Following discussions with Chief Justice Michael Black of the Federal Court of Australia and Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the Centre for Democratic Institutions embarked on facilitating a program of judicial cooperation between the two countries and their senior judiciary.

- The first year of the Judicial Cooperation Program comprised four distinct activities: A Study Tour to Sydney by eight judges from the Philippines;
- The participation of Judge Zenaida N. Elepano, Deputy Court Administrator of the Supreme Court of the Philippines in an the Intensive Study Programme for Court Administration offered by the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute of Canada;
- The visit to the Philippines by Australian Justices Bryan Beaumont and Arthur Emmett to the Philippines
- The visit of Livingston Armytage to Tagaytay, Philippines to conduct two workshops at the Philippine Judicial Academy

Livingston Armytage, one of Australia’s leading figures in judicial education, visited to Tagaytay, Philippines on 25 and 26 May 2000, to conduct two workshops at the Philippine Judicial Academy. Both workshops were very well received.

The topics for these workshops were:

a) ‘Instructional Techniques’ - an induction to faculty development for 40 executive judges attending the first advanced Career Enhancement Program; and