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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.

Visit of the University of Glamorgan

Although a Masters is not part of the ICBPP the project TORs include the *preparation* work for the certification of Masters degree procurement courses to be offered by RIM.

With this in mind CIPS had contacted a number of their accredited universities to see if they would be interested in partnering with RIM on the delivery of an existing Masters in Bhutan or the development of a new one.



Karma Tshering RIM Director (right) discusses the prospects for a Masters Degree in Supply Chain Management delivered by RIM with Chris Lee from the University of Glamorgan while Peter James of CIPS and ICBPP Project Director looks on.

The University of Glamorgan (UoG) were the first to respond to the contact and Chris Lee from the Supply Chain and Strategic Management Division in the Universities Business School paid a visit to Thimpu for various meetings and discussions with RIM, RUB and their stakeholders.

RIM are aiming to launch a number of Masters programmes including a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from 2011 followed by an MBA then an MSc in a Supply Chain related discipline from 2013.

The UoG Masters requires 180 credits to achieve the full award. However for the CIPS students studying under the ICBPP and beyond at RIM they can achieve exemptions of up to 50 credits for completing the CIPS graduate diploma (CIPS Level 6).

Both RIM and UoG expressed a desire to collaborate in a number of areas including research consultancy that could assist in the economic development of Bhutan.

Over the next month or so UoG and RIM will be exchanging further information to develop a plan of action for long term collaboration.

With the RCSC having agreed to adopt the CIPS ladder of qualifications for pre service procurement personnel the ICBPP is looking to put steps in place for a higher level of procurement related study once students achieve CIPS Level 6.

During the Month of July 2010

Two further Certificate In Compliance Certificate (CPC) courses were delivered at RIM. 42 Participants took part in the courses and 40 of them passed the examinations. To date 98 participants from RGoB have completed the course with an overall pass rate of 88%.

The 5 fast tracked CIPS students now studying for Level 5 of the qualification received a week's tuition on 'Operations Management', one of the five exam subjects they will sit in November.

A World Bank Team conducted a Mid Term Review (MTR) of the ICBPP at the end of the month. They noted the progress that has been made but will provide an Aid Memoire in due course which will summarise their findings.

Coming up

Much of August will be spent in planning activities which are scheduled to take place in September and October. There are a number of follow up actions from the MTR including the production of a simplified Communications Strategy that will be reviewed during the PMEC on 18th August 2010.

Two further CPC courses are scheduled from 30th August and 6th September. Then from 11th October a 5 week block tuition period is planned for the 30 RGoB Professional and Management Procurement Officers in preparation for the CIPS Level 4 examinations to be taken on week six at RIM from 15th November 2010. This initiative is part of the people development strategy that will help establish a procurement "Body of Knowledge" in Bhutan.

The group will receive 5 weeks expert tuition from CIPS tutors and will sit the 5 examinations the following week.