



## Australia — Philippines Police Cooperation

Since the opening of its Manila office in September 1984, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) has worked with and continues to cooperate closely with Philippine law enforcement agencies in providing facilities, equipment and training to assist in combating terrorism and transnational crime, and in providing security for local communities.

The AFP Law Enforcement Cooperation Program (LECP) aims to increase the operational capacity of partner law enforcement agencies to combat transnational crime activities. Projects managed by LECP include the Philippines Counter Terrorism Capacity Building Project which has invested over (Php 320 million) since 2004, including the establishment of the Mindanao Area Police Intelligence Office.

Memorandums of Understanding between the Australian Government and local law enforcement agencies including the Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigations, Philippines Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Customs and Bureau of Immigration ensure that Australia is committed to assisting in the fight against transnational crime.

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Throughout the AFP's 26 years of partnership with the Philippines, more than 1,000 Philippine law enforcement officers have undergone training in various disciplines including applied management, intelligence reporting and analysis, investigations management (including multijurisdictional and multi agency investigations), surveillance, hostage negotiation, counter terrorism operations, command & control, and critical incident management.

### Highlights of recent cooperation

Opening of MAPIO in Camp Catitipan, Davao, housing a Forensic Explosives Laboratory and Bomb Data Centre.

Training facilities at the Philippine Public Safety College in Davao are renovated and constructed which will assist in the education and training of Philippine National Police and other uniformed law enforcement services

AFP upgrades and expands the Case Management and Intelligence System. The system improved the ability of law enforcement agencies to manage information in CT operations and transnational crime

Turnover of seven vehicles and three Computerised Composite Illustration Systems (or Facefit) to PNP Davao to enhance the capacity of CT teams in the southern Philippines and three Facefit systems in Manila.

Celebration of AFP's 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of operations in the Philippines.