



## **Mission Report**

### **Workshop on National Information Centre Korean University Council of Education 7-9 February 2017 Seoul, Korea**

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#### **A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

Developing National Information Center is a new step forward in a necessary activity to promote academic mobility and to facilitate the international comparison of studies and qualifications obtained at the level of Higher Education. Since 1947 UNESCO has collected information and carried out 'Studies on the Evaluation of Qualifications at the Higher Education Level'.

The 27th session of the General Conference of UNESCO has adopted the international Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (16 November 1993). This normative action of UNESCO is supplemented by multifaceted activities implemented at several distinct levels international, regional and national and through a variety of means.

The Asia Pacific Region agreed that all countries will support the recognition of higher education qualifications and to promote the development of National Information Centre. Korea has a commitment to develop its NIC and support the mobility of higher education students, personnel and teachers.

The workshop will pave the way to meet these goals. UNESCO experts were invited, including the DDPD to help Korea develop its NIC.

#### **C. Participants**

- Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)
- Korean Ministry of Education,
- NIC Experts,
- AP Recognition Convention Expert

#### **D. Organizer/s**

- KCUE
- Korean Ministry of Education

## E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Workshop discussed how to develop a guideline for the Korean HE information center and qualification recognition.
2. The invited experts shared experiences and insights for Korea's early-stage of NIC, and to review the blueprint for the Korean NIC during the workshop.
3. The workshop also broadened knowledge in Korean higher education & credential system as well.

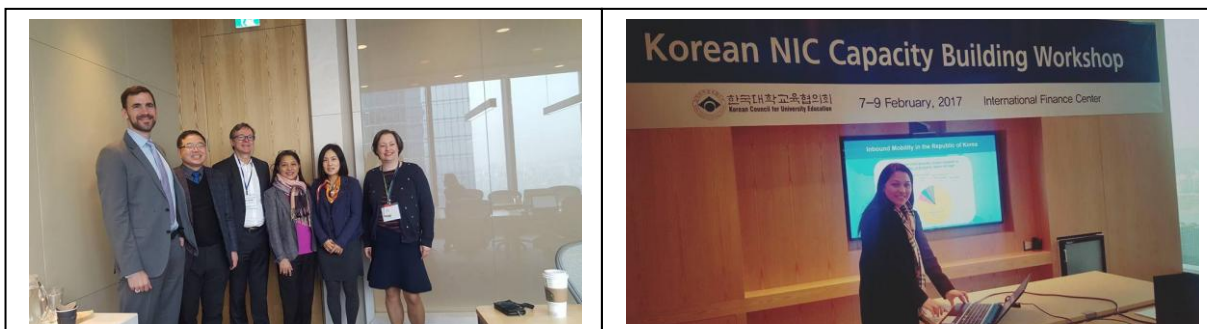
## F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat DDPD presented the Toolkit for National Information Centre which DDPP developed for UNESCO BKK In 2012. The sharing is more of a national strategy plan to establish NIC for the recognition of higher education qualifications.
2. DDPD facilitated the discussions on the way forward for developing the NIC of Korea.

## G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. SEAMEO needs to share the Toolkit to the SEA countries for their own ratification and utilization

## H. Photos



## I. References for Sharing

- Unesco Toolkit for NIC  
([http://www.unescobkk.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/apeid/workshops/13thsession/ppt/NIC\\_V3-Final Version for Sri Lanka.pdf](http://www.unescobkk.org/fileadmin/user_upload/apeid/workshops/13thsession/ppt/NIC_V3-Final Version for Sri Lanka.pdf))

