



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

*Hosted by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and  
the Department of Education, the Philippines*

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25%20May%202017%2C%20Kuala%20Lumpur%2C%20Malaysia](http://files.seameo.org/?dir=18_3rd%20HOM%20on%20SEA-TVET%2C%2023-25%20May%202017%2C%20Kuala%20Lumpur%2C%20Malaysia))

**1. Background:**

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).

TVET has been identified as one of the seven priority areas of SEAMEO Education Agenda for development in Southeast Asia, which were agreed at the Strategic Dialogue of Education Ministers (SDEM) meeting in September 2014.

In addition, the World Education Forum in 2015 announced the Incheon Declaration and Framework for Action by proposing the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 – emphasizing the importance of TVET education - ‘*by 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including, technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship*’.

The Southeast Asian countries have attempted to promote regional cooperation, harmonisation and internationalisation of TVET education in the region by actively participated in the following TVET High Officials Meeting since 2015.

- 1<sup>st</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, with the theme “Working Together towards Harmonisation and Internationalisation of TVET in Southeast Asia”, hosted by the Office of the Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand, on 23-26 August 2015, Chiangmai, Thailand.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, with the theme “Strengthening Efforts towards Harmonisation and Internationalisation of TVET in Southeast Asia”, hosted by the Department of Technical and Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, on 12-14 May 2016, Bali, Indonesia.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, with the theme “21<sup>st</sup> Century TVET in Southeast Asia: Advancing Toward Harmonisation and Internationalisation”, hosted by the Ministry of Education, and the Government of Malaysia, on 23-25 May 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> High Officials on SEA-TVET organised in 2015, various new national and regional initiatives in TVET have been created and co-developed among the Southeast Asian countries, and Development Agencies with the purposes among others are to improve the quality of TVET, to promote partnerships among TVET institutions, to strengthen involvement of industries, to leverage capacity of TVET personnel, to harmonise TVET curriculum among participating countries, and to 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.

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.

## 2. **Host Organisations:**

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

## 3. **Co-hosts:**

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO):

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

## 4. **Objectives of the 4<sup>th</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET:**

The objectives of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and harmonisation in Southeast Asian countries;
- 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.

## 5. **Theme:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> HOM for TVET’s Theme is “**Moving Together Towards TVET 4.0**”

## 6. Expected Outputs:

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

- 1) Regional policy recommendations, agreed by the TVET High Officials of Southeast Asian countries
- 2) Approval of regional initiatives to be endorsed to the SEAMEO High Officials Meeting in November 2018 and the SEAMEO Council Conference (hosted by the Department of Education, the Philippines in 2019).
- 3) Summary report/proceedings of the meeting

## 7. Participants:

The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Higher Education, Ministries of Labour and Training, Ministries of Science and Technology, and other related Ministries from 11 Southeast Asian countries.
  - **Brunei Darussalam:** Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Home Affairs
  - **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  
Ministry of Manpower
  - **Lao PDR:** Ministry of Education and Sports  
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
  - **Malaysia:** Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Human Resources
  - **Myanmar:** Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
  - **Philippines:** Department of Education  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority  
Commission on Higher Education  
Department of Labour and Employment  
Other related governmental authorities
  - **Singapore:** Ministry of Education  
Workforce Singapore
  - **Thailand:** Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Labour
  - **Timor Leste:** Ministry of Education

- **Vietnam:** Ministry of Education and Training  
Ministry of Labour, Invalid and Social Affairs
- Representatives from partner countries such as Australia, China, England, Germany, Japan, Korea and others as agreed by TESDA
- Representatives of related Development Agencies and Industries such as SEAMEO, ASEAN Secretariat, GIZ, UNESCO, DAAD, RAVTE and others
- TVET Policy Makers, and Directors of TVET institutions and related Ministries from the Philippines and other countries

## **8. 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)
  - Discussion on How the Southeast Asian Countries will Work Together towards TVET 4.0 by SEAMEO VOCTECH
- 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.
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  - 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 (Optional for TESDA to decide)

