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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.

## Gaeddu College of Business Studies –Interest in Procurement Qualifications

The Gaeddu College of Business Studies, part of the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB), located in the South of the Country, have already contributed to the project through the provision of Kinley Wangchuk who successfully completed CIPS Level Four qualification (Foundation Diploma) after completing his study at the UKs National School of Government late in 2009.

During a visit to Gaeddu last Month (see below) PPPD discussed the possibilities for

the College to provide Tuition Support to RIM for the delivery of procurement training and tuition for the professional CIPS qualifications.

A presentation was also delivered to brief the College of the objectives of the ICBPP

The College is interested in introducing procurement subjects into the existing degree courses they offer especially their Bachelors in Commerce Degree.

One of the issues that needs to be recognized and addressed is the difference between the *academic* qualifications that the RUB provide and the *professional* qualifications that Institutes such as the Royal Institute of Management (RIM) offer.

CIPS provide a professional Diploma based on international best practice that is post graduate in nature and design and assumes (especially for levels five and six of the Diploma) that students (usually part time) will have had significant practical work experience of procurement.

However there is certainly potential for the College to make a contribution to the development of procurement professionals in Bhutan.



*Dhenden Dhondrup, CPO of PPPD, and Peter James, ICBPP Project Director, outside the College during a visit to Gaeddu last month*

## Forthcoming events and activities under ICBPP

Materials for a Certificate in Procurement Compliance (CPC) have been completed and approved by the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC). Five of the eight day courses (which precedes a 2 hour examination on the 9th day) will be delivered by RIM (with support from CIPS) for up to 150 RGoB procurement personnel between June and December 2010.

It is intended that the completion of the CPC will be compulsory for all personnel directly involved in RGoB procurement and the CPC will be incorporated into a RIM post graduate diploma for procurement (also leading to the award of the CIPS Foundation Diploma) for pre service RGoB staff which will be completed over a one year period. A presentation will be made to the Royal

Civil Service Commission (RCSC) in April requesting an approach to the attainment of professional procurement qualifications.

The presentation will reflect benchmark levels of professional qualifications for each relevant level of personnel working in RGoB procurement.

The presentation will also feature a suggested method for establishing National Occupation Standards (NOS) for Procurement and the requisite core competencies needed for different grades within the procurement discipline.

Study for Level Five of the CIPS qualification will continue in country for the five ICBPP stakeholders who have completed level four.