



Mission Report

SEAMEO VOCTECH

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Halong Bay, Vietnam

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO VOCTECH was established in 1990. The Centre currently has 45 staff. The new Centre Director is Mr. Sharifuddin. The Centre organized its 24th Governing Board Meeting in Halong Bay, Vietnam.

C. Participants

1. Participants were board members from Cambodia, Myanmar, Lao, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, a representative from SEAMEO Secretariat, SEAMEO VOCTECH staff, and representatives from Technical Vocational Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam.
2. Governing Board Members from Indonesia and Timor Leste were unable to attend the meeting.

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO VOCTECH and the Technical Vocational Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. H.E. Prof. Dr. Tran Quang Quy, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training Vietnam was the Guest of Honor and delivered an Opening Speech.
2. The Chairperson of the 24th GBM SEAMEO VOCTECH was Dr. Esa Yunus, Board member from Brunei Darussalam, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Institut Teknologi Brunei.
3. Mr. Sharifuddin, SEAMEO VOCTECH Centre Director informed the Governing Board that the office hour of SEAMEO VOCTECH has now changed from Mon-Thu, and Sat. to Mon-Fri., starting 1 September 2013. This is to accommodate the coordination of the Centre with other organizations and Ministries in the region.
4. The Governing Board approved the 5th Five Year Development Plan, 2014-2015 to

2018/2019 of SEAMEO VOCTECH. The Centre now has new mission statement, "To be A Globally Recognised Regional Centre of Excellence in Technical Vocational Education and Training."

5. The Meeting discussed on the following points:
 - a. Student mobility in TVET and the role of SEAMEO VOCTECH on this matter. The Meeting pointed out the importance of Southeast Asia becoming ASEAN Community by 2015 and the impact this will have on skilled labour in the region. The Meeting suggested SEAMEO VOCTECH to involve in this movement as the Centre expertise is in TVET which is related to skill labored.
 - b. Competency standard –mutual recognition of skills in TVET in the region. SEAMEO VOCTECH once conducted a survey on competency standard in TVET in the region. The Governing Board suggested that the experience can be useful for the discussion and dialogue among Southeast Asian country on student mobility and skill labour. SEAMEO VOCTECH replied that due to its limited budget, they cannot participate in many of the workshops and meetings concerning this issue.
 - c. SEAMEO VOCTECH requested SEAMEO Secretariat to assist in linking the Centre to ASEAN Secretariat, so the centre can be involved in the workshop and meetings on TVET in the future.
 - d. SEAMEO VOCTECH provided update on the cooperation with Regional Cooperation Platform (RCP), an organization funded by the Government of German. The cooperation covers workshops; research and conference involve members (universities, institutions and private sectors) of RCP in TVET.
 - e. Follow-up assessment of SEAMEO VOCTECH training course. The Meeting inquired about the follow-up of the training with the participants from SEAMEO member countries. The Governing Board suggested VOCTECH to send the Ministry the evaluation results of the training courses and the work plan that the participants prepared at the end of the training. The Meeting agreed that GB members will assist in follow-up with the participants from their countries in their progress.
 - f. The Governing Board Member from Vietnam said that TVET has become an important issue for the region because it supports skill for lifelong learning for the 21st century. He proposed SEAMES to bring TVET issue as an agenda in HOM in order to put emphasis of TVET in the region.
6. Next GB meeting will be in Malaysia, 2nd week of September.
7. After the Meeting, the Centre together with the Technical Vocational Centre Singapore organized a Sharing Session in TVET in the region. Invited speaker from Festo Didactic, a company in Germany; board members gave presentations.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an Opening remark on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat
2. Provided input and answer to questions during the discussion
3. Assist in the preparation and finalization of the proceeding.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Inform Dr. Wltaya about the request of the Governing Board Member from Vietnam suggestion on bringing TVET agenda to discuss at the HOM.
2. Link SEAMEO VOCTECH to ASEAN Secretariat.
3. Send the template of CDM Working paper information to SEAMEO VOCTECH for their information.

H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

