



ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION

## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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1. **Project Code** 16-RP-12-GE-DON-C
2. **Title** Development of Center of Excellence
3. **Timing and Duration** One year
4. **Venue** APO Secretariat
5. **Implementing Organizations** This project will be implemented by the APO Secretariat in close collaboration with participating APO member countries
6. **Objectives**
  - a. To support the initiatives of the APO Center of Excellence on Public-sector Productivity (COE on PSP) and facilitate knowledge sharing in a specific field or area to promote productivity among member countries; and
  - b. To support undertakings in member countries to promote and scale up activities on the subject covered by the COE.

### 7. Background

The 57th session of the Governing Body Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, in April 2015 approved the establishment of the APO COE on PSP under the auspices of the Development Academy of the Philippines. The COE will undertake activities for APO member economies which facilitate learning, innovation, and sharing of knowledge and best practices including conducting research and development of resource materials and establishing a database of experts to enhance the performance of the public sector in the region in general. The COE will also endeavor to establish its four component pillars of a knowledge center, capacity development program, innovation laboratory, and research program that will allow the spread of knowledge, competencies, expertise, links, and other resources on PSP and innovation available in the Philippines throughout the region. Following the recommendations and results of the Workshop on Need Assessment of Member Countries in Improving Public-sector Productivity and Performance conducted in 2015, the COE on PSP will be conducting series of activities to achieve its objectives.

### 8. Scope

- a. Organizing and or convening expert meetings, forums, international conferences, training courses, and workshops;
- b. Assigning international and national experts and APO Secretariat staff for the events listed in item a above;

- c. Participating in international missions and conferences in areas that promote innovation in and knowledge sharing on the public sector;
- d. Conducting relevant research that will analyze and provide recommendations for enhancing the performance and productivity of the public sector; and
- e. Developing and publishing manuals and case studies that will improve the performance of the public sector.

## **9. Implementation Procedures**

The Research and Planning Department will coordinate the COE project. It will prepare specific Project Implementation Plans for activities to be undertaken within the year in close coordination and consultation with concerned departments in the Secretariat and NPOs in member countries.

## **10. Financial Arrangements**

### **To be borne by the APO**

- a. All assignment costs of overseas and national experts;
- b. Local implementation costs including rental of conference rooms, documentation, and publications in conducting meetings, forums, conferences, training courses, workshops, etc.; and
- c. Relevant costs for attending meetings, forums, conferences, training courses, and workshops, if necessary.

### **To be borne by the host country**

Part of the local implementation costs as necessary and all other cost not covered above.



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