



**Mission Report**  
**4<sup>th</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET:**  
**“Moving Together Towards TVET 4.0”**  
**4-5 September 2018, The Philippine Convention Center, Manila, Philippines**

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**2) Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET in May 2017, Malaysia, the *Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) of the Philippines*, declared the commitment to host the 4<sup>th</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET in the Philippines in 2018.

Considering the regional trends and issues in TVET education development especially in the anticipation of Industry 4.0 revolution, the theme of this regional meeting will be “***Moving Together Towards TVET 4.0***”. The programme aims to focus on the regional initiatives, and discuss on the policies and TVET education components such as policy, curriculum and teaching pedagogies, and TVET personnel that will accelerate the Southeast Asian countries to leverage their TVET education for the Industry 4.0 Revolution.

The objectives of the 4th HOM on SEA-TVET are as follows:

- 1) To discuss the current situation of TVET collaboration during 2017-2018 and to identify the strategies to improve the regional cooperation for the region;
- 2) To discuss the national and regional TVET initiatives that may enhance the responsiveness of the member states and the region towards Industry 4.0;
- 3) To determine and plan for the regional directions and strategies to advance the quality of TVET in line with the Industry 4.0;
- 4) To seek advice/approval on the regional initiatives from the TVET High Officials for further implementation; and
- 5) To strengthen cooperation among the TVET Ministries/Departments and TVET development agencies among Southeast Asia and with other countries beyond Southeast Asian.

### 3) Organisers:

#### Host Organisations

- The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Philippines
- The Department of Education (DEPED), the Philippines

#### Co-organisers:

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO):

- SEAMEO Secretariat
- SEAMEO VOCTECH
- SEAMEO SEARCA
- SEAMEO INNOTECH

### 4) Participants:

The meeting was attended by approximately **192 delegates** who are high officials, policy makers and TVET specialists from the following Ministries of Education and related Ministries from 10 Southeast Asian countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor Leste.

- **Brunei Darussalam** SEAMEO VOCTECH
- **Cambodia:** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports  
Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
- **Indonesia:** Ministry of Education and Culture  
Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education
- **Lao PDR:** Ministry of Education and Sports  
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
- **Malaysia:** Ministry of Education
- **Myanmar:** Embassy of Myanmar in Philippines
- **Philippines:** Department of Education  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority  
Commission on Higher Education
- **Singapore:** Ministry of Education
- **Thailand:** Ministry of Labour
- **Timor Leste:** Embassy of Timor Leste in Philippines

In addition, the meeting was participated by representatives from partner countries such as UK, Germany and Japan. The Development Agencies included ADB, Colombo Plan Staff College, British Council, and SEAMEO Regional Centres. The participants also included **132 local participants** from Philippines who are, TVET Policy Makers, TESDA Executive/Regional/Provincial Directors, TVET Institution Administrators, Industry Associations and companies from Philippines.

## 5) Sessions in the Programme:

### Day 1: 4 September 2018

- Opening Ceremony
- Country Strategic Plan and Initiatives for TVET 4.0
  - Keynote speaker
  - Country presentations (Voluntary basis)
  - Reflections on How the Southeast Asian Countries will Work Together towards TVET 4.0 by SEAMEO VOCKETCH
- Presentations of TVET Regional Initiatives for Endorsement and Discussion by Ministries and Regional Development Organisations.
  - Summary of Progress Report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET, 2017
  - Regional Initiatives for Discussion and Endorsement (3-5 papers)
    - The papers are to be proposed by TVET Ministries and development agencies such as GIZ, SEAMEO, UNESCO and others.
  - Progress Report of Regional Initiatives for Information (2-3 papers)
    - The progress reports are to be presented, based on the topic proposed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET in Malaysia such as SEA-TVET Student Internship Exchange Programme, SEAMEO SEARCA Regional Workshop on Competency Certification for Agriculture Workers in Southeast Asia)
- TVET High Officials' Round Table Meeting (For High Officials and country representatives only)
- Concurrent Sessions (For TVET Directors and other participants)
  - TVET Personnel Reforms for Industry 4.0
  - Best Practices towards TVET Industry 4.0
- Bilateral and Networking Meeting between Countries and Institutions

### Day 2: 5 September 2018

- Sharing of Outcomes from the Bilateral and Networking Meeting
- Synthesis and Ways Forward
- Declaration of Agreements from the TVET High Officials' Round Table Meeting
- Closing Ceremony
- Study Visit

## 6) Role/Participation of SEAMEO

- The SEAMEO Secretariat
  - Preparing concept note, programme and invitation letters to countries, speakers, development agencies, SEAMEO Centres
  - Overall coordination
  - Lead coordination in programme development, international speakers, and moderators
  - Development of session guidelines  
Coordination with SEAMEO Centres
  - Sending Invitation to SEAMEO Member Countries, speakers and moderators
  - Coordinating for logistic arrangement for international participation
  - Responsible for organising Bi-lateral Meeting and Round Table Meeting
- SEAMEO VOCKETCH, SEAMEO INNOTECH, SEAMEO SEARCA
  - Providing consultation on programme development and the arrangement of HOM round table meeting
  - Providing technical experts and participate as resource persons

- Moderating sessions

## 7) Side Meeting/s

- Pangasinan State University (PSU) for organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting on 18-19 Oct 2018 at PSU.
- Ministry of Education, Malaysia for organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting in March 2019 in Ipoh

## 8) Follow-up Actions Needed

- Developing a Summary Report by coordinating with VECTECH and TESDA
- Proceeding thanking letters to TESDA, DEPED, VECTECH, SEARCA, INNOTECH
- Proceeding thanking letter to participating Ministries, and non-participating Ministries – attaching with a Summary Report
- Proceeding thanking letters to speakers
- Uploading presentations files, outputs and photos on the SEA-TVET Consortium web and share to all participants
- Preparing a short write-up for SEAMEO website
- Sending a Hosting Letter, Concept Note and Programme of 4<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Poly Network Meeting to PSU, Philippines
- Sending a Hosting Letter, Concept Note and Programme of 5<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Poly Network Meeting to Ministry of Education of Malaysia
- Providing a Concept Note of the 5<sup>th</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET to Brunei Darussalam

## 9) Appendices/Related Meeting Materials and Outputs

- Summary Report
- Concept Note and Programme
- Participant Directory
- Presentation and Photos: <http://seatvet.seameo.org/news/23>



