**Deakin on the world map**

DEAKIN University’s Adjunct Professor, Peter Loney, has been invited to play a key role in the global war on corruption.

Prof Loney, who heads up the Legislative Leadership and Governance Group hosted by the Geelong-based Alfred Deakin Research Institute, has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption’s Global Conference next year in Manila.

The conference is a joint initiative of the Senate of Philippines, GOPAC and the South East Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption, and is supported by the World Bank Institute.

This year’s conference theme is “Good Laws, Good Leaders, Good Citizens” and will be attended by 400 parliamentarians from 54 countries.

Over the past five years, the conference has earned the reputation of being one of the largest and most significant anti-corruption events in the world.

“It is a great honour to be asked to take part in the conference,” Prof Loney said.

“Not only is it recognition of the work being done by LLGG, but also affirms the reputation that Deakin has been building in promoting good governance among our neighbouring countries, and those further afield.”

Prof Loney was the member for Lara in the Victorian Legislative Assembly and also served as the Deputy Speaker.


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He was chair of the Committee from 1999-2003 and chair of the Australian Council of Public Accounts Committees from 2001-2003. For the past two years at ADRI, he has led LLGG’s summer residency program for public accounts committees from developing nations.

The program is supported by AusAID, the World Bank Institute, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the Centre for Democratic Institutions and has attracted more than 300 members of Parliament, auditors-general, audit office and parliamentary staff from more than 50 Asian, Pacific region and African countries.

“We have been very impressed with the high standard of the course and the positive impact it has had on the development of better accountability mechanisms in the parliaments we have sponsored to attend,” said the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association’s secretary general, Dr William F. Shiha.

“We can point to positive advances in all the most vulnerable African, Asian and Pacific Island parliaments which are directly attributable to the PAO Summer School.”

The summer residency program is primarily aimed at improving capacity in developing countries and has been carefully designed to enable attendees to examine issues in depth that are related to parliamentary oversight, public financial scrutiny, and the proper role of PACs.

It is also supported by the Victorian Parliament and Victorian Auditor-General’s Office, and uses a combination of practitioner, professional and academic presenters to address issues including:

- STRATEGIC planning and recording of PAC work;
- OPENING committee meetings to the public and media;
- WORKING with departmental committees;
- RELATIONSHIPS with the auditor-general; and
- THE establishment of a national association of PACs in federal states and regional/global associations of PACs.

Participating delegations are also required to produce an action plan stipulating the improvements they will make in their jurisdictions.

“This is a very tangible way in which Deakin is helping improve not just the governance of developing countries, but the lives of the people who live in them,” Prof. Loney said.

“By increasing public accountability, we can be more confident that money and resources get to the people who need them most.”

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