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Educational Forum on “Integrating the 21st Century Skills into School Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia”

SEAMEO RETRAC successfully conducted the Educational Forum, namely “Integrating The 21st Century Skills Into School Education: Best Practices In Southeast Asia” on September 22, 2017 in Danang City, Vietnam. The Forum was held

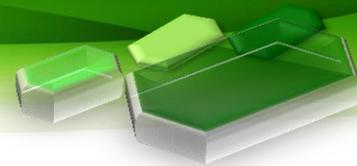


back to back with the Center’s 20th Governing Board Meeting and served as a platform for the exchange and discussion of ideas and experiences in relation to integrating the 21st century skills into school education.

Presenting at the Forum were SEAMEO RETRAC’s Governing Board Members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, and SEAMEO Secretariat.

Participants included educators, academic staff from institutions, and SEAMEO experts and staff. The participants took this opportunity for sharing their viewpoints and experiences in 21st century skill education for ASEAN integration.





International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward

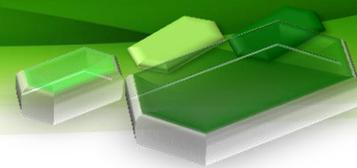
In collaboration with British Columbia Council for International Education in Canada (BCCIE), SEAMEO RETRAC successfully carried out the International Conference in “Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Challenges, Opportunities and Ways Forward” on July 27-28, 2017, at the Center’s premises.

The conference was held with the aims of providing the participants who were educational leaders, practitioners, researchers and professional experts with the opportunities of sharing information, experience, research results in relation to key issues in leadership and management for quality in higher education. The conference laid the emphasis on emerging issues such as leadership and management including: challenges and preparations for 21st century leaders, curriculum innovations and experiential learning opportunities for

students, ICT for teaching and management, quality assurance in education, teacher education, and 21st century skills development. In addition, the conference also focused on developing a platform for development and expansion of regional and international collaborations among universities and colleges.

Participating in the Conference were 29 presenters who were educational experts, researchers and leaders of higher education and more than 70 participants who were leaders, administrators, educational practitioners and researchers of higher education institutions, educational organizations and agencies from different countries of Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and United Arab Emirates, Vietnam. The conference also served as a sharing platform for participants to promote collaboration academically and professionally.





Seminar III on Leading University Policy Realization, BUILD-IT Project (Building University-Industry Learning and Development through Innovation and Technology).

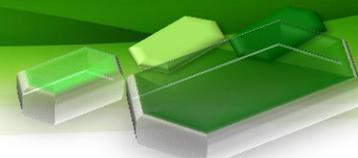
Under the sponsorship of USAID, SEAMEO RETRAC in its partnership with Portland State University, and Arizona State University, USA, carried out Seminar III of the seminar series on “Building University-Industry Learning and Development through Innovation and Technology” (BUILD-IT) from September 6 to 8, 2017. Seminar III concentrated on Leading University Policy Realization. Participating in the Seminar were 25 administrators, managers from STEM universities in Vietnam.



During the 3 days of intense training, participants familiarized themselves with such contents as communicating a policy, mobilizing implementation, policy sustainability, and finalizing university policy realization action strategies in the context of policy realization at Vietnamese universities. Besides, they were also given opportunity to explore case studies in the US and present cases in their own institutions and contexts with regards to policy realization.

Seminar on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education in the 21st Century”

In cooperation with British Columbia Council for International Education in Canada (BCCIE), SEAMEO RETRAC held a seminar on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education in the 21st century” on July 26, 2017. Attending the seminar were more than 30 leaders and administrators of different higher education institutions across Vietnam. The seminar was facilitated by experts and scholars from BCCIE, Royal Roads University, Langara College and Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. The aims of the seminar were to create the participants with insights on challenges and opportunities in higher education leadership in the 21st century and equip them with information and skills to better prepare themselves for their leadership roles at the institutions. The seminar also focused on creating the participants with an opportunity for developing networks and linkages between the facilitators and participants and among the participants for future collaborations.



Training workshop on Soft-skills Teaching - Module 3

The training workshop on soft skills teaching for universities and colleges - module 3 was conducted



at the Center from August 28-31, 2017.

The module aimed at providing the participants

with knowledge and skills in teaching such topics as leadership, pro-active learning, stress management, work organization and time management. The participants have also been given opportunities for sharing experiences in teaching the related softs skills to students in their contexts, especially techniques and in-class activities organized for university students. The course attracted nearly 20 participants, who are lecturers, members of Student Associations and Youth Union from different universities, colleges and educational institutions in the country.

Training Course on ICT Application in Work Organization and Academic Management

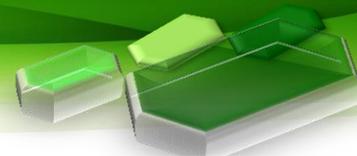
In order to equip the participants who are managers, Deans, Vice-Deans and senior teaching staff of universities and colleges in Vietnam

with knowledge and skills related to effectively



using ICT applications and tools in work organization and academic management at their institutions, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted a two-day training course on the related theme on July 13-14, 2017. Participating in the training course was 24 participants from different institutions across Vietnam. The course was delivered by an ICT trainer of the Center. While focusing on providing the participants with knowledge and essential skills related to the training theme, the course also gave the participants a great opportunity for exchanging experience and information related to current practices undertaken at their institutions for their mutual cooperation in enhancing and improving performance quality at their work places.

RECENT EVENTS



Training Course on Grant Proposal Writing

From August 30 to September 1, 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC carried out a training course on “Grant Proposal Writing” for higher education institutions in Vietnam. The course was designed to provide participants with knowledge, trends, and practices in developing a grant proposal. Attending the training course were 16 participants from colleges and universities in Vietnam. The course was conducted within three days and delivered by an international



trainer of SEAMEO RETRAC. Topics in the workshop were related to key components of an international grant proposal, process for writing a grant proposal, budget allocation, monitoring and assessing issues, etc.



UPCOMING EVENTS

A series of training workshops on ICT Applications (October 25th-27th and November 23rd-24th)

From 25th to 27th of October, SEAMEO RETRAC schedules to organize a training workshop focusing on ICT Applications in Student Assessment and Evaluation for participants from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its neighbor provinces. It will be followed by another one to be conducted from November 23rd-24th.

Trainer-Training Workshop on Soft Skills Teaching - Module 1 (October 23rd-26th) and Module 2 (December 18th-21st)

The modules 1 and 2 the train-the-trainer training workshop series will be conducted October 23rd-26th and December 18th-21st respectively for participants from different universities, colleges and vocational training schools.

Workshop on Project Management in Education (November 22th-24th)

From November 22th-24th, SEAMEO RETRAC is planning to organize a 3 day training workshop in the field of Project Management in Education. This training is designed in particular for those who have interest in developing their skills and knowledge in project management in education.

In-country Training Workshop in Educational Leadership and Management (December 5th-8th)

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the Institute for Educational Administration Development (IFEAD) in Lao PDR is going to conduct the in-country training for trainers in 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 21st century skill education. The training is scheduled to take place from December 5th-8th in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

Workshop on Human Resource Management (December 13th-15th)

From December 13th-15th, SEAMEO RETRAC will carry out a workshop on human resource management in higher education. The workshop is expected to provide participants, who are administrators and managers from various institutions in Vietnam, with knowledge, trends, and practices in human resource management in higher education.

