

Session 2 Development of Guidebook to Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China

Workshop Summary

Aim/Purpose of the Guidebook

- The Guidebook aims at enhance mutual understanding, mutual learning and also mutual reinforcement of education system thought sharing of systemic and updated knowledge and information and identifying both similarities and differences of on education systems and reforms in SEA and China.

Framework/Content

- The project will start with a Handbook that including two volumes, Option A and Option B proposed by the NIES.
- Option A basically contains five parts: (1) schooling chart, (2) education administrative system, (3) curriculum framework, (4) recent policy reforms and (5) key indicators and statistics (optional).
- Development of Option A should rely on the MOEs of member states for data collection and verification. And indicator and statistics will be largely based on selected data from existing established database that are comparable and publishable.
- Option B should rely on policy experts to be identified
- The draft of the Guidebook will go through blind review before finalization

Authorship

- Co-authorship are allowed;
- Coordinator for the Guidebook development: NIES
- All the representatives for the Coordination Meeting will serve as the focal points (coordinator) for two roles: either editorial board member or author, in case they cannot, will recommend both editors member and authors. For countries to decide author for Option A and membership to Editorial Board
- Provide guidelines to the authors (including format and standards for citations and references)

Key Issues

- Should identify a very realistic timeline for the development of the Guidebook
- Identify target readers so that content can be identified. Information should be reliable, relevant and can be used as reference by target readers
- Timeframe and reference for the education statistics that would be included in the Guidebook should be agreed on as the countries would have varying available data;
- The Guidebook will be produced on a regular basis (say, biannually).