

Bilateral Meeting of Indonesia and Colombo Plan in South-south Technical Cooperation.

In 6-7 April 2009, the delegation of Indonesia was led by Suprpto, the Head of Bureau for Technical Cooperation of Overseas, State Secretariat. Member of delegation consisted of Esti Andyani and Idhi Maryono, the Directorate of Technical Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ronald Y.P. Manik, the Directorate Social Culture and Developing Country, and Theodora Pandjaitan, Head of Division for International Training and Collaboration, BKKBN, attended Bilateral Meeting between Indonesia and Colombo Plan, in Colombo Sri Lanka. In the meeting, mainly, the Colombo Plan Secretariat would like to further discuss the details of joint collaboration program in South-south Technical Program for 2010. The two days agenda discussed about three main topics, that is (1) cooperation in the domain of social and economics, which include four training programs proposal were as follows:

- Training on Local Economic Development: An Integrated Framework for Delivering Poverty Alleviation Initiatives;
- Training on Poverty Reduction: Community Development Program;
- *Observation Study Tour (OST)* on Empowering Women Through Multi Approaches For Small, Prosperous, and Happy Family: Social, Economic And Cultural Intervention;
- Training on Operational Management of Micro Finance for the developing member countries of the Colombo Plan;

Finally the Colombo Plan Secretariat was also proposed that the Government of the Republic Indonesia considers contributing a grant to fund the Programs on Public Administration and Environment. and requested the Secondment of Indonesian Official with the Colombo Plan Secretariat.

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