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## SERP-P Conducts Roadshow

## Announcements



To increase awareness of the benefits of SERP-P as a knowledge intermediation and brokering tool and to invite more research institutions to join the SERP-P Network, the SERP-P team conducted a road show from March to June 2013. Presentations were given to key officials and staff of the Department of Foreign Affairs-Foreign Service Institute (DFA-FSI) on April 15; SEAMEO

### UP School of Urban and Regional Planning: Invitation to the 2013 International Conference on Smarter Cities



Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO-INNOTECH) on April 17; Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and National Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) on May 9; and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on May 14. Several weeks after the briefing, SEAMEO-INNOTECH signed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) that formalizes its membership in the SERP-P Network and puts the total membership at 53 as of June 2013. The SEAMEO Center will soon be contributing its studies into the SERP-P database. The MOA signing with the DFA-FSI, PCAARRD, and USAID are expected to take place within the year.

The UP School of Urban and Regional Planning (UP SURP) will hold a two-day international conference on 14-15 November at the Diamond Hotel Manila Philippines. Themed "Planning Smarter Cities Towards a Better Quality of Life", the conference aims to distill knowledge and lessons from best practices in leveraging smarter technologies and innovations in cities toward a better quality of life. One of its main objectives is to come up with the Manila Declaration 2013 and encourage the participants to commit on the Smarter Cities Campaign for the benefit of cities worldwide, especially those in the Asian Region, in enhancing inclusive development for all.

The SERP-P team also made a presentation at the World Bank Knowledge Development Center (KDC) Annual Meeting on April 29 to May 2 which was attended by all KDC representatives. Expressions of interest to join the SERP-P were received by the team from the KDCs, particularly the academic and research institutions based in the provinces.

A presentation on the SERP-P was also made by the team at the 18th Annual General Assembly and Symposium of the Philippine APEC Study Center Network (PASCN) held on June 28 at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City. Out of the eight member-institutions of the PASCN, five of them or their mother institutions are already SERP-P members. The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), as the SERP-P's lead agency and developer, hopes that all PASCN member-institutions (all of which are leading research institutions in the country) are also members of the SERP-P given their huge potential to contribute to the knowledge network. The Mindanao State University and Xavier University already expressed their interest to join the SERP-P.

The conference will bring together 300 to 500 local and foreign participants from government agencies, private organizations, and academic/research institutions with influence and interest in further advancing national, regional and local development. For more information, kindly visit the conference website at

## PRESS RELEASE: PCAARRD renews ties with PIDS

By Aleta Belisa D. Correa and Melisa A. Festejo, S&T Media Service Monday, 17 June 2013

PCAARRD is soon to link its socioeconomic knowledge resources with the Socio-Economics Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) through a formal agreement.

The planned collaboration was an offshoot of a recent meeting at the Council's Headquarters, where the idea of a PCAARRD-PIDS' SERP-P collaboration was agreed

to be formalized for the first time, albeit its having started as early as 2002.

“SERP-P is not just a portal. It is a 'knowledge network',” says Dr. Sheila V. Siar, director of the Research Information Staff of PIDS.

“SERP-P is an online knowledge resource of studies related to economic development and policymaking in the Philippines, the country’s first and only electronic repository of policy research and information that capitalizes on research networking,” Siar added.

Meanwhile, SERP-P Overall Coordinator Kristine Carla O. Oteyza briefed the PCAARRD personnel on the portal and its benefits for SERP-P’s member institutions.

Aside from being free, membership in SERP-P provides institutions wider exposure for its studies and researches. With about 5,000 studies from 51 member-institutions, SERP-P also facilitates knowledge resource sharing and provides opportunity to interact and link with other SERP-P network members.

(Source: PCAARRD DOST, [http://www.pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph/home/ssentinel/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2161:pcaarrd-renews-ties-with-pids&catid=50:in-the-news&Itemid=34](http://www.pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph/home/ssentinel/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2161:pcaarrd-renews-ties-with-pids&catid=50:in-the-news&Itemid=34))

## SERP-P Member on Spotlight



### Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department House of Representatives, Republic of the Philippines

One of the most active members of the SERP-P Network is the Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD). CPBRD only joined SERP-P in 2011 but it has been regularly uploading their publications into the SERP-P database, especially their Policy Briefs, and actively promoting the project to their technical staff.

Formerly known as the Congressional Planning and Budget Office or CPBO, CPBRD is part of the Secretariat of the House of Representatives. It serves the technical needs of the House leadership and its members on relevant policy concerns. CPBRD's primary mandate is to provide data and analyses on the implications of various policies, issues, and other socioeconomic developments in the country. It has been at the forefront of proactive legislation and policy advocacy, working in close coordination with the various committees and offices of the House of Representatives.

CPBRD's current head is Dr. Romulo Emmanuel M. Miral, Jr., director general. Together with his team and representatives to the SERP-P project namely, Mr. Novel Bangsal and Tom Lagasca, Dr. Miral has constantly showed his strong support of the SERP-P project by making sure that coordination between the CPBRD and the SERP-P team at PIDS is running smoothly.

The CPBRD remains as a staunch supporter of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) in advocating for evidence-based policymaking. Aside from their collaboration in the SERP-P, PIDS and CPBRD are partners in the [Electronic Resource Base for Legislation \(ERBL\)](#), an online knowledge resource that functions as a reservoir of information for the legislators and the public by linking legislation with available research studies. The SERP-P database is also linked to the [ERBL](#).

Studies by SERP-P network members can provide useful insights on how to address food security issues. Visit [SERP-P](#) for more.

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### Ateneo School of Government: Calling for Writers/Contributors for UNIID-SEA Newsletter

The Ateneo School of Government is inviting interested individuals to contribute or share articles on topics related to the global movement of promoting inclusive innovation and inclusive development. This is for the Universities and Councils Network on Innovation for Inclusive Development in Southeast Asia (UNIID-SEA) Newsletter. One-time or regular contributors are welcome. Existing or recently published articles or blogs can also be linked to the newsletter. For details, contact Ms. Mary Grace P. Santos, Project Manager for UNIID-SEA, at [GraceSantos.UNIID@Gmail.Com](mailto:GraceSantos.UNIID@Gmail.Com) (+632)426-6001 loc. 4639.

### New Acquisitions

- [Correlation Analysis Between Alternative Livelihood Projects And Illegal Fishing Operations In Region 1, Northwestern Philippines](#)
- [Region 1 Physico-Socio-Economic Profile for the 1st Quarter CY 2011](#)
- [Regional Research Agenda for Region 1: CY 2011-2016](#)
- [The Negros Millenarian Movements](#)

### SERP-P at a Glance

Number of Publications	5135
Number of Member Institutions	53
Number of Authors	2624
Number of Keywords	3071
Average Daily Visits	700

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