

Forms of assistance:

- 1) Use of research materials available in the OMB.
- 2) Access to interview with top officials of the OMB and other government agencies.
- 3) Free use of printing equipment, papers and binding services.
- 4) Financial assistance of P5,000. (50% upon approval of thesis, 50% upon submission of completed research)

Procedure of Application:

- 1) Application should be addressed to: The Chairman, Thesis Assistance Evaluation Committee, Community Coordination Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, 176 A. Villegas St., Ermita, Manila.
- 2) Application should be accompanied by a copy of the latest registration form and a copy of the approved thesis proposal or abstract.

DATABANK ON GRAFT AND CORRUPTION

This is a component program of the Research/Thesis Assistance Program. It aims to install a mini-library or data bank on graft and corruption and related subjects that will provide researcher and public administrators reference materials on the subject matter.

CORRUPTION PREVENTION UNIT (CPU)

“An alert community is an effective deterrence to graft and corruption.”

The CPU serves as the OMB’s citizens arm in its crusade for a clean and honest government. It assists the Office in detecting graft and corruption in the bureaucracy.

Objectives:

- 1) Ensures community-based parti-

- 2) Serves as a focal point of citizen’s organization in the campaign for an effective government.
- 3) Heightens the citizen’s awareness through workshops, symposia and conferences.

Who may be accredited?

Any bonafide non-partisan group, association or organization from any sector with identifiable leadership, membership and structure and with demonstrated capacity to promote the interest and assist the Office of the Ombudsman in the performance of its function and activities as mandated by the Constitution and R.A. 6770 may be accredited as a CPU.

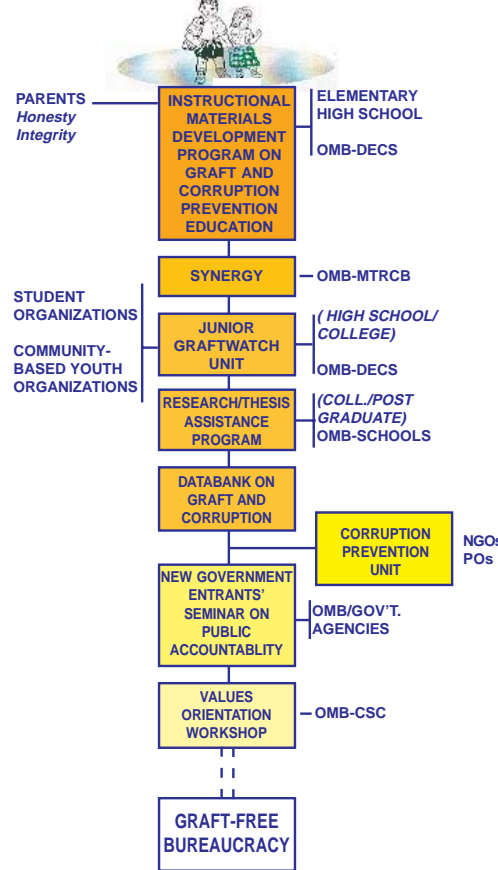
NEW GOVERNMENT ENTRANTS’ SEMINAR ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

The need to address the perennial problem of graft and corruption at the preemptive level is a growing concern of the Office of the Ombudsman. Hence, the need to equip government human resource with necessary orientation on the requisites of an honest and accountable public servant, if only to realize a more efficient, graft-free bureaucracy. Thus the conception of this project. It aims to provide the venue whereby public service values are internalized and to enhance a deeper understanding of the role of public servants and the accountability attached to the positions in the government.

VALUES ORIENTATION WORKSHOP (VOW)

On the finer points, the Office has adopted the strategy of conducting the VOW as part of the Moral Recovery Program of the government. One of its primary objectives is the enhancement of organizational effectiveness through moral reformation among OMB personnel.

“Pepe and Pilar”
An Educational and Motivational Approach in Building a Graft-Free Society.



As shown in the illustration above, the family headed by the father plays a significant role in molding the psyche of Pepe and Pilar. As soon as the siblings reach the school age, they will undergo the IMDPGCPE program and the JGU as well as the Research and Thesis Assistance and Synergy Program. By the time Pepe and Pilar finish college, they are already fully equipped and trained in building a graft-free society. However, OMB intervention does not stop here. If Pilar decides to enter the private sector, she can be part of an NGO or PO which shall be accredited as CPU and if Pepe opts to work in the public sector, he has to undergo the Seminar for New Government Entrants and later on take part in the VOW.

