



**Ministry of Education
Malaysia**

3rd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET

21st Century TVET in Southeast Asia: Advancing towards Harmonisation and Internationalisation
23-25 May 2017, Swiss-Garden Hotel and Residences, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Hosted by Ministry of Education, Malaysia

Concept Note

1. Background:

Since the launch of ASEAN integration in 2015, all Southeast Asian countries have positioned Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the mainstream of education systems and setting it as a priority in their education agenda in view of the fact that this type of education plays an important role in the socio-economic development of a nation (Paryono 2013). In addition, TVET has been identified as one of the seven priority areas in education in Southeast Asia, which were agreed at the Strategic Dialogue of Education Ministers (SDEM) meeting in September 2014.

In response to the needs of the region, the 1st High Officials Meeting (HOM) on SEA-TVET was hosted by the Office of the Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education Thailand in August 2015 in Thailand. This was held under the theme: “Working Together towards Harmonisation and Internationalisation of TVET in Southeast Asia”. The “Chiang Mai Joint Statement on Harmonisation and Internationalisation of TVET in Southeast Asia” was officially announced as the regional policy directions that emerged from the TVET High Officials Round Table Meeting.

Since 2015, various new national and regional initiatives in TVET have been created and co-developed among the Southeast Asian countries, and Development Agencies to improve the quality of TVET, promote partnerships among TVET institutions, strengthen involvement of industries, leverage capacity of TVET personnel, harmonise TVET curriculum among participating countries, and promote the mobility of skilled workers, teachers and students. Various activities have been organised at all levels of TVET personnel such as policy makers, TVET school/college leaders, researchers, teachers and students.

In May 2016, the 2nd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET under the theme “Strengthening Efforts towards Harmonisation and internationalisation of TVET in Southeast Asia” was hosted by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The meeting aimed to review the implementation of SEA-TVET programme during 2015/2016 and to further determine other regional strategies to accelerate partnership among TVET institutions and implementation of harmonisation and mobility, as well as to provide other regional recommendations to improve the quality of TVET in the Southeast Asian region.

At the 2nd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, the Ministry of Education of Malaysia declared the commitment to host the 3rd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET in Malaysia in 2017.

For the 3rd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, the programme aims to focus on the discussion and presentations that help the High Officials and policy makers to identify strategies and implementation mechanisms for advancing, harmonising and transforming TVET education to meet the 21st Century's demands of the Southeast Asian region.

2. **Host Organisations:**

Government of Malaysia, and the Ministry of Education of Malaysia

3. **Co-hosts:**

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

- SEAMEO Secretariat
- SEAMEO Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education (SEAMEO VOCTECH)

4. **Objectives of the 3rd HOM on SEA-TVET:**

Overarching Objectives of the 3rd HOM on SEA-TVET are as follows:

- 1) To discuss the current situation of TVET collaboration and trends in TVET development in the Southeast Asian region;
- 2) To review the cooperation of SEA-TVET programme among the Southeast Asian countries during 2015-2017;
- 3) To determine and plan for the regional directions and strategies to promote the transformation, harmonisation and advancement of TVET in Southeast Asian countries to meet the needs of the 21st Century; and
- 4) To strengthen cooperation among the TVET departments among Southeast Asian countries, and institutions.

5. **Theme:**

21st Century TVET in Southeast Asia: Advancing towards Harmonisation and Internationalisation

6. **Expected Outputs:**

The following reports from the agreements, suggestions and presentations should be developed from the meeting.

- 1) Regional policy recommendations and action plan for TVET advancement, harmonisation and transformation, agreed by the TVET High Officials of Southeast Asian countries
- 2) Consolidated report of the TVET cooperation in Southeast Asian countries during academic year 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 such as collaborative activities, and teacher and student exchange programmes
- 3) Approval of regional initiatives to be endorsed to the SEAMEO Council Conference, hosted by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia in July 2017.
- 4) Summary report/proceedings of the meeting

7. **Participants:**

The 3rd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET is expected to bring together approximately 180 participants from the Southeast Asian Ministries of Education, related Ministries on Technical and Vocational Education and Training, and other related development agencies and partners. The participants will include as follows:

- Secretary Generals/Director Generals/Directors on TVET of Ministries of Education, Ministries of Labour and Training, Ministries of Science and Technology, Ministries of Higher Education and other related Ministries from the Southeast Asian countries.