9. Tentative Programme:

Tue. 4 September 2018	
07.30-08.30	Registration
08.30-09.15	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Performance (TBC)</li> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat;</li> <li>• Message by DEPED Secretary Leonor M. Briones and Cabinet Secretary Leoncio B. Evasco, Jr.</li> <li>• Keynote message by TESDA Secretary Guiling A. Mamondiong</li> <li>• Group Photo</li> </ul>
09.15-09.30	<p><b>Official Launching of the TVET Regional Knowledge Platform: By SEAMEO VOCTECH and GIZ RECOTVET</b></p>
09.30-10.00	Press Conference/ Coffee Break
10.00-11.30	<p><b>Session 1: TVET Strategic Country Reports and Initiatives: Moving Together Towards TVET 4.0</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Speaker: TVET 4.0 and Cooperation for Accelerate TVET 4.0 (15 minutes)</li> <li>• Country Presentations: TVET Strategic Country Initiatives for TVET 4.0 (Voluntary basis: 3-4 countries, 15 minutes for each presenter): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Potential countries for presentation are: Philippines; Singapore; Malaysia; Thailand; Indonesia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion on How the Southeast Asian Countries will Work Together for TVET 4.0 by SEAMEO VOCTECH</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: TESDA</p>
11.30-12.30	<p><b>Session 2: TVET Regional Initiatives for Endorsement and Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of Progress Report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET, presented by SEAMEO Secretariat</li> <li>• Regional Initiatives for Discussion and Endorsement (3-5 papers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The papers are to be proposed by TVET Ministries and Development Agencies such as ASEAN, Secretariat, SEAMEO, GIZ, and others.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Progress Report of Regional Initiatives for Information (2-3 papers)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The progress reports are to be presented, based on the topic proposed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET in Malaysia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SEA-TVET Student Internship Exchange Programme, SEAMEO Secretariat</li> <li>- SEAMEO SEARCA Regional Workshop on Competency Certification for Agriculture Workers in Southeast Asia</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(Note: This 4<sup>th</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET will allow the countries to present any collaborative programme/proposal to work with other countries such as “TVET Development Council by TESDA”</p> <p>Moderator: SEAMEO VOCTECH/SEAMEO Secretariat</p>	
12.30-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	<p><b>Session 3.1: High Official Round Table Meeting</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat Co-Moderator: Centre Director, SEAMEO VOCTECH</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discuss about initiatives/ proposals that presented in session 2</li> <li>• To review results from the previous High Official Round Table Meeting</li> <li>• To discuss on how to improve regional cooperation and harmonisation, and how TVET education should be improved to address Industry 4.0</li> </ul> <p>Note: Only TVET High Officials and Ministry Coordinators are invited.</p>	<p><b>Session 3.2: Concurrent Session on TVET Personnel Reform for Industry 4.0</b></p> <p>3 Speakers are invited. Moderator: TESDA/ Development Agency</p>
15.30-15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30-16.30	<p><b>Session 4.1: High Official Round Table Meeting (Continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4.2: Concurrent Session on Best Practices towards TVET Industry 4.0</b></p> <p>3 Speakers from advanced institutions are invited. Moderator: TESDA/ Development Agency</p>
17.00-18.00	<p><b>Session 5: Bilateral/Networking Meeting between Countries and Institutions</b> Focal Person: SEAMEO Secretariat (Pre-arrangement: Form to be sent to participants before the event and request a room for arranging networking session)</p>	
18.30-20.00	Welcome Reception (Venue is to be confirmed)	

Wed. 5 September 2018	
09.00-10.00	<p><b>Session 6: Synthesis and Ways Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Bilateral/Networking Session (SEAMEO Secretariat)</li> <li>• Synthesis and Ways Forward (Dr Paryono, SEAMEO VOCTECH)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: TESDA</p>
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break
10.30-11.30	<p><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of Agreements from the High Official Round Table Meeting by TESDA and Dr Gatot Hari Priwirjanto, Director of SEAMEO Secretariat</li> <li>• Closing Remarks by TESDA and DEPED</li> </ul>
11.30-12.30	Lunch
13.00-16.00	<p><b>Study Visit</b> (Optional for TESDA to consider to visit 1 Institution who has advanced TVET education and strong link with industry)</p>

## 10. Other Activities

- Official launch/announcement of Regional TVET Knowledge Platform (GIZ-RECOTVET/SEAMEO VOCTECH)
- Exhibition of TVET Colleges in Philippines (TBC by TESDA)
- Study Visit (TESDA to arrange a visit in an industry/company)

## 11. Funding Support from TESDA to Ministry Representatives, invited Speakers, and Participants

- For **country/ministry representatives**, TESDA will support the following expenses to the official country representatives from each Ministry.
  - Accommodation for 3 nights for one (1) representative from each ministry (Check-in on 3 September and check-out on 6 September)
  - All meals and coffee breaks on 4-5 September
  - Local transportation between the airport, venue, and the official hotel
  - Logistic arrangement and local transportation for study visit
  - Meeting kit and documents
- For **invited speakers**, TESDA will support the following expenses:
  - Accommodation for 3 nights (Check-in on 3 September and check-out on 6 September)
  - All meals and coffee breaks on 4-5 September.
  - Local transportation between the airport, venue, and the official hotel
  - Logistic arrangement and local transportation for study visit.
  - Meeting kit and documents

- For **official participants from development agencies, other countries beyond Southeast Asia**, TESDA will support the following expenses:
  - All meals and coffee breaks during the meeting
  - Local transportation between the airport, venue, and recommended hotels
  - Logistic arrangement and local transportation for study visit.
  - Meeting kit and documents

## 12. Confirmation of Participation

- **For Invited Speakers and Paper Presenters:**
  - To confirm the contribution as a speaker in the 4<sup>th</sup> HOM on SEA-TVET, the speakers and paper presenters of new initiatives and progress report can confirm the presentation with the organisers by **27 July 2018**.
- **For official representatives from SEAMEO Member Countries, Partner Countries and Development Agencies:**
  - To confirm the participation, the country representatives, and official representatives from SEAMEO Member Countries, partner countries and development agencies can submit the Registration Form by **10 August 2018**.

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