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ICBPP Background

The Public Procurement Policy Division (PPPD) supported by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) are the implementation Agency

The Royal Institute of Management (RIM), Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) are counterpart institutions and beneficiaries of the project

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) have been selected to assist in the implementation of this project. CIPS are providing a full time in country Project Director supported by short term inputs from CIPS UK.

A Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (PMEC) consisting of PPPD, RCSC, RIM, RUB and CIPS will be responsible for Monitoring the Project deliverables

In addition to building capacity in public procurement the project aims to introduce a sustainable internationally recognized qualification if procurement to be delivered by RIM and other Institutes

The World Bank (WB) are providing the funding for the ICBPP through a WB Investment Project (Grant)

The 3 main objectives of ICBPP are to:

- Establish and embed procurement benchmarks and standards which are based on international best practice
- Establish and professionalize a procurement community through a national people development strategy
- Strengthen and support the wider roll out of procurement practices, in order to create

ICBPP commenced on 15 June 2009 for a period of approximately 2 years.

First examination successes

Congratulations go to Engineer Yangzom of PPPD and Kinley Wangchuk of RUB who were both successful in passing their five Level Four CIPS examinations. The results were posted on 3 February following the exams that were taken in November last year at the National School of Government (NSG) in the UK.



Kinley and Yangzom relaxing after hearing their exam results success.

Three of their colleagues, 2 from RIM and one from PPPD are currently at NSG intensively studying to pass the same examinations in March 2010.

Plans are in place for the five personnel, who attended NSG for level 4 study and examinations to complete their CIPS Diploma (levels 5 and 6) in Bhutan through block study and tuition. They will sit their level 5 examina-

tions in November 2010 and level 6 examinations in May 2011 just before the ICBPP ends.

CIPS will be presenting an approach to the Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) in April that will allow existing in serve procurement personnel to take some of the levels of the CIPS Qualification Ladder.

In addition a post graduate diploma in procurement will be delivered for pre service staff by RIM from 2011.

A pre requisite for all personnel wishing to study for the CIPS professional procurement qualification will be completion of the Compliance in Procurement Certificate (CPC) that is currently being developed by CIPS and RIM.

The CPC will be an 8 day course delivered by RIM and includes an exam which students will have to pass.

The logic behind this approach is that the CPC will ensure that RGoB procurement officers understand their own rules and regulations before progressing towards the wider context of the international CIPS qualifications.

Forthcoming events and activities under ICBPP

The CPC (as mentioned above) is currently being developed and will be finalized in Thimpu and presented to the PMEC at the end of March 2010.

The first CPC courses are expected to be delivered in June and July 2010. The CPC will be delivered by RIM with initial support from CIPS. The following short courses are also being developed for procurement personnel for delivery by RIM:

1. Contract Management and Specification Writing (1 day)
2. Project Management and Procurement Planning (1 day)

3. Stores Management (1 day)
4. Tender Evaluation (1/2 day)
5. Standard Bidding Documents (1 day)
6. Supplier awareness (1 day)

The CPC and the short courses will be available from RIM from July 2010.

A competency framework for procurement should be completed by the end of March 2010 along with job descriptions and job profiles for procurement positions.