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UNOPS and the Supreme Court of the Philippines Collaborate to Advance Judiciary Infrastructure with Strategic Project Management Workshop

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – October 30, 2026 – The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) successfully concluded a two-day Strategic Project Cycle Management (PCM) Workshop for the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Sandiganbayan. Held on October 28 and 30, 2026, the program forms part of a continuing technical assistance initiative designed to strengthen the judiciary's institutional capacity to plan, procure, and manage critical infrastructure projects.

As the Supreme Court continues to invest heavily in the development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of its facilities to improve access to justice, the need for robust internal project management capabilities has grown. Informed by a Rapid Training Needs Assessment, the workshop introduced internationally recognized project management principles adapted specifically to the Philippine public sector context. The PCM training sessions were led by Dr. Ali Salha, Programme Management Advisor, and UNOPS technical lead, Radzmier Hasan.

The program was delivered across two specialized tracks. The October 28 operational session equipped technical personnel with practical tools for the complete project lifecycle. Using anonymized data from actual Hall of Justice projects, participants engaged in case-based exercises to assess project readiness prior to procurement and evaluate complex Extension of Time (EOT) scenarios involving adverse weather and material shortages.

The October 30 leadership session convened Supreme Court officials to examine infrastructure delivery from an institutional governance perspective. Discussions focused on strategic oversight, organizational accountability, and establishing institutional decision gates to ensure technical and financial requirements are met before procurement commences.

A key outcome of the leadership dialogue was the exploration of deeper strategic collaboration between the Supreme Court and UNOPS. Recognizing UNOPS' global mandate and specialized capacity in public infrastructure and procurement, participants discussed potential support for large-scale, complex investments, including the Sandiganbayan building. The dialogue also covered the operationalization of Republic Act No. 12009 (the New Government Procurement Act) and how its provisions might facilitate future technical cooperation and integrated project implementation support from UNOPS.

Participants across both tracks expressed high satisfaction with the practical, evidence-based approach of the workshop. The event highlighted a shared commitment to addressing workforce limitations, strengthening project monitoring systems, and institutionalizing early market engagement to achieve greater value for money in geographically dispersed judiciary projects.

Moving forward, the Supreme Court and UNOPS plan to explore advanced capacity development programs on contract management and infrastructure governance, alongside potential advisory frameworks to support the Court's long-term modernization agenda.

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