

# EXECUTIVE COURSE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

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## RATIONALE

National security strategy is crucial at present times with the Philippines being confronted by challenges in various spheres. National Security Strategy bridges national instruments of power and the country's national security objectives in order to direct and relate these to policy goals. For a country to have an effective national security strategy, it needs capable leaders who possess the knowledge and skills to determine national security priorities. Leaders, in particular, officials of national agencies and local governments, armed forces, and members of the private sector must be actively involved in an integrated plan of action that addresses various security concerns.

Meanwhile, the knowledge and skills required in the formulation of a national security strategy can be acquired, honed and developed. Continuous learning and enhancement of skills must be pursued to harmonize concepts, principles, and theories with the practice of national security management and administration. Advanced knowledge and skills on national security management and administration must be continuously upgraded and maintained for effective leadership, policy formulation and decision-making for a comprehensible and sustainable development strategy.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Executive Course on National Security (ECNS) aims to provide participants a comprehensive understanding of the theory and practice of national security. With this general objective, the course is divided into three modules: **(1) National Security Theory and Framework**, **(2) National Security Management and Administration** and **(3) Integration**. The National Security Theory and Framework module provides the foundations, basic concepts, principles and various dimensions of national security. The National Security Management and Administration module orients participants on the external and internal security situation of the country, introduces methods and techniques in conducting strategic assessments and in formulating corresponding policy decisions and courses of action. Lastly, the Integration Module engages participants in an interactive discussion and workshop to synthesize their learning from the course.

The course is designed for local executives, government officials, military and police officers, and private sector managers. The course is intended to be interactive, analytical, and skill-oriented utilizing a combination of lectures, syndicate discussions and workshops.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course primarily aims to:

- Provide an overview and understanding of the fundamental concepts, principles, theories and practice of national security;
- Develop and enhance knowledge, competencies and skills in managing national security issues through discussions and exercises;
- Examine the roles of key officials and imbue values in dealing with national security challenges and issues; and,

- Provide a venue to exchange knowledge and share best practices in dealing with issues and concerns relating to local governance, national security and development.

## COURSE CONTENTS

The course will cover the following topics:

- Theories and Foundations of National Security
- Strategic Planning and Decision Making
- Asia Pacific Security Situation
- Philippine Archipelagic Security and Human Security
- The Philippine Economy and National Security
- Technology, Science and National Security
- Environmental Security
- Philippine Identity and National Security
- Governance and National Security
- Organization for National Security
- Strategic Assessment and Policy Formulation
- National Security Agenda
- Servant Leadership

## ADMISSIONS

Nominees must be occupying the following positions/ranks:

- Local Government Executives – Provincial Board Members to Governors, Councilors to Mayors
- Government agencies – Director to Assistant Secretaries
- Military and Police
  - Lieutenant Colonel to Colonels (PA, PAF and Marines)
  - Commanders to Captains (PN)
  - Police Superintendent to Police Senior Superintendent (PNP)
- Private Sector – Managers to CEOs and foreigners/DAFAs

Nominations duly certified by the respective heads of agencies or offices shall be subject to screening. Successful nominees shall be formally informed of their acceptance into the program via e-mail, fax or regular mail. The deadline for submission of the nomination forms is on **APRIL 12, 2006**. The College reserves the right to refuse admission. Admission is highly competitive. Limited slots available.

## FEES

Acceptance to the course is only completed with the payment of a **non-refundable** registration fee of **four thousand pesos (PhP4,000)** to cover seminar materials, 8 morning and afternoon snacks, 4 lunches, and 1 cocktails.. Cheques payable to NDCP are accepted.