



Mission Report

Asia Pacific Conference on Education and Training:
Making Skills Development Work for the Future
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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

Ministry of Education, Malaysia together with UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Bureau for Education organized a conference on Skill Development which emphasis the role of TVET in the Asia Pacific Region.

C. Participants

1. Ministers from 14 countries in the Asia Pacific attended the conference. For SEAMEO Countries, Lao – Vice Minister (LyTou Baupao), Cambodia (Put Samith), Thailand (Secretary General – Dr. Chaiyapruk), Singapore (First Minister – Cabinet representative), Malaysia (Minister of Education)
2. Approximately 500 participants from 43 countries, UNESCO representatives and SEAMEO Secretariat.

D. Organizer/s

1. Ministry of Education Malaysia
2. UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Bureau for Education

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The themes for the conference are ICT in TVET, Partnership in TVET, Green TVET, Strengthening Collaboration
2. Emphasis that TVET is a key to the realization of the Incheon Declaration on Education 2030: Towards inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all.
3. The output of the conference is “Kuala Lumpur Declaration: Quality Education and Skills Development for Sustainable Future” consist of the following actions:
 - i. Enhancing the quality of TVET and its relevance to the changing needs of the world of work
 - ii. Ensure inclusive and equitable TVET
 - iii. Expand lifelong learning opportunities through TVET
 - iv. Integrate greening skills for sustainable development in TVET programmes
 - v. Adapt qualifications systems to facilitate learning and career pathways

- vi. Strengthen governance and increase investment in TVET
- vii. Leverage the potential of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for TVET
- viii. Foster regional integration and labor mobility

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Participated in the Conference
2. Attended the Ministerial Sessions as an Observer
3. Invited Director General of TVET, MOE Malaysia to attend the DG TVET Meeting in Thailand, 24-26 Aug 2015

G. Side Meeting/s

1. Met with Mr. Nil, GIZ
2. Had a meeting with OVEC team, Dr. Chaiyapruk to draft the Statement for Chiangmai Meeting

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Explore collaboration with UNESCO – Study on TVET ICT status in the region (With Ms. Jonghwe Park)
2. Consult with UNESCO, Dr. Kim on an event to invite ADG UNESCO to Indonesia
3. Coordination with Mr. Nil
4. Forward output from the meeting to Piyapa to prepare for High Official TVET Meeting in Chiangmai. (done)

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Output from the Conference –Kuala Lumpur Declaration

