



Mission Report

SEAMEO RETRAC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018
Theme “ Leadership and Management in Higher Education in a Globalized World: Innovations
and Best Practices”
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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

1. Dr Ethel Agnes P Valenzuela, Deputy Director for Programme and Development

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. SEAMEO RETRAC hosts an annual gathering of higher education leaders and experts in higher education. The Theme for 2018 is done with the assistance of the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) in Canada and with the sponsorship of the Queens College from New York and the Head Foundation in Singapore.
2. The theme for the 2018 is on addressing opportunities and challenges in educational leadership and management. It entails discussing challenges towards future leadership and management.
3. The conference objectives are:
 - Sharing experiences in leadership and policy innovation; technology for innovative teaching and learning; university –industry partnership development in higher education; 21st century skills development; teacher education and satisfaction improvement.

C. Participants

The international participants are

- Sponsors: BCCIE, CUNY, Head Foundation
- SEAMEO Secretariat and SEAMEO RETRAC
- Consult and Trade Commissioner, Canada
- President and Vice Chancellor, Royal Roads University
- President and Vice Chancellor, Capillano University
- Yun ZE University, Taiwan
- Hakodate University, Japan
- Queens College, New York
- Monash University, Australia
- Udayana University, Japan

- International School of Mgmt and Economics, Vietnam
- Vietnam National University, Vietnam
- ASEAN Association Thailand
- Florida Gold Coast University

D. Organizer/s

- SEAMEO RETRAC with BCCIE,, CUNY and the Head Foundation

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. Opening Ceremony- The International Conference was opened by Dr Phuong the Director of RETRAC welcoming all the delegates and participants from all over the world. Dr Randall Martin, Exectuive Director of the British Council for International Education Canada gave an opening message. Mr Alex George the representing the Consulate General provided the welcome remarks
2. The conference has some Keynote speakers for the following sessions:
 - Leadership in Higher Education: The Challenges we Face
 - Developing responsible leaders in AsiaL Challenge for Policy makers in higher education
 - Putting student success front and centre : Institutional Strategies to close achievement gap
 - Technology for innovation and teaching
 - University- Industry partnership development in higher education
 - Curriculum innovation and teaching development in higher education
 - 21st century skills development in higher education
3. Parellel sessions were on the ff topics:
 - Curriculum Innovation and Teaching Development
 - 21st Century Skills Development in higher education
 - Quality assurance in higher education and Quality assurance and disruptions in higher education

E.Role/Participation of SEAMEO

DDPD moderated the first session on higher education and policy innovations in higher education.

F. Side Meeting/s

DDPD met with the Head Foundation to follow up on its proposals for SEAMES on CPRN and other centres proposal. The Head Foundation Exec Director said that it had approved the proposal from SEARCA, RETRAC and TROPMED.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

DDPD discussed with RETRAC Director on the proposal for ECCD Competency Standards to be introduced to Vietnam Officials and ECCE Caregivers with funding from UNESCO and SEAMES.

H. Photos

