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Message of Police Lieutenant Colonel Pergentino Malabed, Jr.
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Good afternoon to all. I am Police Lieutenant Colonel Pergentino Malabed, Jr. of the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC). As both the Director of the PPSC's Institute Training Group and Deputy Director of the National Police Training Institute, we bear witness to the positive effect of our partnership with the Hanns Seidel Foundation in promoting, developing and conducting training programs for police training directors, faculty and police instructors which incorporate the training philosophy of the Bavarian Police using practical, case-based police scenarios.

Every year, the Philippine National Police has up to ten thousand recruits joining the force. Presently, the PNP has about 190,000 police officers. There is the need for constant training and re-training to ensure that our police officers at all times act with the full knowledge of the law, are able to analyze and act in seconds, and possess the proper character and competence. Our exposure to best and applicable practices in the training philosophy of the Bavarian Police has allowed us to craft and develop the training philosophy of the Philippine National Police to be more responsive to the needs of the community, incorporating the respect for the rule of law and the practice of rights-based policing.

As a result of our exposure to the Bavarian Police Training Philosophy, our Programs of Instruction promotes use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent of de-scaling conflict, and only the proportionate use of force. Teaching methods are also being standardized so that the quality of instruction, including the use of practical case-based scenarios is maintained.

In the future, HSF support will be for two sets of beneficiaries. The first set will be the non-commissioned officers and cadets of the Philippine National Police which takes responsibility for training these police officers under the recently signed law. The PPSC will still be involved as it will continue to train police faculty and instructors which will be tapped by the PNP. The second set of beneficiaries will be police faculty and instructors of the PPSC's National Police College which will still be responsible for training police commissioned officers.

Thank you Hanns Seidel Foundation for your contribution in the promotion of Public Safety Leadership and Governance.