For more information about the OMB Graft Prevention Programs, write or call the: Community Coordination Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, Agham Rd., Diliman, Quezon City
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GRAFT PREVENTION PROGRAMS OF THE OMBUDSMAN



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
Community Coordination Bureau
Public Assistance & Corruption Prevention Office

As the country enters the crossroads of globalization in the third millennium, the dream of each Filipino youth remains vibrant: a dream to fully develop and apply all his talents and abilities in nation-building through sound education ---for the brighter future of the Filipino nation.

But our nation is confronted with the most serious problem of our society, which is the deterioration of value systems. This is something that should be at the heart of public service. Today's youth face the challenges of keeping the traditional values over political and personal economic aggrandizement, and living up to idealistic principles rather than popularity.

Where the need to effect an environment of honesty and integrity becomes imperative, the Office of the Ombudsman as the Protector of the People acts on its constitutional mandate. It seeks to motivate young people nationwide to get involved in the herculean task of building a graft-free society.

The Ombudsman envisions a graft free bureaucracy----a dream which shall hopefully become a reality, by building a people who will share the dream ---beginning with the Filipino family. The family is the primordial unit of society through which the fabric of society is woven. The Ombudsman believes that to transform the Philippine society into a graft-free bureaucracy, the renewal must start first with every Filipino family.

The Office of the Ombudsman believes that the development of an educational and motivational approach in combating graft and corruption is imperative in order to achieve victory. OMB intervention begins when the child reaches school age and continues until late adulthood. The following graft prevention programs are designed to deter the proliferation of graft and corruption at different stages of a man's life to pave the way for a graft-free society.

■ **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON GRAFT AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS**

This program is a joint undertaking between the Office of the Ombudsman and the DECS. It aims to develop and validate instructional materials to make the students aware and understand the ills of graft and corruption and the means of deterring the same. These instructional materials and messages will inculcate among the students in the elementary and high school levels positive values such as honesty, integrity, uphold the common good and simple living. Likewise the role of the Office of the Ombudsman, the norms of conduct of public officials and employees as well as the establishment of the OMB Junior Graftwatch were incorporated in the said materials.

■ **PROJECT SYNERGY** *“Whichever way you look at it, corruption does not pay.”*

This is a joint effort of the Office of the Ombudsman and the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB). Citizens through the JGU's are joined to support this program.

■ **Objectives:**

- 1) To protect the youth from imbibing distorted values and imitating unacceptable behaviors which propagate graft and corruption and are objectionable for being contrary to law and Filipino values on honesty and integrity and with a dangerous tendency to encourage the commission of graft and other offenses violative of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for public officials and employees;
- 2) To awaken the civic consciousness of the movie and television program producers to place a redeeming value in producing film and television programs portraying public officials.

■ **JUNIOR GRAFTWATCH UNIT (JGU)** *“We can not alter the past but we can be alert for the future.”*

The JGU serves as OMB's youth arm in graft prevention and control. It provides a mechanism for young citizens effective participation in corruption prevention campaigns by establishing units in schools and communities.

■ **Objectives:**

A. General

- 1) To direct the growing concern and awaken the consciousness of young citizen into productive action towards the elimination or reduction of graft and corruption and its effects to the country's economy.
- 2) To develop and ingrain in the youth moral values such as honesty and efficiency in preparation for their future roles as leaders of the country.

- 3) To orient the youth on the tasks, functions and role of the Office of the Ombudsman.

B. Specific

- 1) To provide a mechanism for young citizens' effective participation in OMB's corruption prevention campaign.
- 2) To establish a Junior Graftwatch Unit in every school and community.
- 3) To promote recognition for the youth's achievement in their positive efforts towards a clean and honest government.

■ **Who may be accredited?**

Any bonafide school-based groups and youth organizations with identifiable leadership, membership and structure and with demonstrated capacity to promote public interest may be accredited as a JGU.

■ **RESEARCH OR THESIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The OMB is providing research/thesis grants to students who will be conducting studies on graft and corruption. It provides a good opportunity for the students to contribute their ideas and recommendation in solving graft-related problems.

■ **Qualifications:**

Undergraduate or graduate students of any course, enrolled in a research/thesis writing subject at the time the application is filed. The topic must focus on graft and corruption and must be approved by the school.