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# TRADE RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT 2

## BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

<b>Activity Title:</b>	<b>Seminar on EU Regulations and Benefits of Accreditation to Consumers, Businesses and Regulators</b>
<b>Component 2:</b>	<b>Standards Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Conformity</b>
<b>Activity Number:</b>	<b>2T.2.2</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 June 2009</b>
<b>Partner Agency:</b>	<b>Philippine Accreditation Office</b>



Dr. Benedikt Madl, Programme Manager for Trade of the EC Delegation to the Philippines addresses the opening of the seminar on EU regulations and benefits of accreditation.



PAO Officer-in-charge (OIC), Cirila Botor presents the Philippine accreditation system before the participants of the seminar.



The seminar is among the activities to celebrate the 1st International Accreditation Day (June 9 2009); participants of the seminar come from various sectors such as business and regulators that can gain benefits from accreditation.

<b>Outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exporters/ manufacturers value the benefit of getting the service of an accredited conformity assessment body for the facilitation of their trading particularly with EU member countries</li> <li>Regulatory bodies recognize the importance of accreditation in building the integrity and competence of their recognition scheme</li> <li>Accredited conformity assessment bodies continue to support the value of maintaining their accreditation and apply for new accreditation of PAO</li> <li>Academe awareness of how they can support accreditation activities through laboratory facilities and providing technical experts in the field of accreditation</li> <li>PAO assessors/ technical experts, members of its council and committees appreciate their role and contribution in the field of accreditation</li> </ul>
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<b>Objective:</b>	To cultivate awareness and understanding of stakeholders on EU regulations, their implications to Philippine trade and the growing importance of accreditation to consumers, businesses, and regulators
<b>Core Subjects:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Regulations and their implications to Philippine Trade</li> <li>Market Access through accreditation</li> <li>Launch of new PAO accreditation programmes: Proposed Certification Scheme for Digital Signatures, Information Security Management System (ISO/IEC 27001), Medical Testing Laboratories (ISO 15189)</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology:</b>	There was a series of presentations from resource speakers relevant to the seminar's topic. There was also a ceremonial launching of the new PAO accreditation programs and recognition of PAO partners.
<b>Number of Participants and Profile:</b>	(89) Regulatory bodies, accredited laboratories, accredited certification bodies, academe, trade/ professional associations, Philippine Accreditation Council, PAO governing board
<b>Resource Persons:</b>	Dr. Jean Claude Gourdon (Senior Standards and Conformance Expert) , PAO OIC Cirila Botor , Ms. Sandy Bucao (Country Manager, Intertek testing services), Director Ma. Lourdes Yaptinchay (DTI E-Commerce Office), Director Vina Liza Ruth Cabrera (DTI Management Information Service), Dr. Marissa Orillaza (Head, Pathology Department, Philippine Heart Center)

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