

# **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TECHNICAL COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES**

## **Introduction**

On September 1, 1992, Executive Order No. 17, signed by then President Fidel Ramos, established the Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines (TCCP) to consolidate under one body in the DFA, the functions of the Technical Assistance Council (TAC), then under ASPAC, and the Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries (IATC-TCDC), then under UNIO. The TCCP thus absorbed the functions of both the TAC and the IATC-TCDC.

TCCP's major task is to formulate and implement a technical cooperation program in line with the Philippine Government's commitment to the United Nations Resolutions on technical and economic cooperation among developing countries (TCDC-ECDC). The Council, whose secretariat is established in the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), assists in strengthening the competitive edge of the Philippines in socio-economic development by offering non-degree training courses in areas where the Philippines has the experience and the expertise and which are relevant to the development efforts of the beneficiary countries including the Philippines.

## **THE TCCP's COOPERATION PROGRAM**

Embodied in the Executive Order that created TCCP are two (2) of its key mandates:

A. Formulate and Implement a technical cooperation program

Through the years, the TCCP has focused its non-degree training courses on programs that would help alleviate the plight of the poor so that the Philippines fulfills its commitment to the UN Millenium Development Goals.

Trainees from the South countries, which include those from Asia-Pacific, Africa and Latin America, and even as far as Europe, have been provided with programs on livelihood, income-generating skills, small and medium enterprise, science and technology transfer, and agricultural management. With a budget allotted by the Department of Budget and Management, TCCP defrays the cost of the participants' expenses within the Philippines consisting of training and materials, meals and accommodation, and in-land transportation.

B. Coordinate related projects and activities

Non-degree training courses being organized by other national or local government and non-government agencies for the benefit of countries in the South notably by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under its Third Country Training Program (TCTP), are being coordinated and administered by the TCCP.

On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), TCCP conveys via diplomatic channels, invitations and acceptances of the nominees of the invited foreign governments. It also sits in the Selection Committee, which screens the nominees endorsed by their governments.

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