



Action in the Field

Brief Activity Report



PAO Director Lasaro Olmos (right, foreground, sitting) discusses with TRTA Accreditation Expert on ISO 27001 Michael Krausz (leftmost) on the capacity-building requirements of conformity assessors for IT security management.



Firewalling to Ensure Sustainability. The Philippine Accreditation Office, the sole government accreditation body recognised by Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) to undertake standards conformance accreditation in the Philippines, initiates a workshop on security implementation of large information technology (IT) operations for government bureaus and private corporations under TRTA. The workshop builds on the participants' learning of the fundamental elements of IT security by realigning their skills as conformity assessors. The workshop composed of a two step-module. The first of which covers competency concerns of assessors in the context of IT security operations. This is succeeded with an additional training on ISO 27001. This standard aims to shape an organisation or enterprise as an inherently capable body to manage its information security risks and ensure its sustainability.

Component	Standards Harmonisation and SPS Conformity
Implementing Agency	Department of Trade and Industry — Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO)
Activity	Security Fundamentals for Large Scale IT Operations
Date/Site	8-9 and 10-11 November 2011 / CAVA Bar and Restaurant, Somerset Olympia Hotel, Makati City
Participants	Private sector = 3 Government agencies including government-controlled/owned corporations = 38
Resource-person	Michael Krausz
Outcome	Participants gain a genuine breadth and depth of knowledge on the most important elements thereby building a basis for further activity as conformity assessors.
Objective	To provide basic know-how to training participants on essential issues and subjects of information security in large IT organisations (ministries, corporations, etc.), It shall provide participants with a genuine breadth and depth of knowledge in regard to the most important elements, thereby, building a basis for further activity as conformity assessor. It is the first step in a two-step training, which is completed by an additional ISO 27001 training.
Methodology	Lecture