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## **Philippines and ASTTBC**

ASTTBC has been awarded a grant from the BC Government to become more familiar with education in the Philippines and in particular to assist ASTTBC as we assess Internationally Trained Professionals (ITP) who seek recognition of their credentials in BC.

ASTTBC will conduct a full paper-based review and send a small team to the Philippines to get 'on the ground' and have a look at the educational facilities including laboratories. *"This is a great opportunity for ASTTBC as it will provide greater resources in the work we are doing to enhance the experiences of ITPs as they seek recognition and start to build careers in BC,"* said ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech. *"The BC Government is doing a lot to assist self-governing professional regulatory bodies like ASTTBC better serve ITPs."*

The new Registrar for ASTTBC, Charles Joyner, AScT brings a lot of international experience to his role as project lead. *"In my short time at ASTTBC I have come to realize what a great job ASTTBC does in its role as a professional regulator. While we have a solid foundation in place, there is more we can do and the BC Government funding will serve as a catalyst to bring about enhancements."*