
Press Release

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CDPI Holds Leadership and Trainers Training for Centrist Democrats

The Centrist Democracy Political Institute (CDPI) will be conducting a leadership and trainers training seminar for the Centrist Democratic Movement Federation of the Philippines (CDM) from June 8 to 11, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Hotel in Ortigas, Quezon City.

CDPI, together with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and CDM, have organized the seminar to prepare CDM's district leaders for congressional district level organizing and recruitment beefing up the federation's nationwide expansion.

CDPI has tapped the expertise of former University of the Philippines President Dr. Jose Abueva, deficits of democracy guru Prof. Clarita Carlos, Subsidiarity International Co-convenor Philip Camara, and KAS Resident Representative Dr. Peter Koeppinger, to impart knowledge and experience to the young leaders.

CDPI President Lito Monico Lorenzana, said, "After the Germany political study tour, we think that CDM's top leadership is now fully-equipped to helm the national movement. And so, we are now setting our focus on training their district leaders for the more arduous work of ground level organizing."

CDM will be sending some 50 district leaders of the federation from all of its ten regional assemblies.

CDM's top leadership underwent a rigid 11-day political study tour in Germany, sponsored by KAS, in May 2011 to familiarize them with the federal and parliamentary systems of government; to grasp the intricacies of Centrist democracy; to learn the significance and conduct of local and district-level governance; and to see the importance of a strong party system in the success of a democracy.

The CDM leaders also met with significant German political figures such as Member of German Federal Parliament Sabine Weiss, President of the German State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia Eckhard Uhlenberg and Rhein Seig Kreis Governor Frithjof Kühn.

Roderico 'Jun' Dumaug, Jr., CDM National President said, "Our Germany experience taught us the importance of having a solid district organization. The role of our district leaders is crucial not only for our movement's nationwide expansion but also in promoting the Centrist Democratic ideals we uphold." (end)