

January 23, 2008

# MEDIA ADVISORY

Media outfits are invited to send their reporters and news crew to the event at the date, time and venue stated below.

- WHAT : **International Forum on Skills Development for Poverty Alleviation**
- WHEN : January 25, 2007 (Friday)
- TIME : 9:00 A. M.
- WHERE : Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
- PRESENTORS : **Hon. Jesli Lapus, Education Secretary,  
Mr Rajat Nag, Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank (ADB),  
Dr. Efison Munjanganja, Head of UNESCO UNEVOC International Centre,  
local and international speakers from other developing partners and institutions**

Representatives from 20 countries will convene to discuss the best practices in poverty mitigation.

Spearheaded by Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education (CPSC), the forum is in collaboration with the Department of Education, Government of the Philippines and with the cooperation of the UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre in Bonn, Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Training Foundation, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), ILO Sub-Regional Centre, Southeast Asian Minister Organization (SEAMEO), and other development partners and institutions.

The forum will give the impetus for rethinking ways to develop and come up with strategies that can take advantage of the cooperation and synergy of organizations with common goals.

**Please see attached file of the program of the event**

Photo opportunities available. For more information about the event, please call Ms. Rhea Maningo or Ms. Marj Magno, at 631-6033 or 632-1361 loc 2126 or Ms. Ken Barrientos of Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education at 631-0991. Thank you.

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**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION**  
**January 25-26, 2008**

**PROVISIONAL DRAFT Program**  
**(as on 16 January 2008)**

Time	Day 1 - 25 January 2008 (Friday)
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:45	<p align="center"><b><u>Inaugural Ceremonies</u></b></p> <p align="center">Opening Remarks  <b>Dr Shyamal Majumdar</b>  <i>CPSC Director General</i></p> <p align="center">Special Remarks  <b>Dr. Leonard Efison Munjanganja</b>  <i>Head of UNEVOC Networks, UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre</i></p> <p align="center">Keynote Address  <b>Hon. Jesli A. Lapus</b>  <i>Secretary of Education, Republic of the Philippines</i></p> <p align="center">Inaugural Speaker  <b>Mr. Rajat Nag</b>  <i>Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank</i></p>
10:45 – 11:15	Tea Break
11:15-12:30	<p><b><u>SESSION 1: Global and Regional Perspective in Addressing Poverty through Skills Development</u></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Chiranjib Kumar Basu</b>, Director Emeritus, CPSC  <b>TVET and Skills Development for Poverty Alleviation</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Shiladitya Chatterjee</b> - Head, Poverty Unit, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), Asian Development Bank  <b>Linkage between Growth and Employment: Poverty Perspective</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Leonard Efison Munjanganja</b> - Head of UNEVOC Networks, UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre  <b>Facilitating the Acquisition of Life Skills for Employability with Reference to Technical and Vocational Education and Training: Some UNESCO-UNEVOC Practices</b></p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch hosted by CPSC
13:30 – 15:30	<p><b><u>SESSION 2: Skills Development for Employability</u></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Malcolm Hazelman</b>, Senior Extension, Education and Communications Officer</p>

	<p>FAO-UN Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific <b>Rural Youth Employment</b></p> <p><b>Peter Greenwood</b> – Head of Operations Department, European Training Foundation <b>TVET and Entrepreneurship Skills for Poverty Alleviation</b></p> <p><b>Prof. S.J. Choi</b> - Dean, HRDI, Korea University of Technology Education, Gov.t of Korea <b>Education and Training for capacity development of teachers (Case studies of HRDI)</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Harry Stolte</b> – Head of Division, Modern Media and Development of Vocational Training Curricula, Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung gGmbH Capacity Building International (InWent) Germany <b>Modular Employment Oriented Curriculum Development</b></p>
15:30-16:00	Tea Break
16:00- 18:00	<p><b><u>SESSION 3: Life-Long Skills for Employability</u></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Juoko Sarvi</b> - Principal Education Specialist, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), Asian Development Bank <b>Focus and Priorities for Supporting Skills Development in the Asia &amp; Pacific Region: Recommendations from ADB’s Strategic Education Sector Study</b></p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Numyoot Songthanapitak</b> - President, Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi of Thailand <b>Opportunity for Life-Long Learning: Alternative for Enhancing Employment</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Lee</b> – Dean, University-Industry Cooperation Foundation, KUT <b>Experiences of Re-training engineers (Case studies of KUT-Samsung advanced technology education center)</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Mohamad Abu Bakar</b> - Director, SEAMEO Regional Center for Vocational and Technical Education and Training (VocTech) <b>Vocational and Technical Skills Development: An Initiative for Poverty Alleviation</b></p>
18:45 – 20:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome Dinner and Cultural Programme Hosted by HE Muhammad Abul Quashem Chairman of the CPSC Governing Board and Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Philippines</b></p>

Time	Day 2 - 26 January 2008 (Saturday)
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	<p><b><u>SESSION 4: Poverty Alleviation Initiatives from Development Partners</u></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Erlinda Pefianco</b>, Director, SEAMEO Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (INNOTECH) <i>Title to be confirmed</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Junko Nakayama</b> – ILO Sub-Regional Office for South-East Asia and the Pacific <b>TBC</b></p>
10:00-10:30	Tea Break
10:30-12:30	<p><b><u>SESSION 5 ICT and Entrepreneurship Skills in Alleviating Poverty</u></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Alexander Flor</b> - Dean and Professor, Faculty of Information and Communications Studies, University of the Philippines Open University <b>Localized ICT Competencies in a Global, Educational and Knowledge Environment</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Alejandro P. Melchor III</b> - Governmental Programs Executive, IBM Philippines, Inc. <b>Transforming the ICT Skills Pipeline to Capture Workflow in the Era of Global Integration</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Eduardo Ong</b> – Board Member, TESDA and Vice President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry <b>Entrepreneurship: Key to Poverty Alleviation</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Nehema Misola</b> - Consultant, UNESCO UNEVOC Philippines <b>Life Skills for Poverty Alleviation: An Ex-rebels' Case</b></p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 –15:30	<b><u>SESSION 6 – Case Presentation by Representatives of Member Countries from Asia and the Pacific Region</u></b>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea Break
15:45 – 16:30	<p><b><u>PANEL DISCUSSION: Synthesis, Recommendation and Declaration</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b> Representatives from Various Organizations</p>
16:30-17:30	<p><b><u>CLOSING Program</u></b></p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Dr Shyamal Majumdar</b> <i>CPSC Director General</i></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker</b> <b>Hon. Sec. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco, Jr.</b> <i>Director General, Philippine Technical Education and Skill Development Authority</i> <i>Represented by Dr. Roger Peyuan</i> <i>Deputy Director General, TESDA</i></p>

