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THE P70M NATIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP)

The Legal Education Board approved during its 142nd regular meeting the implementation of the LEAP in partnership with the University of the Philippines through the UP Law Center, and the P70 Million partnership grant for this program designed primarily to implement reforms in the teaching of law, provide capacity building through training and research, and enhance the efficiency and strengthen legal education administration in the country.

The LEAP seeks to ensure that the legal education system is ready to adapt not only to the continuing pressures of present day challenges facing society, but also to the rapid technological advancement in teaching and the evolving issues, trends and concerns in the study of law.

The Program will benefit the 127 law schools nationwide and will tap the technical and professional expertise of legal scholars and academicians, practitioners, and legal researchers with wide knowledge of the law for specific Projects, namely, 1) the Model Law Curriculum Revision Project; 2) Legal Education Policy Reform Project; 3) Legal Education Knowledge Project; 4) Legal Education Access Project; 5) Stakeholder Conferences Project; and, 6) Digital Adaptation of Legal Education Project.

LEB OIC Chair Zenaida Elepaño and UP Diliman Chancellor Fidel Nemenzo signed the Memorandum of Agreement and the Program Concept Note which contains the details of the 6 specific Projects under the partnership agreement, and the designated funding for each Project.

The LEAP will be launched in a simple ceremony this June 30, 2021 with the turnover of the P70M check by OIC Chair Elepaño to UP Law Center Director Dean Edgardo Carlo Vistan II. The Steering Committee duly constituted under the Agreement will commence its task immediately thereafter, and prepare the Guidelines in accordance with the Concept Note which defines the exact details of the work and financial plan for each Project, and issue the necessary call for the experts who will be invited to participate in this landmark Project of the LEB.

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