

SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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2024 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**I. Project Information****Project Code:** HEIES**Project Title:** Study Mission from the Philippines to the Republic of China on the Theme: Circular Economy, Resource Recycling and Waste Management**Project Start:** 24 September 2024**Project End:** 28 October 2024**Project Price:** PHP 250,000.00**Client Organization:** Asian Productivity Organization, China Productivity Center**II. Project Team****Project Manager:** Jose Karlo L. Asturias**Team Members:** Marites D. Solomon, Ray Alexis G. Ubaldo, Noel V. Pelle**Supervising Fellow:** Dorothea C. Boy-Navarro**Consultants/Resource Persons:** N/A**III. Project Details**

Project Description: The China Productivity Center (CPC) through the Promoting Environmental Protection Cooperation between the Philippines and Taiwan, under the Taiwan Ministry of Environment (MOE) organized a Study Mission from the Philippines to Taiwan (ROC) on the theme, Circular Economy, Resource Recycling and Waste Management for Sept 24 to 28, 2024.

The Study Mission is an offshoot of three Study Missions that the DAP has collaborated with the CPC (2 in 2023 and 1 in 2024) on the same themes, albeit separately. This time, CPC collaborated with the Taiwan MOE towards more successful cooperation and exchanges to promote deeper exchanges on environmental issues and industrial connections between the two countries.

Part of the Study Mission is the conduct of a Forum on Environmental Protection and Cooperation, on Sept 25, inviting local experts, practitioners and policy makers to expound on topics as environmental regulations and policies, recycling, disposal system and EPR mechanisms, E-Waste Management, Plastic Waste and the Challenges and Issues of a Circular Economy. This will likewise be broadcasted live via online WEBEX. Four site visits will be conducted in industrial facilities showcasing the latest technology around the Study Mission Themes.

The DAP was tapped to facilitate the identification, invitation and travel to Taiwan of 12 Philippine delegates while also a delegate and an RP to the forum.

Project Objective: Successful knowledge and technology exchange between Philippine and Taiwanese delegates in the fields of Circular Economy, Recycling and Waste Management.

Philippine delegates are equipped with fresh knowledge, technology and insights for towards more effective and nature-based environmental protection and waste management

Focus Area: Productivity-driven development**Project Type:** Technical Assistance**Project Beneficiary:** Government Agencies and LGUs**Regional Coverage:** Asia Pacific

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Key Activities Implemented: Shortlisting of agencies, private organizations, and/or private individuals to be invited as part of the 12-member Philippine delegation; Identification of resource persons and provide guidance on the content to be included, in-line with the appropriate topics identified by the CPC team for the Environmental Protection and Cooperation Forum; Coordination and facilitation of the delegates and CPC for pre-travel preparations

Major Outputs: Shortlist of Philippine delegation, successful handover of PH delegation to Taiwan, coordination with delegates and CPC for pre-travel preparations.

Project Impact: Key opportunities for collaboration between the Philippines and Taiwan have been identified. DAP and CPC have further strengthened interest to collaborate in research, technological cooperation, and further knowledge exchange. Further APO-DAP-CPC projects are to be expected in 2025. The counterpart project manager from CPC rated the DAP services with a score of 5/5.

Lessons Learned: In further implementations, the following recommendations can be made: An internal guidance document for handling of study missions to Taiwan and a general advisory on handling diplomatic relations with Taiwanese counterparts should be created to fully brief the need-to-know staff and delegates on the do's and don'ts during the project implementation. This recommendation may be done in succeeding implementations by the project team using the classified memo advisory from the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs Office as guidance-- to be furnished to project team and delegates in accordance with existing regulations on security and handling of confidential documents.

Additionally, the project would benefit from an increase in Plantilla staff complement by the Academy, to ensure smooth implementation of the project, and to be able to address immediate needs that may arise during the implementation of the project that may require more warm bodies. This is especially relevant in order to run multiple process in parallel, such as the parallel processing of Letters of Invitation through the Office of the President, and the scoping out of relevant contacts and internal processes of government agencies. Additionally, an additional advisory to LGU staff participating may be issued, providing learnings from this study mission in relation to processes related to obtaining authorization for travel from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Foreign Affairs. This advisory may assist LGU delegates in speeding up the processing of their travel documents.

If possible, the study mission may be scheduled during time periods in the year where typhoon activity is low—this avoids potential issues with the declaration of state of calamities, which may require government personnel to be stationed in their LGUs, and require additional authorization from DILG and DFA, as stated previously.

V. Attachments

- Certificate of Project Closure

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Notes:

1. Project details on Section I-III can be generated thru PMIS based on PMs Inputs.
2. Project Managers are required to accomplish Section IV & provide Section V to reflect results of project implementation
3. Project Managers can update/adjust the pre-filled sections(I-III) based on actual data