

Institute of Statistics Indonesia Officials Visit the UP School of Statistics

Officials from the Institute of Statistics of the Central Bureau of Statistics, Indonesia visited the University of the Philippines School of Statistics (UPSS) last October 24, 2017. They visit the School to study and benchmark the graduate programs of the UPSS. The delegation, led by the Institute of Statistics Dean Dr. Hamonangan Ritonga, Vice Dean Dr. Erni Tri Astuti and Research Professor/Principal Lecturer Dr. Abuzar Asra, met with UPSS Dean Dr. Dennis S. Mapa and Director for Graduate Studies, Dr. Joselito C. Magadia, to discuss the plan of the Institute of Statistics to offer a Master's Degree on Official Statistics in Indonesia starting 2018. The Institute officials were particularly interested in the success of the Master of Statistics (MOS) program of the UPSS.

The UPSS was selected to be the partner institution of the ASEAN Office in Jakarta, Indonesia to implement the initiative on *"Access to Higher Education in Statistics for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (CMLV) National Statistical System."* This project is supported by the EU-ASEAN COMPASS (*Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics*) Program. The project's aim is to support the capability of the National Statistical System of the CMLV countries by providing a scholarship grant to eight candidates from CLMV (two candidates per country) to enroll in the MOS program of the School.

Since 1958, Statistics Indonesia (STIS) has been the official college of D-IV and D-III programs which is managed by the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS). The STIS envisions itself to be a higher education institution which serves to develop and disseminate science, especially in the field of statistics and statistical computing, by educating cadres who have academic / professional skills. The STIS graduate is a skilled man capable of planning and conducting research, analysis in the socio-economic field, and planning and developing information systems.

The officials agreed to pursue further collaboration between the two Institutions through faculty and students exchange programs.



Officials from the Institute of Statistics, Indonesia meeting with UPSS college officials: (from left-to-right): Dr. Joselito C. Magadia (UPSS Director for Graduate Studies), Dr. Abuzar Asra (Research Professor, Institute of Statistics), Dr. Dennis S. Mapa (Dean, UPSS), Dr. Hamonangan Ritonga (Dean, Institute of Statistics) and Dr. Erni Tri Astuti (Vice Dean, Institute of Statistics)