

**Opportunity Talk Held on the Graduate School Programs of the
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the
National University of Singapore**

The CESB facilitated the Opportunity Talk on the Graduate School Programs of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore (LKYSPP-NUS) on 14 April 2008 at the CESB Training Room. A select group of twenty-nine (29) CES officials and eligibles from various government agencies, academic institutions, and government corporations attended the activity with LKYSPP-NUS Vice-Dean for Executive Education and Development Stavros N. Yiannouka. Joining him were Ms. Catherine Denise R. Jayme, Senior Manager for Executive Education of the LKYSPP-NUS and Mr. Desmond Ng, Deputy Chief-of-Mission of the Embassy of Singapore.

Among the offerings discussed was the Master in Public Management (MPM) Program, a one (1) year full time program designed to enhance key competencies of public and private sector senior managers in various areas of governance and development management. It allows students to spend one full semester at the John F. Kennedy School of Government of the Harvard University or at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

The programs offer unique, diverse and challenging learning opportunities for the professional and personal development of CES officials and eligibles in a multi-cultural environment. The programs also empower them with the competencies, values and commitment to achieve organizational effectiveness in their respective agencies and to improve the standards and practice of governance and accountability in the bureaucracy.

Vice-Dean Yiannouka lauded the strong partnership forged by the school with CESB and the latter's commitment and intensive efforts to promote the school's graduate program offerings among CES officials and eligibles on a nationwide scale. He encouraged the increasing number of Filipino LKYSPP-NUS alumni/ alumnae not only to "make the difference that counts" in their agencies and in the government, but also to organize themselves and assume more significant roles in promoting and recruitment for the school's programs and short term courses.

The Opportunity Talk is the third in a series of nationwide orientation-briefings for CES officials and eligibles jointly conducted in various regions by the CESB and the LKYSPP-NUS. The series aims to deepen appreciation of and familiarity with the different graduate school program offerings, policies, rules, support services and facilities of the LKYSPP-NUS. More importantly, it is intended to stimulate interest in, expand the scope of, and encourage more applicants for selection, assessment and recruitment into these programs for the coming school year.

Earlier opportunity talks were held with Asst. Professor Ora-orn Poocharoen, PhD., MPM Program Faculty Member (14 March, Davao City) and Ms. Hazel Tan Mei Fern, Senior Manager for Student Recruitment and Alumni Relations (26 March, Cebu City) of the LKYSPP-NUS. Plans are being laid out for the next opportunity talk with the LKYSPP-NUS in Baguio City on 29 May 2008, where CESB will conduct the 4th Leadership and Governance Series Event on "Transformational Leadership".