

# **NCIT** National Center for Intermodal Transportation

*A partnership between the University of Denver and Mississippi State University*

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## **PHILIPPINES LOOK TO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION AS KEY TO SOLVING CONGESTION AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS**

- University of Denver's Professor Patrick Sherry Chairs Intermodal Skills Seminar in Manila -

**Denver, CO, November 27, 2006** – At a recent seminar sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) in Manila, Dr. Patrick Sherry, PhD, of the University of Denver led a panel of 14 international experts who provided skills and leadership training for executives from the various modes of transportation in the region. In addition, these experts analyzed intermodal transportation solutions to improve the growing traffic congestion and to affect the economic performance in the Philippines.

Sherry, who is co-director of the National Center for Intermodal Transportation (NCIT) and a Professor with the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver, was asked to chair the weeklong Intermodal Skills Seminar, which included experts in the fields of engineering, supply chain management and communications, in order to help identify solutions to transportation and congestion problems that affect Manila, other developing regions of the Philippines and the Port of Manila, which is experiencing increasing freight and passenger traffic.

In opening remarks, Secretary of Transportation Leandro R. Mendoza pointed to the intermodal expertise offered by Sherry, the University of Denver and the other panelists, and emphasized the urgent need to enhance and improve infrastructure connectivity in the Philippines by establishing a safe, seamless and efficient intermodal transportation system that would serve both the freight and passenger systems throughout the nation.

“Our group of experts, from the worlds of rail and trucking, provided skills and leadership training for Filipino regional executives from the various modes of transportation in four key areas of intermodal transportation,” said Sherry: “Foundational skills, analytical skills, technical skills and interpersonal communications skills. At the end of the week we presented our findings to Secretary Mendoza, who will analyze them for ways to improve his nation’s transportation system and economic performance.”

## **About NCIT**

The National Center for Intermodal Transportation (NCIT) is a partnership between the University of Denver and Mississippi State University. NCIT builds upon the activities of the Intermodal Transportation Institute (ITI) at the University of Denver and the activities of the centers with transportation focuses at Mississippi State University. NCIT is a part of the USDOT University Transportation Centers Program and was reauthorized under SAFETEA-LU.

## **About ITI**

The Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver offers an Executive Master's Program that awards a Master of Science in Intermodal Transportation Management from the University of Denver. This graduate degree program prepares transportation industry managers for the increasingly complex, global business environment where a knowledge of finance, quantitative processes, supply chain, law, and public policy issues as well as freight, passenger, and intermodal transportation operational strategies are critical management tools for success. For more information on the ITI Executive Master's Program call: 303-871-4702 or visit: [www.du.edu/transportation](http://www.du.edu/transportation).

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