PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	24-CP-24-GE-TRC-B
Title	Development of Public-sector Productivity Specialists
Timing	4 November 2024–15 November 2024
Hosting Country(ies)	Philippines
Venue City(ies)	Manila
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	Development Academy of the Philippines
Participating Country(ies)	Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkiye, and Vietnam
Overseas Participants	18
Local Participants	6
Closing Date	4 September 2024
Remarks	This PN supersedes the PN issued on 20 June 2024 (Ref. No. 414) due to changes in the Participating Countries with the inclusion of the Philippines.

Objectives	Examine the concepts and dimensions of public-sector productivity specialists; introduce issues and challenges confronting the public sector and the urgency of improving its performance; and build the capacity to become public-sector productivity specialists by mastering the required knowledge, skills, and competencies.
Rationale	The public sector plays a pivotal role in promoting the well-being of citizens, providing a path to economic recovery, and improving living standards. The overall aim of this course is to establish a high-performance culture by developing the capacity of public-sector leaders to improve its productivity performance.
Background	The APO Manual on Public-sector Productivity, 2020, mentioned various aspects to improve the motivation and skill level of public officials, strengthen management systems, and enhance performance given the changing environment and current commitment to public-service renewal. Reforms have been undertaken by many APO member governments to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of public resources, increase accountability, and enhance responsiveness to citizens' needs. While advances in technology adoption have played a major role in the enhancement of public-service delivery, better performance of public-sector organizations, and improvement of overall productivity, continued upskilling and reskilling of public-sector professionals remain important. This course is aimed at building up and expanding pools of public-sector productivity specialists in APO members.
Topics	The APO Public-sector Productivity Framework; Tools for improving organizational productivity; Citizen-centered service; e-Government; Regulatory reform; Performance management and measuring public-sector productivity; Leadership and change management; and Foresight tools.
Outcome	Participants will understand concepts, approaches, tools, and techniques to develop their competencies as public-sector productivity specialists and the skillsets required to undertake activities to enhance the performance of public-sector organizations.
Qualifications	Policymakers, government officials (central and local), representatives of government enterprises, staff of public-sector organizations, and professionals from NPOs involved in public-sector training and consultancy for productivity and performance improvement. Priority will be given to those who completed the previous online course on this topic.

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.

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