of ASEAN Countries Development Cooperation, Thailand, 21 – 24 August 2019**

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**F. Dispatch of Expert from the Philippine Coconut Authority to assess and evaluate the infestation of the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in Vanuatu and New Caledonia, September 2019**

An expert from Philcoa was sent to Vanuatu and New Caledonia to meet with relevant government office to discuss their problem with Rhinoceros Beetle and to propose various actions that may be implemented to control the beetle's infestation based on Philippine experiences. Also, Philcoa also presented various products that the Philippines may help them to create using coconut by-products.

**G. Dispatch of training Needs Assessors from DOST-ITDI and College of Saint Benilde, School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management to Lifou, New Caledonia, October 2019**

The activity was implemented to explore possible Technical Cooperation between the Philippines and Lifou, New Caledonia and identify the training needs of Lifou wherein the Philippines has expertise and may offer.

The following are some of the the Philippines offered to Lifou that may be implemented in the spirit of South-South Cooperation:

1. Training on Food Processing and Preservation; and,
2. Training on Tourism Services and Hospitality Management

**H. Meeting between TCCP, PhilCOA and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia, October 2019**

The meeting, held in the Head Office of DFAT, served as venue wherein the Philippines presented a proposal on how the Philippines could help the Pacific Island Nations control the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Infestation. It is proposed that the Philippines will be sending experts and staff to affected countries wherein the Philippines, Australia and the beneficiary countries share in the cost of implementing the endeavor.

**I. Dispatch of training Needs Assessors from the Philippine Commission on Women, DA-PhilRice, DOST-ITDI and the College of Saint Benilde – School of Hospitality and Restaurant Institution Management to Sri Lanka, 30 November to 07 December 2018**

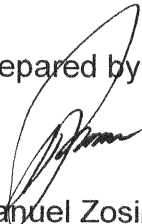
The activity was implemented to explore possible Technical Cooperation between the Philippines and Sri Lanka and identify the

training needs of Sri Lanka wherein the Philippines has expertise and may offer.

The following are some of the activities mutually identified by the Philippines and Sri Lanka that may be implemented in the spirit of South-South Cooperation:

3. Livelihood Training for Filipino Community in Colombo in partnership with DOST;
4. GAD Mainstreaming Training in the Philippines;
5. Training of Trainers (TOTs) on Coconut Processing and programs;
6. Exchange of Experts on Food Processing and Packaging;
7. TOTs on Palay-Check System (Rice)
8. Training on Tourism Services and Hospitality Management

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