

CEBU EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CEDF-IT)

Background Information

The Cebu Educational Development Foundation for Information Technology or CEDF-IT is a consortium of industry, academe, government and NGO's that seeks to increase the quantity and improve the quality of professionals in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and IT-Enabled Services Industry through proactive intervention in the HR development sector.

CEDF-IT was established during the Cebu IT Summit held in March 29-30, 2001, during the term of then Cebu City Mayor Alvin G. Garcia.

The aforesaid summit - the very first in Cebu - the participating IT stakeholders signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to signal their resolve to work together to help increase the quantity and improve the quality of Cebu's ICT workforce, as a critical and necessary condition for Cebu to become an honest-to-goodness ICT and IT-Enabled Services hub; and a key contributor to the overall development of the Philippine Cyber-services Corridor.

Thus was born CEDF-IT, a non-stock, nonprofit, private foundation duly approved by the SEC on the 5th of November 2005.

In accord with its vision-mission, CEDF-IT serves as the leading HR resource for ICT and IT-Enabled Services.

Main Programs

Taking off from its accomplishments, for the medium-term, CEDF-IT focuses on the four Strategic Programs –

1st Membership Retention and Recruitment Program

2nd Training Program

3rd Certification Program

4th Career Orientation, Guidance, and Annual Job Fair Program

Categories of Membership in CEDF-IT

- a. Regular (Cebu-based)
 1. Institutional - Elementary, High-Schools, Colleges, Universities, Technical Schools, Non-Formal (Certificate) Schools, NGO's, etc.
 2. Industry - Single Proprietorships, Partnerships, Local and Multinational Corporations, etc.



- b. Affiliate (Outside Cebu)
 - 1. Institutional - Elementary, High-Schools, Colleges, Universities, Technical Schools, Non-Formal (Certificate) Schools, NGO's, etc.
 - 2. Industry - Single Proprietorships, Partnerships, Local and Multinational Corporations, etc.

Title of Certification

Philippine Information Technology General Certification Examination or "PHIL-IT GCE".

Certifying Organization

Cebu Educational Development Foundation for Information Technology (CEDF-IT) in collaboration with www.itpros.ph, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), and the European It Service Center Foundation (EITSC).

General Description

The PHIL-IT GCE may be considered as an overall evaluation of the graduate's level of cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning as specified in B.S. Computer Science; B.S. Computer Engineering; B.S. Information technology; and, B.S. Information Management curricula, as well as the graduate's knowledge, skills, and attitudes pertinent to advanced or latest trends in IT as required by industry.

The PHIL-IT GCE consists of a cluster of "generic examinations" that likewise assesses the graduate's overall readiness to become a professional in both IT subjects and non-IT subjects.

In a way, the PHIL-IT GCE serves as an interim solution for the need for a board examination, testing the IT skills of Filipino would-be professionals, with IT skills set by Filipino IT professionals, yet understanding international industry benchmarks.