**TECHNICA COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

**(as of 30 September 2016)**

**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:**

1. **Seminar on Cultural, Heritage Preservation and Eco-Tourism**
2. **– 16 July 2016, Province of Cebu (TERMINATED)**
3. **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.

1. **OBJECTIVES**
2. General

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

1. Specific

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

* + 1. Discuss the important role of culture and heritage;
    2. Discuss the important role of environment protection and preservation;
    3. Explain the deeper meaning of ecological cultural tourism and how it functions;
    4. Discuss the demand segments and the steps in merchandizing and marketing;
    5. Enumerate and differentiate the two (2) types of local participation;
    6. Enumerate and discuss the elements of identification of tourism sites; and
    7. Identify and discuss the elements of active community participation.

1. Participants
2. DFA Junior Foreign Service Officers (future Consuls and Ambassadors 29)
3. Foreign Diplomats posted in the Philippine (Sri Lanka 1, Timor Leste 1)

**II. TRAINING ON WOMEN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**- A Trilateral Cooperation Program of the Government of the Philippines,**

**Thailand and the Countries of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar**

**Bangkok, Thailand, 22 – 25 August 2016 (TERMINATED)**

1. **Background / Rationale**

The training on women and entrepreneurship is the pilot 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.

The Joint Programme will contribute to the ASEAN goals of a more economically prosperous and competitive ASEAN economic community, particularly to the sectoral concern of the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) to promote women’s economic empowerment, of which all the participating countries are members; ASEAN economic integration will flood the market and increase competition of goods and services from the AMS; hence need for greater adaptability and competitiveness for survival in the bigger market especially among women entrepreneurs.

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.

1. **Objectives of the Joint Partnership Programme**

*Objectives for the government implementing partners (Philippines, Thailand, CLM)*

* To improve south-south cooperation among participating countries in promoting women’s economic empowerment; and
* To contribute to the goals of ASEAN 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.

1. **PARTICIPANTS PROFILE**

Participants are women (from Cambodia 3, Laos 5 and Myanmar 3)who want to go into entrepreneurship; with little or no background in enterprise development and little or no 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.

1. **Training Program on Integrated Organic Agriculture Production**

**cum Agri-Tourism, 17 – 28 October 2016,Province of Laguna and**

**Nueva Ecija, Philippine (ON-GOING)**

1. **RATIONALE**

Food Security is a challenge being faced by most of the developing countries. However, the trend now of the present population is to migrate from rural to urban areas resulting to lesser farmers. This phenomena may be a result of the general perception that agriculture is not a good source of livelihood.

The conduct of this training aims to change the general perception towards agriculture by providing environment friendly agricultural practices that increase the add-on value of farm produce and other activities that supplement agricultural activities which could be tapped to create financial opportunities

After the training, the participants will have greater potential to support their families and communities. Hence, they can make a concrete contribution in the promotion of sustainable agriculture.

1. **OBJECTIVES**

To impart technical knowledge in enriching the soil, addressing plant pests and diseases, growing organic crops, formulation of organic feeds, raising organic poultry and livestock. Also, share the experience and good practice of the farm in terms of the business aspect of organic agriculture combined with agricultural tourism.

1. **TARGET PARTICIPANTS**

Fiji, Marshall Islands, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Samoa, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are invited to nominate at least five candidates to the training.

To be eligible for the course, the nominee must:

1. be a citizen of the nominating country;
2. be at least a college graduate;
3. be of 35 years of age or lower;
4. be fluent in conversational English;
5. be in good health to complete the course (submit Medical Certificate and waiver); and