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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 for 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.

## The Compliance in Procurement Certificate (CPC) is launched

In June 2010 the first 3 CPC courses were delivered at RIM for a total of 73 participants.

As part of the ICBPPs 'context first' approach the CPC is aimed at all those personnel directly involved in public procurement in Bhutan. The Anti Corruption Commission and Royal Authority both contribute to the CPC.



The 'P' Group with CIPS Training Expert Bill Tipping. This group will study for Level 4 of the CIPS Diploma during October 2010.

The CPC leads to a certificate issued by RIM and will be delivered by the Institute after the ICBPP ends in May 2011. The certificate will be issued to all participants who attend the course but only those participants who pass the exam receive a certificate with that endorsement.

The first 3 groups were represented by the six Eastern Dzongkhags, the Professional and Management Procurement 'P' levels and the third group was made up of Accountant's Engineers and others from Central Agencies.

For the first CPC from 7th June 2010 29 participants (from the East of the Kingdom) attended the course and 21 of them passed the examination which carries a pass mark of 60% for the open book two hour session.

For the second course that commenced on 14th June 2010 17 participants from the Professional and Management 'P' positions. All of this group passed the exam and provided the CPC with a 100% success rate for that week's course..

The third course commenced on Tuesday 22 June and provided 27 delegates from Central Agencies including the Ministries of Health and Works & Human Resettlement. The exam pass rate was 26 out of 27 (96%) for this group with an overall pass rate, for the first three CPC courses in June was 88%.

CIPS are co facilitating the courses with RIM who will take over delivery of the courses in 2011.

## Forthcoming events and activities under ICBPP

During the month of July the following activities and events have been scheduled:

- Two further CPC courses for up to 60 participants
- 3 of the fast tracked CIPS students will each take one re sit from their CIPS Level 4 exams at RIM
- The fast tracked group of five CIPS Students will have a week's block study for the Level Five subject 'Operations Management in Thimpu

At the end of July the University of Glamorgan from the UK will be visiting RIM for initial discus-

sions on the delivery (in country ) of a Masters Degree in Supply Chain Management from 2013. Other Universities may visit later in the year for similar reasons.

A Masters would be a useful facility to have in country as those students who will have completed Level 6 of the CIPS qualification would have credits towards a Masters in SCM that could allow them to finish a Masters in country within 12 months.

The World Bank will be conducting a mid term review (MTR) from 19th July 2010 of the ICBPP as it has now been in place for just over a year. This review will help determine whether the ICBPP is achieving as per its objectives as listed in the left hand column of this bulletin.