- **Brunei Darussalam:** Ministry of Education

- **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
- **Malaysia:** Ministry of Education;
Ministry of Higher Education
- **Myanmar:** Ministry of Education
- **Philippines:** Department of Education;
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- **Singapore:** Ministry of Education
- **Thailand:** Ministry of Education
- **Timor Leste:** Ministry of Education
- **Vietnam:** Ministry of Education and Training;
Ministry of Labour, Invalid and Social Affairs (MOLISA)

- Representatives from partner countries such as Japan, China, Germany, and etc.
- Representatives of related Development Agencies and Industries such as SEAMEO, ASEAN Secretariat, GIZ, UNESCO, DAAD,
- TVET policy makers and directors of TVET institutions and related Ministries from Malaysia

8. Sessions in the Programme:

Day 1: 23 May 2017

- Opening Ceremony
- Country Presentation and Report from SEA-TVET Cooperation in 2015-2017
- Discussion on Advancement of Harmonisation and Mobility of TVET Teachers and Students
- Presentations of TVET Regional Initiatives for Endorsement and Discussion by Regional Development Organisations.
 - Regional Initiatives for Endorsement and Discussion
 - TVET Quality Assurance Framework by UNESCO
 - Regional Initiative for TVET by ASEAN Secretariat (TBC)
 - TVET Teacher Competency Standard and Standard for In-company Trainer by SEAMEO VOCTECH/GIZ RECOTVET
 - Regional TVET Knowledge Platform by SEAMEO VOCTECH/GIZ RECOTVET
 - SEA-TVET MOOCS Programme by SEAMEO Secretariat
 - Cross-country Diploma Modeling Programme (Indonesia-Thailand Model) by SEAMEO Secretariat
 - Inclusive TVET Education by SEAMEO SEN (TBC)
 - Regional Initiatives for Information
 - Young SEA-TVET Future Farmers, by OVEC, Thailand
 - SEA-TVET Scholarships and Internship by SEAMEO Secretariat
 - Re-launching of SEA-TVET Consortium Website by SEAMEO Secretariat
- Panel Presentations: Strategies for TVET Transformation and Advancement
- Bilateral and Networking Meeting between Countries and Institutions

Day 2: 24 May 2017

- High Official Round Table Meeting
 - Development of a Regional Action Plan and Policy Directions for TVET Advancement, Harmonisation, and Transformation for 3-5 Years
 - Syndication on TVET Development between ASEAN Secretariat and SEAMEO
- Concurrent Sessions: (For TVET Directors and other participants)
 - Best Practices to Advance **Quality** at TVET Institutions
 - Best Practices to Advance **Partnership** at TVET Institutions
- Sharing of Outcomes from the Bilateral and Networking Meeting during the 3rd HOM on SEA-TVET
- Synthesis and Ways Forward
- Closing Ceremony and Declaration of Agreements from TVET High Officials

Day 3: 25 May 2017

- Study Visit to Kolej Vokasional Klang, Klang, Selangor (MoE TVET Institution) and Auto Prima Technology Training Sdn. Bhd. (Private TVET Institution)

9. Funding Support

- Ministry of Education, Malaysia will support the following programme expenses to the country representatives from Southeast Asian countries:
 - Accommodation from 22 to 25 May 2017 (3 nights) for 2 representatives from each ministry
 - All meals, and coffee breaks on 23-25 May
 - Local transportation between the airport and the official hotel for High Officials (Secretary-Generals and Director-Generals only)
 - Logistic arrangement and local transportation for study visit
 - Meeting kit and documents
- For speakers and official participants from other countries beyond Southeast Asia and development agencies, the Ministry of Education, Malaysia will support the following expenses:
 - Accommodation from 22 to 25 May 2017 (3 nights) for 1 representative from each organisation
 - All meals and coffee breaks on 23-25 May
 - Logistic arrangement and local transportation for study visit.
 - Meeting kit and documents
- For additional participants who would like to participate in this meeting, participants should support the airfare tickets and accommodation at Swiss-garden Hotel and Residences:
 - Accommodation including all meals and coffee breaks at Swiss-Garden Hotel and Residences
 - Single room: RM310 or USD70/person/night
 - Twin room: RM480 or USD 110/2 persons/night

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