

12 February 2010 - The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) ranked fifth among 177 government agencies last year for meeting the integrity standards set by the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission-Office of the President (PAGC).

The PAGC awarded the DFA a Certificate of Recognition last February 9 for its high ranking in terms of compliance to the requirements of the Integrity Development Action Plan (IDAP) for 2009.

"The DFA is committed to developing and nurturing a culture of integrity among its officers and personnel to better serve and give the public what they deserve," DFA Secretary Alberto G. Romulo said.

He added that the DFA is working closely with PAGC in implementing one of the major thrusts of the current administration to improve moral standards in government through the formulation and adoption of programs that will enhance transparency and accountability in its systems and processes

The DFA improved its ranking from sixth last year. Topping the list is the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Health.

The DFA received the Certificate at the Land Bank of the Philippines Head Office in Manila on the occasion of the *First IDAP/MRAP Follow-up Meeting for the Year 2010*.

IDAP is a national anti-corruption framework of the executive department which is focused on systems reforms to minimize the opportunities for graft and corruption. It was crafted in 2004 and is being implemented in 186 agencies/offices nationwide.

The IDAP ranks government agencies in terms of a number of measures including prevention, education, deterrence, and strategic partnership. END