



## FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE

### INTRODUCTION

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) was formally established under PD 1060, on 9 December 1976. With the promulgation of RA 7157, or the Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991, the mandate of the Institute was revitalized and expanded. Title VIII – Foreign Service Institute, Section 57 of the RA 7157 states the functions of the FSI as follows:

“The Institute, through its academic, training, research, information, publication, systems development and other programs, shall serve as the center for the development and professionalization of the career corps of the foreign service of the Department and other government agencies which have offices and employees assigned abroad. It shall maintain a Center of International Relations and Strategic Studies (CIRSS) and shall otherwise function as a research institution on issues and problems with foreign policy implications, global and regional strategies and management of foreign affairs while serving as institutional consultant of the Department on matters related to foreign policies and programs as well as development management, planning, review and evaluation processes in the Department. The Institute shall, inter alia, pursue a training program for those who are leaving for foreign assignments and for those who are recalled and shall hold seminars, including language courses, to prepare such officers and employees for their new assignments.”

The Institute thus designs and conducts training programs appropriate to the needs of personnel of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and those of other government agencies who will be assigned to Philippine foreign service posts. It undertakes independent research on issues relevant to international relations and foreign policy as well as policy studies in aid of foreign policy formulation, management, and evaluation. It also provides institutional support to the DFA with regard to organizational development and management, including but not limited to the planning, review, and assessment of the policies and systems and procedures of the Department.

## **MISSION**

The Foreign Service Institute aims primarily to:

- (1) develop on a continuous basis the in-house capacity of the FSI personnel to deliver effectively on their core competencies of training, research, and organizational development;
- (2) support the efforts of the DFA to enhance the capacity of its personnel to effectively deliver their core competencies;
- (3) design and conduct the appropriate training programs relevant to the current issues and future trends of foreign policy and diplomacy;
- (4) provide policy options through its research and policy studies in aid of foreign policy formulation, management, and evaluation; and
- (5) provide institutional support to the DFA with regard to organizational development and management, including but not limited to the planning, review, and assessment of the policies and systems and procedures of the DFA.

## **VISION**

The FSI is the prime training and research institute for Philippine foreign policy, diplomacy, and related fields and a recognized center for language learning. Its personnel are experts by virtue of their experience and academic training in their respective areas of specialization or functions, who are fully committed to providing the highest quality of training and research output to the complete satisfaction of the Institute's clients.

## **VALUES**

“The FSI team can do it; each of us performing with excellence, integrity, and dedication to our assigned responsibilities, ever aware of our obligation to serve with the highest ideals of patriotism and professionalism.”

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1060, the Board of the Foreign Service Institute is the governing body of the Institute. It is composed of:

Chairperson	Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Members	Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission
	President of the University of the Philippines
	President of the Development Academy of the Philippines
	Director-General of the Foreign Service Institute

The Institute is headed by a full-time Director-General who is seconded from the Senior Chiefs-of-Mission in the career foreign service corps. The FSI Director-General also holds the title of Assistant Secretary. The Deputy Director-General who ranks next to the Director-General is chosen from the academic community to provide technical assistance to the Institute and its programs. Both are appointed by the President upon recommendation by the Board of the Foreign Service Institute.

The Institute is composed of three major divisions, namely:

- Carlos P. Romulo School of Diplomacy (CPRSD);
- Center for International Relations and Strategic Studies (CIRSS);
- Administrative and Financial Services Division (AFSD); and the three sections/units under the Office of the Director-General, namely: Carlos P. Romulo Library Section, Publications Section, and Institutional Linkages Unit.