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International Training Workshop on Enhancing Capacity in Leadership and Management in Higher Education

On June 6-9, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted its annual international training course in Enhancing Capacity in Leadership and Management in Higher Education for 31 educational leaders and administrators from ministries of education, colleges and universities in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam.

The objectives of the course were to enhance the leaders’ and administrators’ educational leadership and management skills in higher education as well as to provide the participants with practical knowledge and experience in educational leadership and management in these three countries. The topics facilitated at the workshop included Innovative Leadership in Higher Education in the 21st Century, Organizational Culture and Crisis Management in Higher Education, Assessing Student Learning in Higher Education, Human Resource Management and Staff Development. During the course of the training, the participants also visited Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Vietnam to learn more about how an international institution is operated in Vietnam.

In addition, the participants also had the chance to share their experience as well as challenges facing their institutions. This workshop was also a starting point for participating institutions to develop and expand their linkages and future cooperation.
Seminar II “Leading University Policy Formulation”, BUILD-IT Project

Under the sponsorship of USAID, SEAMEO RETRAC in its partnership with Portland State University, and Arizona State University, USA, carried out Seminar II of the seminar series on “Building university-industry learning and development through innovation and technology” (BUILD-IT) from May 9 to 11. Seminar II concentrated on Leading University Policy Formulation. Participating in the Seminar are 25 administrators, managers from STEM universities in Vietnam.

During the 3 days of intense training, participants familiarized themselves with such contents as Policy Formulation, Policy Briefs, EMERGE Leadership Framework, Persuasion Skills in the Context of Policy Formulation. Besides, they were also given opportunity to present cases in their own institutions and contexts with regards to policy formulation. Seminar III on Leading University Policy Realization will be conducted in September, 2017.
Training the Trainer Course on Capacity Building in Educational Leadership and Management

On April 19-22, 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC in cooperation with the Institute for Educational Administration Development (IFEAD), Lao Ministry of Education and Sports conducted the in-country training course in educational leadership and management for trainers in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Attending the training workshop were 31 managers and lecturers from different educational institutions who are currently or will be master trainers in educational leadership and management. In addition to the IFEAD staff, the participants came from various locations and provinces in Lao PDR. The training course was facilitated by SEAMEO RETRAC’s educational trainers with the focus on providing and updating the knowledge, skills and practices crucial to improving the training capacity for education trainers in such topics as Assessment of Student Learning, Innovative Educational Leadership in the 21st Century, Human Resource Management, ICT Integration in Day-to-day Education Management.

Training Workshop on ICT Application in Instructional Material Development

The training workshop on ICT Applications in Learning Management was conducted at the Center from April 28-29. The module aimed at providing the participants with knowledge and skills in ICT application in learning management. Participants were involved in learning and practicing such applications as Kahoot, Socrative, Formative, Padlet, and Piktochart. In addition, the participants have been also given opportunities for sharing experiences in applying ICT in teaching and learning in their contexts, especially challenges to ICT application. The course attracted 12 participants, who are lecturers, ICT staff from different universities, colleges and educational institutions in the country.
Training Workshop on Human Resource Management

From May 29-31, SEAMEO RETRAC carried out a workshop on human resource management in higher education. The workshop was designed to provide participants with knowledge, trends, and practices in human resource management in higher education. Attending the training workshop were 10 participants from colleges and universities in Ho Chi Minh City. Topics in the workshop were related to Staff Development, Professional Human Resource Management (within Labor Law), Motivating and Inspiring Staff, Professional Human Resource Management (within Public Servant Labor Law), Maintaining and Developing Human Resource.

Research Project on Building capacity of Vietnam schools to implement fundamental and comprehensive reforms: designing and piloting interventions through professional development

As one of the implementing agencies of the Research Project on Building capacity of Vietnam schools to implement fundamental and comprehensive reforms: designing and piloting interventions through professional development" conducted by Glasgow University in Scotland, SEAMEO RETRAC conducts surveys and in-depth interviews with local primary schools in order to obtain need information and data for research writing. The research project aims at investigating impacts of the educational reform in Vietnam and how to design and piloting interventions through professional development, and is expected to take place within 2017 and 2018.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Workshop on ICT Application in Work Organization and Academic Management**
On July 13-14, SEAMEO RETRAC is going to conduct the training workshop on ICT Application in Work Organization and Academic Management for staff and instructors from various higher education institutions in Ho Ho Chi Minh City and surrounding provinces.

**Workshop on Crisis Leadership in Higher Education in the 21st Century**
On July 26, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) will host a workshop on Crisis in Leadership in Higher Education in the 21st Century. The workshop aims at providing participants from colleges and universities with issues facing crisis leadership in the 21st century.

**International Conference in Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward**
On July 27-28, SEAMEO RETRAC together with its co-organizer British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) will conduct its annual international conference in higher education with the theme Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward. The conference will serve as a platform for leaders, managers, practitioners, researchers to share and exchange their best practices, research findings as well as to expand partnership and collaborative activities among participants.

**Workshop on Grant Proposal Writing**
August 21-24, SEAMEO RETRAC will organize a Workshop on Grant Proposal Writing. Participants of the training are managers, staff, instructors from colleges and Universities in Vietnam. The workshop is designed with the goal of providing participants with skills and knowledge to effectively develop a grant proposal in education.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Trainer-Training Workshop on Soft Skills Teaching - Module 3**
  The 3rd module of 4 modules of the train-the-trainer training workshop will be conducted from August 28-31 for participants from different universities, colleges and vocational training schools. This training module will focus on such topics as Work Organization and Time Management, Active Learning, Leadership, and Stress Management.

- **Roundtable Discussion on Leadership and Management**
  An educational forum on leadership and management will be conducted back to back with SEAMEO RETRAC’s 20th Governing Board Meeting on September 21st, 2017. This Roundtable Discussion is expected to serve as a platform for governing board members, and participants to share ideas, new concepts, and experience in leadership and management.

- **Seminar III of BUILD-IT Project**
  From September 6-8, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with Portland State University (United States of America) will host the Seminar III of BUILD-IT. The overall objectives of this project are to help the participating executives of STEM universities (sciences, technology, engineering 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.