

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS KNOWLEDGE FOR DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The concept of disclosing the World Bank activities and to explain its work to the widest possible audience was the key to the opening of Knowledge for Development Centers (KDC) in the country including the University of San Carlos Knowledge for Development Center launched December 3, 2003. The KDC is a network of learning institutions, acting collectively and in partnership with the World Bank agreed that knowledge sharing is a potent tool for development.

Its vision is to be a proactive and dynamic resource center committed to creating, sharing, and applying knowledge for development.

The center houses an extensive collection of development publications sample subject areas are: agriculture, corruption, economic development, education, environment, finance, gender, health, infrastructure, law, poverty and copies of World Bank project documents.

The KDC was launched as a Center for Person's with Disabilities in 2005. In partnership with The Philippine Deaf Resource Center (PDRC) and Philippine Federation of the Deaf (DFD) it conducted a two-day lecture on Filipino Sign Languages. In December of the same year the center open its doors to the visually impaired through its assistive devices namely the Braille reader, scanner and the installation of the JAWS software.

Since its launching the Center as established partnership with the following Government and Non-Government Agencies: DSWD 7, DILG 7, CHED 7, Cebu City Planning Office (Cebu City Government), Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc., Barug! Pilipino, Talisay City SK Federation.

It is open to the public and offers the following services:

- Access to development related publications by well known academic and development institution
- Online access to development websites and databases
- Access to special collection of CD's and videotapes on development issues
- Online access to World Bank documents, publications and reports
- Online-access to the ePic system that allows users to see the collection of World Bank Public Information Centers around the world; includes access to full text
- Use of the assistive devices for the visually impaired
- Tutorial on the different World Bank Databases like LGU Portal, ePic, WDR and many more.
- Knowledge Sharing on Best Practices and Ideas on Development

USC KDC focused areas are: Environment and Governance. Its project "Lamppost for Good Governance" was conceptualized as a means of helping and assisting LGU leaders to become champions of good governance and moral integrity.

The KDC is not an information center but a knowledge center located at the Joseph Baumgartner Central Library.