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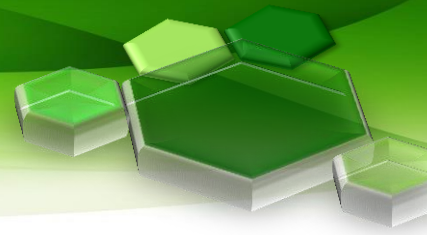
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## First Seminar of the BUILD-IT (Building University-Industry Learning and Development through Innovation and Technology) Project

Activity 2 of the BUILD-IT (Building University-Industry Learning and Development through Innovation and Technology) Project calls for a series of Policy and Leadership seminars for executives of partner science and technology universities across Vietnam. Arizona State University (ASU) directs the BUILD-IT Project in collaboration with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Vietnamese government, U.S. universities and industry partners. ASU engaged the services of Portland State University (PSU) in Oregon to design and carry out Activity #2 of the Project.

In collaboration with Portland State University, USA, SEAMEO RETRAC has successfully conducted the Kickoff Session in 2016 whereas a series of training seminars on “Leading policy innovation” will be conducted in 2017. The first seminar of leading policy innovation entitled “Leading University Policy Identification”, focusing on policy identification has been held on January 9-11, 2017, at SEAMEO RETRAC’s premises in Ho Chi Minh City. There has been a participation of 32 executives from different STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) university partners in Vietnam. During the three days of training, the participants were introduced and practicing essential tools related to the identification of policies at their universities. The second seminar on leading policy innovation will focus on the policy formulation at universities and will be conducted on May 9-11, 2017 in Nha Trang; followed by Seminar III to be conducted on September 5-7, 2017, at SEAMEO RETRAC’s premises in Ho Chi Minh City. The theme of Seminar III will be focused on the realization of policy at universities.

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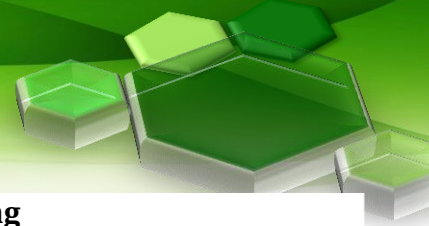
## STEMCON (Science – Technology – Engineering – Math) Conference 2017

On March 1-2, 2017, Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, SEAMEO RETRAC Director, and Dr. Do Thi Hoai Thu, Dean of Division of Education, attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of STEMCON 2017 which was conducted at the InterContinental Hanoi Westlake, Vietnam. The Conference was conducted, with the theme of “Advancing the future of Vietnam: Inspiring students, makers, educators and entrepreneurs to innovate”, by Arizona State University, the Higher Engineering Education Alliance Program (HEEAP) and its partners. The Conference was participated by faculty and university, industry and government leaders; and lasted within two days with interactive plenary and technical sessions, panel discussions, exhibits and seminars which helped paving paths for new ventures and partnerships via the HEEAP (Higher Engineering Education Alliance Program) and Arizona State University extended network.

At the conference, Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, as on behalf of SEAMEO RETRAC and the core partner of the BUILD-IT Project (Building University-Industry Learning and Development through Innovation and Technology), and Dr. Marcus Ingle from Portland University, Oregon, USA had conducted an interactive workshop on “Leading policy innovation in Vietnam’s STEM universities: From practical policy identification to successful realization”. The workshop demonstrated how selected “policy leadership” teams from Vietnamese universities are learning about how to identify, formulate and successfully realize practice policies aligned with improvements in the quality of workforce ready graduates.



# Recent Events



## **Training Workshop on ICT Application in Course Management and Teaching**

March 28-30, 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) organized the training workshop on "ICT Application in Course Management and Teaching" at its premises.

The training was facilitated by Prof. Dr. Kazuo Nagata (Kumamoto National College of Technology, Japan) on the annual expert dispatch program supported by MEXT. The workshop was centered on the course management and teaching by employing and applying Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The workshop involved the participation of 30 lecturers and staff from colleges and universities in Ho Chi Minh City and other provinces in Southern Vietnam.



## **Trainer Training Workshop on Lifeskills Teaching - Module 2**

In order to assist teaching staff, administrators and leaders of Youth Associations and Student Associations of universities and colleges across the country to be updated with the latest information and essential skills for successfully teaching soft skills to students, a series of training workshops on soft skills teaching has been conducted by SEAMEO RETRAC during the year. Module 2, which covered such issues in soft-skills teaching as effective presentation, positive and creative thinking, problem solving, decision making from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2017, was conducted at the Center. 14 participants from different educational institutions in South of Vietnam took part in the training workshop.



# Upcoming Events

- **In-country Training Workshop in Educational Leadership and Management to be conducted from April 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the Institute for Educational Management Development is going to conduct the in-country training for trainers in the field educational leadership and management for basic education. The aim of the training is to improve the capacity of trainers, provide them with updated knowledge and skills in education. The training is scheduled to take place from April 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

- **Training Workshop on ICT Applications in Instructional Material Development**

From April 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, SEAMEO RETRAC is scheduled to continue its conducting the training workshop on ICT for participants from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its neighbor provinces. Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to enhance their competency in applying ICT into instructional material development through lectures, sharing, and interaction.

- **Training Workshop on Project Management in Education (Mid-May)**

From April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC is planning to organize a 3 day training workshop with regards to Project Management in Education. This training is designed in particular for those who have interest in developing their skills and knowledge in the field of project management in education.

- **Workshop on Human Resource Management**

In May, 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC will carry out a workshop on human resource management in higher education. The workshop is expected to provide participants with knowledge, trends, and practices in human resource management in higher education. Participants are administrators and managers from various institutions in Vietnam.

- **Seminar 2 under BUILD-IT Project to be conducted from May 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

SEAMEO RETRAC, from May 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in collaboration with Portland State University (United States of America) will host the Seminar 2 of BUILD-IT. The overall objectives of this project are to help the participating executives of STEM universities (sciences, technology, education and math) in Vietnam enhance their competence in leading innovations in their institutions from where they sit through acquisition and application of practical policy and leadership mechanisms to the immediate innovation demands of their universities.

- **Trainer-Training Workshop on Soft Skills Teaching - Module 3 (May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> module of 4 modules of the train-the-trainer training workshop will be conducted from May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> of 2017 for participants from different institutions. This training module will focus on such topics as Work Organization and Time Management, Active Learning, Leadership, and Stress Management.

- **International Training Course on Strengthening Capacity in Leadership and Management in Higher Education for Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Vietnam (June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>)**

SEAMEO RETRAC is going to conduct its annual international training for participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Vietnam. The training which will happen from June 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> of 2017 is aiming at providing participants with updated and new knowledge as well as best practices in higher education.

