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**2005 Annual Report and the Way forward
Council for Legal and Judicial Reform**

In 2005 the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform, supported by the Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) and the Project Management Unit (PMU) has made the following progresses:

I. Work carried out in 2005

1. Strengthening management and executive capacity
 - Signed a cooperation agreement for 2005 between the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and the Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) with regards to strengthening the management and the executive capacity for Legal and Judicial Reform;
 - Amended the composition of the Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB);
 - Organized internal meeting with officials of the Project Management Unit to strengthen the work discipline and discuss the way for improving work performance;
 - English language and project management skill trainings provided to officials of the Project Management Unit;
 - Studied and prepared business plan and work plan for the Project Management Unit;
 - Studied and prepared the project catalogue and project profile for development partners involved in Legal and Judicial Reform;
 - Prepared draft Justice Sector Manual for management, monitoring, planning with the purpose of accelerating the pace of implementing Legal and Judicial Reform.
2. Dissemination of action plan for implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy
 - Discussed with relevant ministries and institutions to understand the challenges in implementing day-to-day work and proposed resolutions for integrating into the plan of action for implementing the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy;
 - Prepared the plan of action for implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy to submit to the Council of Ministers for adoption at the plenary session meeting on 29 April 2005;
 - Disseminated the plan of action for implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy to:
 - o Implementing ministries and institutions on 18 July 2005;
 - o Civil society organizations on 21 July 2005;
 - o Donors on 10 August 2005;

- Sent copies of Legal and Judicial Reform action plan to government ministries and institutions;
 - Attended the roundtable discussion about the reform and anticipation of justice sector in Cambodia under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Sok An;
 - Worked with the Council for Administrative Reform (CAR) to integrate the Legal and Judicial Reform action plan and programs into the Governance Action Plan II (2005-2008) and worked with the Ministry of Planning to integrate LJR action plan and programs in the National Strategic Development Plan (2006-2010).
3. Implement and Monitor the implementation of Legal and Judicial Reform programs
- Visited the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Justice to understand the implementation of Legal and Judicial Reform programs within those ministries;
 - Regular meetings with the Legal and Judicial Reform Technical Working Group (TWG) to monitor the progress of the Legal and Judicial Reform indicators;
 - Worked with East-West Management Institute (EWMI) to organize workshop on code of ethics for judges and prosecutors and prepared the legal aid survey in Cambodia;
 - Worked with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to study the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism and prepared *Moving Toward Equal Access to Justice* project in Cambodia;
4. Other Activities
- Participated in the review of the draft anti-corruption law as was prepared by the Ministry of National Assembly and Senate Relation and Inspection (MONASRI);
 - Participated in a workshop on cooperation between the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior (inter-agency workshop);
 - Participated in a working group to discuss the topic on access to information law;
 - Prepared answer for the Deputy Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) on Legal and Judicial Reform for the purpose of integrating Legal and Judicial Reform in to the document on the status and progress of each sector of state reform;
 - Participated in a meeting with the Royal Academy for Judicial Professions (RAJP) to discuss and consider the development of International Relation Institute;
 - Met with the management of the Royal School of Administration to understand the Information Technology (IT) and Communications training project;
 - Invited UNICODE Commission to provide presentation on the use of Khmer Unicode in computer and participated in the review of draft sub-decree (anoukret) on the official use of Khmer Unicode in the computer;

- Participated in a weekly meeting with the working group to amend the labor law with the arbitration council;
- Participated in two international seminars on the draft anti-corruption law at Panasastra University;
- Participated in two consultation workshops on the development of the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) under the chairmanship of His Excellency Chhay Than at the Inter-continental hotel;
- Participated in a meeting with the French Embassy and the Ministry of Justice under the chairmanship of His Excellency Hy Sophea on technical terms in the Penal Procedure Code and the Law on Organization and Functioning of the Court;
- Participated in a workshop on procedure for hearing criminal cases at Sunway Hotel;
- Met with the Ministry of Justice to understand the enforcement of “iron fist” strategy in the judiciary and judicial project at local level;
- Participated in meetings at the Council of Jurists to discuss the draft Penal Procedure Code;
- Participated in other ministerial meetings;
- Participated in a meeting together with other the Technical Working Groups at the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) to discuss about the State Reform under the chairmanship of His Excellency Keat Chhon;
- Participated in meetings on the preparation of the Governance Action Plan II (GAPII) under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers;
- Met with AusAID representatives to discuss about the Logical Framework Approach;
- Met with UNDP representatives to understand the draft anti-corruption law under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sam Sok Phal;
- Met with French delegates led by Mr. Patrice Davost, Justice Service Director, Ministry of Justice, France;
- Met with the delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark, led by Ms. Darriann Riber to understand and exchange experience on cooperation between the Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform (CLJR) and the Danish Institute for Human Right (DIHR);
- Met with the IMF delegate to discuss and understand about the progress of Legal and Judicial Reform;
- Met with the British Ambassador to inform him about the Legal and Judicial Reform programs;
- Met with the World Vision Delegate to inform them about the Legal and Judicial Reform programs;
- Participated in a workshop at the Cambodiana Hotel on the program for action in Asia-Pacific Region organized by UNDP;

5. Conclusion

In 2005 the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform, with the Permanent Coordinating Body acting as facilitation and coordination body and the Project Management Unit acting as executive body, has actively performed the duties in achieving good results with regards to implementation of legal and judicial program namely the plan of action for implementing the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy has been prepared and submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval and the action plan has been disseminated to relevant ministries, civil society organizations and donor community in order to gradually achieve the goal the reform program.

II. Way forward for 2006

1. Completion of 2005 work
 - preparation of project profile;
 - o preparation of document in Khmer and arranging the translation of the document into English;
 - o invitation to implementing ministries and institutions to meeting in order to validate those documents;
 - o making request to the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform to consider and decide on the dissemination;
 - o invitation to the donor community and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to a LJR dissemination workshop;
 - strengthening of executive and management capacity
 - o SWOT Analysis (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) of the Project Management Unit;
 - o Institutional restructuring;
 - o Strengthening the training skill;
 - o provision of additional equipment and office supplies;
 - o finalization of the business plan and work plan preparation;
 - o preparation for the development of documentation center;
 - Development of the Justice Sector Planning Manual:
 - o finalization of the draft and seeking approval;
 - o publication and training;
 - Development of the Indicator Monitoring System for monitoring the progress of Legal and Judicial Reform;
 - o draft document;
 - o arrange meeting to decide the draft document;
 - Communications:
 - o preparation of bulletins;
 - o upgrade website
2. Implementation of new projects
 - strengthening the capacity of officials and implementing agencies;
 - preparation of the medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) for Legal and Judicial Reform;
 - implementation of survey on legal aid in cooperation with the East West Management Institute (EWMI);
 - implementation of the project Moving Toward Equal Access to Justice in Cambodia in cooperation with UNDP;
 - implementation of projects on court administration and model court in cooperation with the Danish Institute for Human Right (DIHR);

- finalization of the code of ethics for judges and prosecutors in cooperation with the East-West Management Institute (EWMI);
- communications and development of other projects in cooperation with other development partners;
- monitoring the implementation of existing projects;

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