

DTI, AiTECH sign MoU for partnership with the construction industry and academes

Aiming to develop a competent, well-trained, and globally competitive labor force, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through the Construction Manpower Development Foundation (CMDF), has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Antipolo Institute of Technology (AiTECH) and Antipolo City Government on 28 January 2015 at the Antipolo Municipal Hall.

"The DTI, thru CMDF, partnered with the Antipolo local government unit (LGU) to develop a scholarship program in Construction Management that other LGUs will be benchmarking later on," DTI Undersecretary Prudencio M. Reyes Jr. said.

Antipolo Mayor Casimiro A. Ynares III said that AiTECH envisions itself to be the ideal provider of future construction industry leaders by 2020. It aims to contribute to nation-building by developing new generation of professionals who can balance knowledge, skills, and attitudes in construction management engineering.

Under the MOU, DTI will provide technical assistance and guidance in the design, development, and implementation of the AiTECH program on construction management engineering and technology.



(left center) DTI Undersecretary Prudencio M. Reyes Jr. and (right center) Antipolo Mayor Casimiro A. Ynares III hold the signed memorandum of understanding which formalizes the partnership of DTI and AiTECH. They are joined by (from left to right) CMDF Chairman Engr. Rodolfo Menguito, CMDF Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Lilian G. Salonga, AiTECH President Dr. Erlinda C. Pefianco, and AiTECH College of Engineering Dean Engr. Rachel B. Gabuya.

“The construction industry is the prime mover of economic development. From 2011-2013, the industry had been a major source of foreign exchange in the country. We are glad to have our partnership with you—AiTECH to produce competent professionals. We are looking forward to a productive working relationship with you, together with the CMDF Board, management, and staff,” Reyes said.

The AiTECH program is a four-year higher education program on construction management engineering and technology with focus on four main disciplines: Construction Industry; Construction Supply; Technical/ Consultancy and Contract Administration; and Sales and Marketing.

AiTECH scholars will come from among the top ten graduates of all public and private high school students residing in Antipolo City.

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