



Mission Report

25th Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO VOCTECH 24-26 September 2014, ITE, Singapore

A. SEAMEO Secretariat Official and Staff Member on Mission:

1. Ms Lotus Moreno Postrado, Programme Officer I

B. Background and Objectives of the Meetings

1. The SEAMEO Governing Board is the decision-making body of the SEAMEO Centres and with membership comprising of experts from all the SEAMEO Member Countries, the Board is expected to provide guidance to the Centre on matters related to Centre operations and programmes. Decisions from the Governing Board set out the directions and priorities of the Centre.
2. The SEAMEO Secretariat and the SEAMEO Centre Director sit as ex-officio member of the Centre's Governing Board. Governing Board Meeting is held annually, normally during the period August to November.
3. This year, 2014, is the 25th year that the SEAMEO VOCTECH has convened the Governing Board Meeting. In addition to the Board Members from the SEAMEO Member Countries, the Centre has invited a number of partners and observers for a sharing session on TVET initiatives and reforms.

C. Organizer

1. SEAMEO VOCTECH organized the meeting, hosted by the Government of Singapore through the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore.

D. Participation/Role of SEAMEO Secretariat and SEAMEO Centres

1. SEAMEO Secretariat is an ex-officio member of Governing Board of SEAMEO Centres and in practice, normally, provides opening address at the Opening Ceremony of the GB Meeting. The SEAMEO Secretariat is expected to provide relevant information from SEAMEO meetings and updates on SEAMEO-wide projects.

E. Highlights of the Meeting

1. SEAMEO VOCTECH Governing Board discussed and agreed on the:
 - a. mechanisms that the Centre can sustain the Centre's reported increase in terms of income and the ways that the excess/income can be used to improve the Centre's facilities;

- b. proposed theme for regional training programme (by core area) of SEAMEO VOCTECH for FY 2015-2016:
 - Competency Standards Development
 - Impact Evaluation of Education and Training Programme
 - Effective Staff Development Programme through Training Programme
 - Authentic Learning and Assessment
 - Learning Management Systems (LMS) for Teaching and Learning
 - c. celebratory activities for the 25th SEAMEO VOCTECH which includes international conference, staff family day, open day and charity day. The Governing Board Meeting provided suggestions as to possible activities that will promote the work of SEAMEO VOCTECH both at the national (Brunei) and regional level. The meeting also discussed on the theme and implementation arrangements for the international conference.
 - d. Proposed engagement of former SEAMEO VOCTECH specialists as SEAMEO VOCTECH Fellow;
 - e. Update on the implementation of the technical skills training for TVET teachers in collaboration with TEMASEK Foundation and ITEES, Singapore.
2. The 26th SEAMEO VOCTECH Governing Board Meeting will be on 3-5 September 2015 back-to-back with the Centre's Anniversary Golf Tournament, 6 September 2015 in Brunei Darussalam.
 3. During the sharing session, partners from ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and RAVTE have presented current developments on the area of TVET at the regional level while the Governing Board Members presented country updates on TVET reforms.

F. Proposed Follow Up Actions by SEAMEO Secretariat

1. To disseminate information about SEAMEO Congress to GB Members of SEAMEO VOCTECH.
2. To incorporate in its development of proposal on quality assurance (to be submitted to British Council as a result of the UK study tour) the ISO SEAMEO initiative being led by SEAMEO VOCTECH.
3. To seek inputs of SEAMEO VOCTECH on the development of proposal on skills development and employability which SEAMEO Secretariat intends to prepare and submit to British Council for possible collaboration with UK institutions with University of West England, United Kingdom.