

**FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**  
**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
**January to December 2015**

For the period January to December 2015, the Foreign Service Institute conducted 95 training courses; 63 were regular courses, and 32 were demand-driven courses which include training programs conducted in preparation for the Philippine hosting of the 2015 Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEC) Meetings benefiting 2,465 participants from the Department of Foreign Affairs, other government agencies and local government units.

These courses include, among others, the Economic Diplomacy Strategic Management for New Heads of Posts, Basic Course for Foreign Service Staff Officers and Employees, Foreign Service Officers' Cadetship Course, Basic Korean Language and Culture Program, Japanese Language Training for JDS Fellows, English Courses, Foreign Language Courses Levels I to III, Skills Enhancement Workshops for the Philippine Conference Management Officers and for the Host Economy Liaison Officers for APEC 2015, Seminar-Workshop on Protocol and Social Graces, Seminar on Re-entry and Debriefing for Newly Recalled Foreign Service Personnel, Course on Non-Traditional Security Issues, Seminar-Workshop on Handling Clients Effectively, Seminar-Workshop on Attaining Work-Life Balance, Seminar on Decorum, Consular Assistants' Course Disability Rights Orientation, Gender Sensitivity Training, Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars, Course on E-Diplomacy, Course on Political and Economic Analysis and Reporting, Leadership Imperatives: Coaching and Mentoring, Administrative Officers' Course, Management: Driving Productivity through Monitoring and Time Management, Cultural Officers' Course, Records and Communication Officers' Course, Property Management Course, and the Course on Procurement.

During the period, FSI completed 134 research papers, reports and other projects on various topics with foreign policy implications. These include the ASEAN Community, Asia Pacific regional security, global and regional trade issues, UN issues (human rights, nuclear non-proliferation, etc.), among other topics. Some of these papers were published as *CIRSS Commentaries and FSI Insights*. The Institute also began holding the Mabini Dialogue Series and the Mangrove Forum on International Relations as venues where specialists, experts and practitioners could engage in discussions on foreign policy issues with the DFA and other government agencies, the academe and private institutions. By the end of 2015, the Institute was able to hold 6 Mangrove fora and 18 lectures of the Mabini Dialogue Series.

The Institute also represented the Department in the screening of 202 nominees to various scholarships offered by foreign institutions.

Library services were also provided to more than 1,000 clients. The Institute's library acquired around 80 volumes of books through purchases and donations. Its 19 titles of periodical subscription were also kept up to date.

During the period, FSI conducted its organizational assessment and reviewed its systems and procedures in order to perform its functions more effectively.