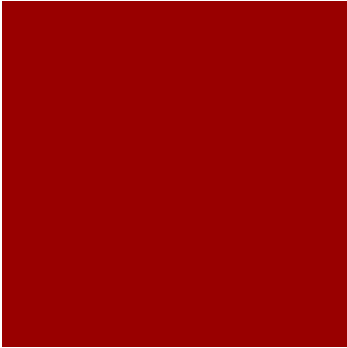


National Summit 2010

Collaborative Partnership Towards Enhancing the
Dignity of Persons Deprived of Liberty



The National Summit Thus Far: Consensus at Day 1



- Principle: restorative justice needs to permeate the synergies in the criminal justice system
- Institutional: governance is key to overcome fragmented institutional and policy arrangements and resources
- Rights-Perspective: Persons deprived of liberty have fundamental rights and intrinsic dignity
- Summit-specific: issues are complex and interconnected, but let us endeavor to agree on “quick wins”, action measures and key advocacies, and build partnerships



Highlights of FGD on Offenders

- Have a common manual/SOP governing persons deprived of liberty
- Pursue an Integrated information system among penal institutions under DOJ
- Support Department of Corrections (or agency-specific bills)
- Continue judicial reforms to speed up court processes
- Continue implementing capacity development for corrections





Highlights of FGD on Victims

- Recognize the voluntary role of victims in restorative justice
- Define opportunities for victims to be engaged, where appropriate, in the rehabilitation of offenders: good practices overseas; mechanisms to institute having a “Victim Impact Statement” or “Victim Impact Panel”, among others
- Review state compensation law
- Scope good local practices and identify areas for replication, continuous improvement: Diversion Program, Volunteer Probation Aide, etc.





Highlights of FGD on Community

- Prioritize dialogue and communication with the community (media, schools, faith-based organizations and other social institutions) to correct public stigma and prejudice against persons deprived of liberty
- Amend laws to de-criminalize certain offences and push for “community service” as alternative
- Push for tax and non-tax incentives for businesses and industry organizations that employ persons deprived of liberty
- Prioritize community support for after-care programs, including proper transition mechanisms: role of media, neighborhood councils, local structures, Lupon, etc.





Highlights of FGD on Alternatives to Imprisonment

- Organize a Study Commission to initiate research to reform the jail/prison system
- Complete the inventory of documents (“carpeta”) of inmates and prisoners
- Optimize food allocation for inmates: balance between nutrition and cost
- Prioritize capability-building of duty bearers





Highlights of FGD on Governance

- Need for data-base and sharing of information on persons deprived of liberty
- Prioritize avenues and mechanisms for BJMP and BuCor to communicate and complement resources and initiatives for persons deprived of liberty, with the support of other agencies
- Develop harmonized rules and regulations governing persons deprived of liberty
- Push for key legislations
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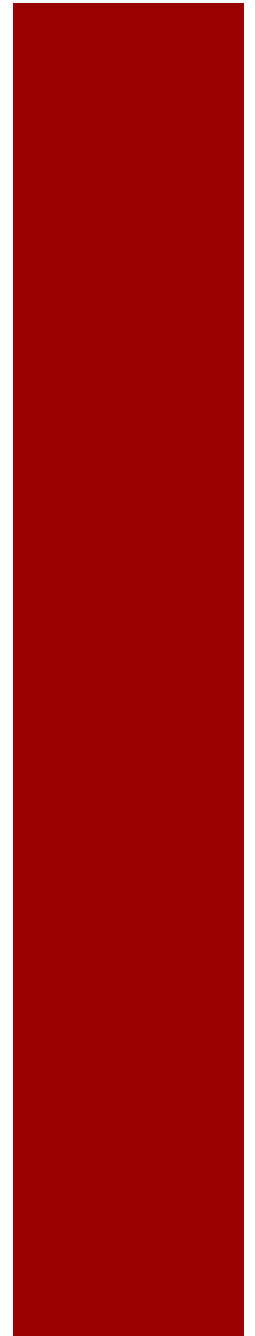
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A final reflection.

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Reflection on Thomas Khun's Scientific Revolutions
"Paradigm Shift", available in www.taketheleap.com on 17Nov2010





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