

FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
January to September 2014

SUMMARY

For the period January to September 2014, the Foreign Service Institute conducted 97 training courses, 49 of which were regular courses and 48 were demand driven courses which include training programs conducted in preparation for the Philippine hosting of the 2015 Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEC) Meetings benefiting 2,440 participants from the Department of Foreign Affairs, other government agencies and local government units.

These courses include, among others, the Skills Enhancement Workshops for the Philippine Conference Management Officers and for the Host Economy Liaison Officers for APEC 2015, Seminar-Workshops on Protocol and Social Graces, Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars, Basic Courses for Foreign Service Staff Officers and Foreign Service Staff Employees, Foreign Language Courses Levels I to III, English Courses, Japanese Language Training for JDS Fellows, Course on Philippine Trade Promotion, Course on World Trading System and the World Trade Organization, Seminar-Workshops on Leadership and Management, Career Ministers' Course, Basic Courses for Foreign Service Staff Officers and Staff Employees, Seminar-Workshop on Handling Clients Effectively, Seminar-Workshop on Human Rights-Based Approach to Combat Human Trafficking, Forum on Women, Peace and Security, and other seminars on productivity and skills enhancement, Consular Officers' Course, Course on Oceans Law and Policy, and Seminar on Stress Management.

During the period, FSI completed 67 research papers and projects on various topics with foreign policy implications. These include the ASEAN Community, Asia Pacific regional security, global and regional trade issues, UN issues (human rights, nuclear non-proliferation, etc), among other topics. Some of these papers were published as *CIRSS Commentaries* and *FSI Insights*. The Institute also began holding the Mabini Dialogue Series and the Mangrove Forum on International Relations as venues where specialists, experts and practitioners could engage in discussions on foreign policy issues with the DFA and other government agencies, the academe and private institutions. By the end of 2014, the Institute was able to hold 4 Mangrove fora and 15 lectures of the Mabini Dialogue Series.

The Institute also represented the Department in the screening of 147 nominees to various scholarships offered by foreign institutions and processed a total of 207 nominations.

Library services were also provided to 1,956 clients. The Institute's library acquired 247 volumes of books through purchases and donations. Its 5 titles of periodical subscriptions were also kept up to date.

During the period, FSI conducted its organizational assessment and reviewed its systems and procedures in order to perform its functions more effectively.