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Council Legal and Judicial Reform

Project Management Unit (PMU)
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First Semester Report
of the performance activity
of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform in 2008
And way forward

From January to June in 2008, the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform (CLJR) through its Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) as its 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. Legal and Judicial Reform activities

a) Administration

- Sending invitations for the meeting of Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 11 January 2008,
- Assigning 3 officers to participate in the training program for young leaders for Asian countries for fiscal year 2007 which will be held from 25 February to 13 March 2008 in Japan,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 18 January 2008,
- Sending a request for comments on the draft law on Statute of Judges and Prosecutors of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- Sending a request for visas to participate in the training program for young leaders for Asian countries for fiscal year 2007 in Japan, for officers of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on 20 February 2008,
- Sending out the report of first and second meeting of the Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform,
- Sending out relevant documents of the meeting of Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on 20 February 2008,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of the Technical Working Group of Model Court in Cambodia project, held on 28 February 2008 in Sunway hotel,

- Sending invitations for the meeting of the TWG/LJR Sub-Group IV on 27 February 2008,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 25 February 2008,
- Sending the list of the civil and criminal court decisions for first and second quarters of 2007 of the Supreme Court for compilation,
- Sending invitations for the seminar on information sharing on Legal and Judicial Reform with implementing agencies and civil society in provinces to study and find out the best methodology for implementing the Legal and Judicial Reform on 26 March 2008 in Sunway hotel,
- Assigning Mr. Chhong Huot to participate in the training on financial management and cooperation in Manila, the Philippines,
- Sending a request for organizing series of seminars on information sharing on Legal and Judicial Reform with implementing agencies and civil society in Kampong Thom province on 10 April 2008, in Siem Reap province on 22 April 2008, in Battambang province on 30 April 2008, and in Preah Sihanouk municipality on 8 May 2008,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform (TWG/LJR) on 7 April 2008,
- Sending the report of the mid-term mandate of legislation of the government 2008 on implementation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2006-2010 to the Ministry of Planning,
- Sending invitations for the meeting for the approval of the draft analysis on standard criteria and questionnaires related to the Model Court project on 29 April 2008 in Inter-Continental hotel,
- Sending out the minute of meeting of the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on 12 May 2008,
- Sending out the minute of the meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 26 May 2008,
- Sending a letter to CCJAPIII, regarding the completion of the development of the website of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on 27 May 2008,
- Sending a letter requesting permission from the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers to sign the MOU between the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and GTZ ' Administration Reform and Decentralization Program,
- Sending a letter on the appointment of two officers working in the Secretariat of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform with regard to getting their merit based performance indicator to the General Secretary of the committee for rehabilitation and development of Cambodia on 29 May 2008,
- Sending the minute of the meeting of the Model Court Project on 29 May 2008,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform, held on 11 June 2008,
- Sending a request for discussion on the Model Court project on 10 June 2008 in (first instance) court of Phnom Penh, and on 8 July 2008 in (first instance) court of Kampong Cham province,

- Sending invitations for the signing ceremony of MOU between the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and GTZ ' Administration Reform and Decentralization Program,
- Sending out a report of the meeting of the Technical Working Group of the model court project on the approval of the draft standard and criteria for the model court in Cambodia,
- Sending out the information of the Legal and Judicial Reform for the draft of mid-term report of the legislative mandate of the government 2008 to the Senior Minister of the Ministry of Planning,
- Sending invitations for the information dissemination seminar on human rights training database, held on 17 June 2008 in Phnom Penh hotel,
- Sending invitations for the meeting of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform, held on 25 June 2008,

b) Reform Activities

- Meeting of Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 11 January 2008,
- Meeting of Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 18 January 2008,
- Meeting with the Ministries of Justice and Interior to discuss and introduce the Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform,
- Participate in the meeting of the Project Council of CCJAPII in Himawari on 16 January 2008,
- Meeting of Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform on 20 February 2008,
- Meeting with international experts to discuss the Model Court project on 26 February 2008,
- Meeting of Technical Working Group of Model Court Project to finalize the draft analysis on the standard criteria and questionnaires related to the model court in Cambodia on 28 February 2008 in Sunway hotel,
- Meeting of the TWG/LJR Sub-Group IV on 27 February 2008,
- Meeting of the technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 25 February 2008ebruary 2008,
- Conduct the trainings on planning and project management on 12-13 February 2008 and 19-20 February 2008 in the Ministry of Justice,
- Meeting of the Working Group of CCJAPIII to discuss and study the coordination and data collection mechanism,
- Participate in the meeting to review the draft plan 2008-2009 of CCJAPIII,
- Organize a seminar on information sharing on Legal and Judicial Reform with implementing agencies and civil society in provinces to study and find out the best methodology for implementing Legal and Judicial Reform on 26 March 2008 in Sunway hotel,
- Meeting with the EU experts to discuss the possibility of the EU to support the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy,

