

Agency Profile

1. Foreign Service Institute History

Presidential Decree No. 1060 was promulgated on 09 December 1976 Creating the Foreign Service Institute, authorizing it to Establish a Career Foreign Service Development Program Providing Funds Therefor, and Other Purposes.

Executive Order 239 of 1978 Reorganizing the Department of Foreign Affairs and for Other Purposes also provides that the Institute shall operate under its charter, but shall be revitalized as the training, research, and career development arm of the Department, in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary. The Institute shall be an integral participant in the planning review process in the Department.

The Foreign Service Act of 1991 further reinforced the Institute in providing that through its academic, training, research, information, publication, systems development and other programmes, the Institute shall serve as the center for the development and professionalization of the career corps of the foreign service of the Department and other government agencies which have officers and employees assigned abroad. It shall maintain a Center of International Relations and Strategic Studies (CIRSS) and shall otherwise function as a research institution on issues and problems with foreign policy implications, global and regional strategies and management of foreign affairs while serving as institutional consultant of the Department on matters related to foreign policies and programmes as well as development management, planning, review and evaluation processes in the Department. The Institute shall, inter alia, pursue a training program for those who are leaving for foreign assignments and for those who are recalled and shall hold seminars, including language courses, to prepare such officers and employees for their new assignments.

2. Mandate

The Foreign Service institute was established as the career development arm of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). It was also tasked to provide training to personnel of the DFA and other government agencies assigned to the Philippine foreign service posts.

Since 1987, the FSI has provided policy studies and research assistance to the DFA and has participated in the DFA's planning review process.

The Foreign Service Act of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7157) further specified the FSI's mandate as follows:

- a. To serve as the center for the development and professionalization of the career foreign service corps;

- b. To serve as a research institution for the DFA on issues relating to foreign policy, such as bilateral issues and global and regional strategies; and
- c. To serve as the institutional consultant of the DFA on foreign policy matters, as well as in the DFA's development through various training programs, and assist in the planning and review processes of the DFA.

3. Mission

The Foreign Service Institute develops foreign service competencies through responsive learning and development programs, and strengthens foreign policy through relevant, insightful, and timely research support.

4. Vision

By 2026, FSI will be among the leading institutions in Asia for diplomatic training and foreign policy research.

5. Core Values

Integrity
Patriotism
Excellence
Professionalism
Dedication

6. Organizational Structure

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1060, the Board of the Foreign Service Institute is the governing body of the Institute. It is composed of:

- Chairperson Secretary of Foreign Affairs
- Members Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission
President of the University of the Philippines
President of the Development Academy of the Philippines
Director-General of the Foreign Service Institute

The Institute is headed by a full-time Director-General who is seconded from the Senior Chiefs-of-Mission in the career foreign service corps. The FSI Director General also holds the title of Assistant Secretary. The Deputy Director-General who ranks next to the Director-General is chosen from the academic community to provide technical assistance to the Institute and its programs. Both are appointed by the President upon recommendation by the Board of the Foreign Service Institute.

The Institute is composed of three major divisions, namely:

- Carlos P. Romulo School of Diplomacy (CPRSD);
- Center for International Relations and Strategic Studies (CIRSS);
- Administrative and Financial Services Division (AFSD); and th
three sections/units under the Office of the Director-General, namely:
Carlos P. Romulo Library Section, Evaluation Section, and Institutional
Linkages Unit.