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3rd Quarterly Report
on
Activity Performance in 2005
of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform
and the ways forward

In this 3rd quarter 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 Activities

a) *Reform activities*

- Meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform in the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Publish the ***Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*** for dissemination
- Internal meeting to promote and strengthen the well-functioning of the Project Team and introduce the review project profile
- Dissemination seminar on ***Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*** in Cambodiana hotel for relevant ministries/institutions
- Dissemination seminar on ***Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*** for civil society
- Meeting with the ministry of justice to study the “Strategy of Strong Arm” in justice sector and project of local justice
- Internal meeting to review project profile based on output
- Meeting with donor community to present the ***Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*** chaired by H.E Sum Manit
- Training on project expenditure evaluation
- Meeting with Ms. Darriann Riber, delegation of Denmark to study the experiences of cooperation between the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and DIHR
- Meeting with EWMI to discuss the project to conduct baseline survey on legal aid in Cambodia
- Sending ***Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*** to relevant ministries/institutions

- Roundtable meeting on reform and perspective of justice system in Cambodia in Sunway hotel 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 the Council of Jurists to discuss on criminal procedure code
- Participate in the meeting of Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 5 August 2005
- Continue to participate in the meeting of the Council of Jurists to discuss the criminal procedure code
- Internal meeting to promote and strengthen the well-functioning of project Team and discussion on the project catalogue and format of work plan on 16 August 2005

b) *Relationship between relevant ministries/institutions*

- Participate in the review of the draft law on anti-corruption, prepared by the Ministry of National Assembly and Senate Relation and Inspection
- Participate in the seminar on relationship between Ministries of Justice and Interior
- Participate in the discussion of the Working Group on access to information
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meetings
- Meeting with the French Embassy and the Ministry of Justice to discuss the technical terms of criminal procedure code and the draft law on the organization of courts in Cambodia, chaired by H.E Hy Sophea
- Participate in the consultative meeting on National Strategic development plan on 27-28 July 2005
- Meeting with the Council of Jurists to discuss the criminal procedure code
- Meeting with Ausaid representative to discuss the logical framework approach
- Meeting with UNDP to discuss the draft law on anti-corruption
- Meeting with Mr. Patrice Davost chief of justice service of ministry of justice of France
- Meeting with Ausaid to discuss the strategic analysis
- Meeting with the Council of Jurists to discuss the criminal procedure code
- Participate in the seminar on criminal procedure in Sunway hotel
- Roundtable meeting on the reform and the perspective of the justice system in Cambodia in Sunway hotel chaired by H.E Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meeting to discuss the criminal procedure code
- Participate in the meeting of technical working group in CDC, on 15 August 2005, to discuss the state reform
- Continue to participate in the inter-ministerial meeting, on 21 August 2005, to discuss the criminal procedure code
- Participate in the meeting with civil society, on 22 August 2005, on access to information

c) *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 draft law on anti-corruption
- Sign the MOU of cooperation between Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and DIHR for 2005
- Review report of UNDP on Alternative Dispute Resolutions
- Meeting with Danish Ambassador to discuss the program to study the justice system in Cambodia
- Participate in the seminar on justice program in Asia Pacific in Cambodiana hotel prepared by UNDP

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 functions and achieved good results for the reform. The Project Management Unit finalized the Plan of Action for implementing Legal and Judicial Reform to be submitted to the Council of Ministers for review and approval and planned to implement the priority actions in the Plan of Action.

3) *Next Plan*

- a) Finalize project catalogue and work plan of the whole projects
- b) Organize seminar on *Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*
- c) Seek more support for short term priority actions which is yet to be implemented
- d) Monitor the implementation of the ongoing projects
- e) Study the technical working group for legal and judicial reform between the Government and donors on technical and financial cooperation to be in line with the Joint Indicator and Monitoring identified in the consultative meeting on 6 -7 December 2004
- f) Best efforts were exercised to implement the *Plan of Action for Implementing Legal and Judicial Reform strategy*
- g) Continue to strengthen the capacity of the Project Management Unit of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform for better implementation of the identified Plan of Action

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