- Meeting with UNDP to discuss the continuing support to the project of human rights training database at community level,
- Meeting of the project team of PMU to discuss the development of the Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform project,
- Meeting with the Head of EWMI to discuss the possibility of continuing the cooperation,
- Prepare matrix of current status of the implementation of NSDP for the Ministry of Planning,
- Participate in the meeting of GDCC on 4 March 2008,
- Prepare a series of seminars on information sharing with implementing agencies and civil society in the provinces to study and find out the best methodology for implementation of the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy in Kampong Thom province on 10 April 2008, Siem Reap province on 22 April 2008, and in Battambang province on 30 April 2008,
- Prepare a meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 7 April 2008 in the Office of the Council of Ministers,
- Prepare the meeting of High Level Working Group of Model Court project to review and approve the draft analysis of the standard criteria and questionnaires related to the model court in Cambodia on 29 April 2008 in Inter-Continental hotel,
- Review and develop the TORs of the project of human rights training database for more support,
- Meeting to discuss the development of internal indicator system for the project management unit,
- Meeting with the experts on Indicator and Monitoring System from Denmark to discuss the development of the Indicator and Monitoring System,
- Meeting with key donors to discuss the principles of development of the Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 29 April 2008,
- Prepare a seminar on information sharing with implementing agencies and civil society on the implementation of the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy in Preah Sihanouk municipality on 8 May 2008,
- Cooperate with the Supreme Council of State Reform to prepare the national conferences on achievement of people on 29-31 May and 1 June 2008,
- Continue to discuss with DIHR on the process to continue to develop the Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform on 2 May 2008,
- Meeting with UNDP representative to discuss the development of a work plan for continuing the project of database of human rights training at community level on 5 May 2008 and received some office supply from UNDP for the project on 12 and 27 May 2008,
- Implementation of the project of human rights training database by Human rights and Arbitration Division of the Project Management Unit of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform,

- Meeting with GTZ “Administration Reform and Decentralization Program” to discuss the support for three projects, namely the baseline study on legal drafting capacity, the introduction of Ombudsman, and Publication of law and regulations,
- Visits to some NGOs like CLEC, ADHOC, STAR Kampuchea, ILO, Open Forum and the Ministry of Justice to discuss the cooperation in sharing information for human rights training database,
- Prepare a meeting of the Technical Working Group for Legal and Judicial Reform on 11 June 2008,
- Meeting for discussion on the model court activities on 10 June 2008 in the (first instance) court of Phnom Penh
- Prepare the signing ceremony of MOU between the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and GTZ ‘ Administration Reform and Decentralization Program on 11 June 2008.

c) Others

- Meeting the working group of USAID to discuss the Legal and Judicial Reform on 22 January 2008,
- Assigning officers of the Project Management Unit of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform to participate in the training program for young leaders for Asian countries for fiscal year 2007 in Japan, from 25 February to 13 March 2008,
- Participate in the seminar on the progress of the prison activities for 2007, on 4 February 2008
- Participate in the seminar on juvenile justice, prepared by the Ministry of Justice at Sunway hotel, on 28 February 2008,
- Participate in the annual review meeting 2008-2009 of CCJAPIII, on 11 February 2008
- Participate in the meeting to review the report from the Ministry for conference on achievement of the government 2004-2008, on 30 March 2008,
- Participate in the meeting with the General Secretariat of the Council for Administration Reform to review the report on the implementation of GAP II (Governance Action Plan II),
- Participate in the inter-ministerial meetings,
- Participate in the information dissemination seminar on the study to establish local courts, divorce, and customary law, prepared by UNDP in Himawari, on 3 April 2008,
- Participate in the presentation of the result of the research on initiative to understand the legal aid at Sunway hotel, on 4 April 32,
- Participate in the conference on the current development of legal sector in Cambodia (Legal and Judicial Reform for modernization of law in Cambodia), on 27 May 2008, at the Senate,
- Visits to some human rights training providers encouraging their cooperation in sharing information for the human rights training database,
- Continue to develop indicators for all divisions of the Project Management Unit of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform.

2. Conclusion

From January to June in 2008, the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform (CLJR) through its Permanent Coordinating Body (PCB) as its daily coordinator and Project Management Unit (PMU) as an operator, organized two meetings of the Technical Working Group of Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform and approved key principles for developing this indicator and monitoring system and organized the meeting of the Permanent Coordinating Body of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform to review the annual report of 2007 and plan for 2008 and meeting of the Technical Working Group of Model Court project. Furthermore, the Project Management Unit (PMU) implemented two main actions: (1) organizing seminars on information sharing on Legal and Judicial Reform with implementing agencies and civil society in provinces and internal meeting of Project Management Unit for developing matrix of indicator and monitoring system for Legal and Judicial Reform. The Project Management Unit organized seminars on information sharing with implementing agencies and civil society in provinces to study and find out the best methodology for implementation of the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy in the provinces and municipalities; organized meetings to finalize the draft analysis of the standard criteria and questionnaires for the model court in Cambodia on 29 April 2008 at Inter-Continental hotel, and continue to develop Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform. In this regard, the Project Management Unit discussed the model court activity in Phnom Penh court in continuing to implement the Model Court project and to prepare work plan to improve each model court in line with the identified standard. The project Management Unit of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform organized a dissemination seminar on human rights training database and signed an MOU between the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform and GTZ “ Administration Reform and Decentralization Program”.

3. Plan for next quarter

- a) Continue to promote the implementation of the Indicator and Monitoring System for Legal and Judicial Reform project,
- b) Plan to prepare meetings of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform,
- c) Continue to promote the implementation of the human rights training database at community level project in discussion with UNDP for more financial support,
- d) Prepare bulleting of the Council for Legal and Judicial Reform,
- e) Prepare strategic plan of the Model Court project,
- f) Prepare seminar on legal reform with participation from DIHR and expert from Honduras,
- g) Continue to discuss with civil society to find a suitable formula of civil society and government coordination,
- h) Implement three projects supported by GTZ (1. baseline study on legal drafting of legal units in ministry/institutions, 2. developing a suitable ombudsman system for Cambodia, and 3. legal information dissemination)
- i) Monitor the implementation of the Legal and Judicial Reform strategy in government ministries/institutions,
- j) Promote the implementation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism at the district and commune levels.

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