



PHILIPPINE MEDIATION CENTER

Basic Mediation Course: Conducted in Cagayan Valley Region

Basic Mediation Course in Tuguegarao City had just been conducted by PHILJA, through its Judicial Reforms Office. This was held at the Hotel Ivory and Convention Center, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan last August 13 to 17, 2007.

The Basic Mediation Course is a training course designed to produce court-annexed mediators with the requisite levels of knowledge and skills that will make them effective and efficient in resolving disputes.

The participants of this four-day course were those who successfully passed the Recruitment and Screening of Prospective Mediators for the Tuguegarao Mediation Program. The twenty-seven (27) participants were an amalgam of professionals from different fields. The presence of lawyers, who consisted of one-third of the attendees, exemplifies the significant role of lawyers in the field of mediation.

After completing this course, the participants will have a one-day pre-internship seminar to prepare them for the two-month internship program. During the internship proper, they will be handling actual cases for mediation under the supervision of a PMC mentor/coach. The internship will be conducted with the participation of the judges, court personnel and PMC Staff.

The series of orientation and recruitment, training, internship and accreditation of mediators in the Cagayan Valley Region is part of the plan of the Philippine Mediation Center to establish PMC Units in every political region of the country by the end of the year. The remaining regions which do not have PMC Units are the following: MIMAROPA, Bicol, CARAGA and ARMM.

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Hon. Vilma T. Paug, Executive Judge of RTC Tuguegarao welcomed the participants to the Basic Mediation Course.



Some selected participants seriously took their respective role in a simulated mediation. (From L-R, Atty. Mila Lauigan, Mr. Cesar Sales, Atty. Egon Cayosa, Ms. Perpetua Tobias, Judge Antonio Lagui (Ret.).



The would-be mediators had their ideas shared as they got their first-hand experience of mediating a hypothetical case.



The attendees of the seminar who came from different sectors intently listened to one of the lecturers.