

Council Legal and Judicial Reform

Project Management Unit (PMU)

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Report
on
Activity Performance
from January to August 2005
of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform
and
the ways forward

In this nine month of 2005, the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform (CLJR) through its Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) as a daily coordinator and Project Management Unit (PMU) as an operator, accountably performed its works according to the identified missions and achieved a number of results as the followings:

1) Previous Activity

a) Reform activities

i) Administration

- Internal meeting of the Project Management Unit for disciplinary strengthening and developing of project catalogue,
- Prepare documents for Governance Action Plan (GAP II) for the Supreme Council of State Reform,
- Review plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy and other relevant documents for the Council of Ministers meeting,
- Organize meeting of the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on lacking of judgment room and means of transportation of accused persons,
- Organize meeting of the Council for Legal and Judicial reform to take immediate action against corruption and case overloaded in the court,
- Mission to study the current situation of Phnom Penh court for additional judgment room and room for documentation,
- Meeting to review the performance of previous performance of first semester and plan for second semester,
- Organize seminar on dissemination of plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy in Inter-continental hotel for relevant implementing ministries/institutions on 18 July 2005,
- Meeting with civil society to disseminate plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy on 21 July 2005,

- Meeting with donor community chaired by H.E Sum Manit to present plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy on 10 August 2005,
- Sending plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy to relevant ministries/institutions,
- Participate in the round table meeting of Cambodian journalist club on legal and judicial reform chaired by H.E Sok An Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers,
- Participate in the meeting of Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform chaired by H.E Sam Sokphal,
- Participate in the meeting of the Council of Jurists to discuss the draft of criminal procedure code,
- Internal meeting to promote the well-processes of the Project Management Unit and discuss the project catalogue, format of work plan on 16 August 2005

ii) Relationship with other relevant institutions

- Participate in the review of draft law on anti-corruption, prepared by the Ministry of National Assembly and Senate Relation and Inspection,
- Participate in the seminar on relationship between the Ministry of Justice and Interior,
- Participate in the discussion of Working Group on access to information,
- Respond to questions of the Council of Development of Cambodia on the integrating of legal and judicial reform into the document on situation and progress of each state reform program,
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meetings
- Participate in the meeting with Royal Academy of Cambodia to study on the possibility to establish an International Relation Institute,
- Participate in the meeting of senior officers of the Royal School of Administration to study the training course on IT and communication,
- Invite Khmer Unicode Committee to present the Khmer Unicode usage and to assist in the drafting of sub-decree on official usage of the Khmer Unicode,
- Participate in the weekly meeting of working group to review the Labor Law with Arbitration Council,
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meetings on the participation in the international seminar on Anti-corruption in Pannasastra University on 14-15 July 2005,
- Participate in the consultative meeting on National Strategic Development Plan at the Inter-Continental hotel on 27-28 July 2005,
- Meeting with the French Embassy and Ministry of Justice officials to discuss the technical terms of criminal procedure code and the draft law on the organization of court in Cambodia, chaired by H.E Hy Sophea,
- Meeting with Ausaid to discuss the logical framework Approach,
- Meeting with UNDP to discuss the anti-corruption,
- Meeting with Mr. Patrice Davost, Chief of justice services of the Ministry of Justice of France,
- Participate in the seminar on criminal procedures at Sunway hotel,
- Meeting with the Ministry of Justice to discuss the “strategy of Strong Arm” in justice sector and the project of local justice,
- Meeting with Ms. Darriann Ribre, delegation from Denmark to study the experiences of cooperation between the Permanent Coordinating Body of the

Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and the Danish Institute for Human Rights,

- Participate in the meeting of the Council of Jurists on the draft of criminal procedure code,
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meeting on criminal procedure code,
- Participate in the Technical Working group meeting in CDC on state reform chaired by H.E Kiet Chhon on 15 August 2005,
- Participate in the meeting on Governance Action Plan II (GAP II) chaired by H.E Sok An, deputy prime minister and minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers,

iii) International Cooperation

- Mission to study the court administration with the delegation of DIHR in the Ministry of Justice, the Appeal court and the Supreme Court,
- Meeting with UNDP to discuss the anti-corruption and the draft law on anti-corruption,
- Sign the MOU of cooperation between the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and DIHR for 2005,
- Review the report of UNDP on Alternative Dispute Resolutions,
- Meeting IMF to discuss the progress of the legal and judicial reform,
- Meeting with UK Embassy and World Vision delegations to discuss the legal and judicial reform,
- Invite CCJAP expert to providing a training on monitoring and evaluation,
- Participate in the seminar on program for justice in Asia Pacific prepared by UNDP in Cambodiana hotel,
- Meeting with EWMI to discuss the project to conduct baseline survey on legal aid in Cambodia.

2) Conclusion

In this nine month of 2005, the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform (CLJR) through its Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) as a daily coordinator and Project Management Unit (PMU) as an operator, actively performed their tasks and achieved good results for the reform. The Project Management unit finalized the plan of action for implementing legal and judicial reform to submit to the Council of Ministers for review and approval; disseminated that Plan of Action to relevant ministries/institutions, civil society organizations and donor community; and planned to implement priority actions in the plan of action.

3) Next plan

- a) Finalize the project catalogue and Plan of Action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy,
- b) Organize the seminar on the dissemination of Plan of Action for implementing legal and judicial reform strategy in provinces/municipalities,
- c) Contact relevant ministries/institutions in the justice sector,
- d) Continue to contact donor communities seeking more supports for implementing the Plan of Action.

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