



Mission Report

Meeting with the Commission on Higher Education on Transnational Education And Coordination meeting on SEA MOOCS, OER and CPRN SEAMEOS Projects

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(2) Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. The 21st century ushered in a borderless world due to the advances in technology and communication. Countries in Southeast Asia are faced with trade liberalization, free movement of goods and services, cross-border education, international linkages and twinning programs and recently the transnational education emerged.
2. Transnational education is an education with movement of schools, teachers or faculty and students. It has different categories and Southeast Asian countries have to develop policies and programs to support or address this trend
3. The meeting with the Commission on Higher Education attempts to brainstorm on the Guidelines for Transnational Education. The participants shared important issues on transnational education such as quality, accreditation and recognition as well as recognition.
4. The overall expected output is to have a Guidebook which will serve as a reference for Southeast Asian countries in terms of transnational education.

(3) Participants

- (1) The Director, Office of Programs and Standards of CHED
- (2) The University of the Philippines Open University
- (3) Technical panel of experts

(4) SEAMEO

(4) Organizer/s

The Commission on Higher Education Philippines in collaboration with the British Council Philippines.

(5) Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

(1) TNE Meeting

The meeting started at 9 am. The team discussed the ff:

- a. Historical background of Transnational education (TNE)
- b. Issues and challenges of TNE in the region
- c. Appropriate guidelines for TNE
- d. TNE programs from Asia were discussed and evaluated one by one
- e. The group of experts also reviewed which programmes are considered as transnational education

(2) Meeting with SEAMEO INNOTECH (SEARCA's rescheduling of meeting)

- a. Due to SEARCA's foundation day event and Dr Cel was in Cambodia, Dr Cel asked for a skype mtg to discuss the collaborative projects with SEAMES in 2017. The skype meeting with Dr Cel focused on the ff:
 1. SEAMES and SEARCA can have another CPRN meeting either in Bangkok or in INNOTECH.
 2. All centres will be invited to attend the CPRN meeting which will be convened by SEAMEO Secretariat PD Division
- b. The SEAMOOCs program offering of SEAMEO INNOTECH is being finalized and pilot tested. SEAMEO INNOTECH will send a team to learn from SEAMES the digital class strategies.
- c. The 2017 Centre Policy Research Network Meeting was discussed with the Senior Specialist of Educational Research Unit, Dr Sherylene Almonte. The ff proposals and tasking were agreed: 1) SEAMES DDPD will prepare the final concept note for the CPRN 2017 meeting; 2) the CPRN 2017 meeting will be held on June 14-16, 2-17 at either the SEAMES Office and or INNOTECH training facilities; 3) Funding will be by co-sharing basis.

(6) Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat DDPD presented the trends on TNE in Southeast Asia as a reference.

2. The possible content of the TNE Guidebook was decided which include the ff:

Foreword, Preface, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Section1: Understanding TNE

Section 2: Categories of TNE

Section 3: Sample of TNE in Southeast Asia

Section 4: Issues and Challenges

Section 5: Way Forward

(7) Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Meeting on TNE Guidbook

- The TNE Guidebook is in the process of writing and the group assigned writers for each expert which was invited.
- A new deadline has been set for writing
- SEAMES DDPD will present SEA TNE programs as input to the Guideboook

2. Meeting with INNOTECH

- Preparation of concept note
- Preparation of budget proposal for SEAMES Director's approval
- Availability of funds for the CPRN 2017 meeting

- 3. SEAMEO will submit a new proposal to the British Council for a SEA TNE project meeting.**