International Conference
Federalism and Decentralization: Perceptions for Political and Institutional Reforms in the Philippines
4 – 5 September 2015
Hotel H2O, Manila, Philippines

Friday, 4 September 2015

08:00 – 08:30  Registration

08:30 – 08:45  Opening Ceremonies (National Anthem/Prayer)

09:00 – 09.30  Welcome and Conference Introduction

  Prof. Edmund Tayao
  Executive Director
  LOGODEF University of Santo Tomas  Manila

  Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister
  Director
  Regional Programme Political Dialogue with Asia
  Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Singapore

09:30 – 09:50  Federalism in Europe, America and Africa: A Comparative Analysis

  Dr. Jörg Broschek
  Associate Professor
  Wilfrid Laurier University Canada

09:50 – 10:15  Open Forum/ Discussion

10:15 – 10:30  Tea/Coffee Break

10:30 – 10:50  Structuring Governance in a Weak State: Federalism and Multilevel Governance

  Mr. Felix Knüpling
  Head of Programs
  Forum of Federations
  Office Berlin Germany

10:50 –11:15  Open Forum/ Discussion
11:15 – 11:35 **Spanish Decentralization and Functional Federalism: Alternative to Shared-Sovereignty**

*Dr. Francisco Javier Moreno-Fuentes*
Researcher
Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos Spain

11:35 – 12:00 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 14:00 **Crafting State Nations: India’s Federalism as a Case for Developing Democracies**

*Dr. George Mathew*
Chairman
Institute of Social Sciences India

14:00 – 14:30 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

14:30 – 15:00 **Federalism in Australia Revisited**

*Prof. A J Brown*
Professor
Griffith University Australia

15:00 – 15:30 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

15:30 – 15:45 **Tea/Coffee Break**

15:45 – 16:10 **Hybrid Federalism In Asia**

*Dr. Laura Allison*
Research Fellow
Nanyang Technological University Singapore

16:10 – 16:45 **Open Forum/ Discussion**

16:45 – 17:15 **Political Engineering, Decentralization and Federalism in Southeast Asia: Strengths and Weaknesses of Governance**

*Dr. Patrick Ziegenhain*
Interim Professor
Goethe-University Germany

17:15 – 18:00 **Open Forum/ Discussion**
Saturday, 5th September, 2015

09:00 – 09:15 Recap of First Day

09:15 – 10:45 Graduated Decentralization Strategies in Southeast Asia (Comparative Panel Discussion)
- Decentralisation In Malaysia
  - Prof. William Case
  - Professor City University of Hong Kong - Hong Kong

- Decentralisation In Cambodia
  - Mr. Min Muny
  - Consultant on Decentralization and Deconcentration Cambodia

10.45 – 11:15 Open Forum/ Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Tea/Coffee Break

11.00 – 11:30 Graduated Decentralization Strategies in Southeast Asia II
- Democratisation and Decentralisation in Indonesia
  - Prof. Purwo Santoso
  - Professor Gadjah Mada University Indonesia

11:30 – 12:00 Open Forum/ Discussion

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 The Philippine Discussion on Democratization, Decentralization and Federalism
- Decentralisation Democratisation and Federalism in the Philippines
  - Prof. Edmund Tayao
  - Executive Director LOGODEF University of Santo Tomas - Manila
A More Objective Look at Federalism and Systems of Government

Dr. Paul Hutchcroft
Australia National University

Beginnings of Federalism: Regional Autonomy and Decentralization in the Philippines

Dr. Alex Brillantes
Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education
University of the Philippines, Manila

15:00 – 15:30 Open Forum/ Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 Tea/ Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Roundtable Discussion: Strategic Outlook For The Philippines

Moderator: Prof. Edmund Tayao
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17:00 – 17:30 Closing Ceremony