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On April 10-13, 2018, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the Institute for Educational Administration Development (IFEAD) co-conducted the in-country training course in the field of educational leadership and management.

The aim of the training was to improve the capacity of trainers, provided them with mostly updated knowledge and skills in their practice. In total, 40 managers and lecturers from the IFEAD and different educational institutions from several provinces in Lao PDR fully attended the course. Training topics of the workshop included Innovations in School Leadership in the 21st Century, Innovations in Teaching and Learning, Teachers’ Professional Development, and Negotiation and Conflict Management.



Recent Events

Training Workshop on “ICT Application in Instructional Material Development”, April 27-28, 2018

From 27-28 of April, 2018, SEAMEO RETRAC continued conducting the training workshop on “ICT Application in Instructional Material Development” for participants from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its neighbor provinces. Participants were offered ample opportunities to discover and practice utilizing several cutting-edge ICT applications in designing and developing virtual instructional materials, such as Kahoot, Socrative, Padlet, Piktochart, goFormative and so on.



Training Workshop on “Project Management in Education”, May 23-25, 2018

On May 23-25, 2018, SEAMEO RETRAC carried out a workshop on “Project Management in Education”. The workshop was to provide participants, who are administrative staff and lecturers from various institutions in Vietnam, with knowledge, skills and practices in project management in education. Crucial topics in project management in education were discussed and debated dynamically throughout three consecutive days of the workshop. Some good illustrations were Overview of Project Management in Education, Project Development, Plan and schedule development, Budget development, and Conduction, Supervision and Assessment. During the 3-day training workshop, participants were also provided an opportunity to share their own experiences and challenges in project management at their institutions.

Recent Events

International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education in a Globalized World: Innovations and Best Practices”, July 5-6, 2018

In the very first week of July 5-6, 2018, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE-Canada), Queens College – City University of New York (CUNY) and The HEAD Foundation in Singapore, organized the 2018 International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education in a Globalized World: Innovations and Best Practices”. The Conference was once again a global platform for discussion, collaboration and intellectual exchange among educational leaders, academicians and professionals in related areas of higher education from all over the world. Essential sub-themes included Policy Leadership in Higher Education, University – Industry Partnership Development, Quality Assurance and Research Development in Higher Education, 21st Century Skills Development in Higher Education, and others related to ICT Applications in Teaching and Leadership Management as well as Curriculum Innovation and Teaching Development in the new era of the 21st century were thoroughly presented by three keynote speakers from Canada and USA, two featured speakers from France and Singapore and other respectful 26 speakers from different nations. Approximately, nearly 120 participants, coming from Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, The Netherland, USA and Vietnam, fully attended the Conference and dynamically discussed thought-provoking topics with the presenters throughout two days of the Conference.



Recent Events

University Support and Workforce Development Program (USWDP) Sponsored Professional Exchange from Afghanistan, June 23-July 6, 2018

In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts in the US (the Afghanistan University Support and Workforce Development Program – USWDP) and under the support of a five-year USAID-funded project (2014-2018) which is implemented by FHI 360, SEAMEO RETRAC hosted an international professional exchange program featured in “University Support and Workforce Development Program (USWDP) Sponsored Professional Exchange from Afghanistan” for 23 leaders and administrators from three different higher education institutions in Afghanistan (Herat University, Nangarhar University and Balkh University) from June 23rd to July 6th, 2018 in Vietnam.



The overall objectives of the program were to help participants enhance their competence in higher educational leadership and management, focusing on the operation and management of the business administration associate degree awarding programs. In addition to on-site training workshops, the participants were provided with opportunities to visit higher education institutions in Vietnam, including RMIT Vietnam and Cao Thang Technical College, to obtain hands-on experiences on the operation and management of the teaching and learning activities. They also joined in cultural visits in South of Vietnam, organized by SEAMEO RETRAC, and attended the annual conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education in a Globalized World: Innovations and Best Practices”, organized by the Center.

Recent Events

Reaching the Unreached through the Cyber Training Program, June-July/2018

In 2017, SEAMEO RETRAC, represented by Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, the Center Director, became a member of the SEAMOOCs (SEAMEO Massive Open Online Courses) Network which was convened in Bali, Indonesia, together with selected SEAMEO Centers and open universities in the region. SEAMOOCs essentially aims to provide accessible quality education for all and to deliver capacity-building between and among countries. This has further created a strong and clear direction to bring online learning to a new dimension, to bring education to the unreached.

The webinars, one important component of Cyber Learning initiative, were co-hosted by the SEAMEO RETRAC and SEAMOLEC of Indonesia to utilize their web conference system. The Center has started offering open webinars in June and July for teachers and education administrators. Open webinars are free and only require a high-speed internet or wireless network connections, a laptop or smartphone, a set of good earphones and a simple online registration.

The training topics of the webinar which was launched included:

- 1) Education Leadership and Management, and 21st-century Skills webinars, June 2018
 - a. Instructional Leadership in Practice
 - b. 21st Century Attributes of School Leaders
- 2) Instructional Technology webinars, July 2018
 - a. How to Build a Teaching Portfolio Online
 - b. Open Teaching and Personal Learning Networks for Increased Student Engagement


The coming Cyber Learning Program will be continued in this August and targets basic education teachers. For further information, please visit the website <http://cyberlearning.vnseameo.org/>, get information and join the courses.




- Learning activities are activities designed or deployed by the teacher to bring about, or create the conditions for learning.
- Some learning activities stimulate experiential learning.
- Others mobilize conceptual thinking, while still others prompt students to engage in analytical discussion.

Principle 1. Leadership for learning practice involves maintaining a focus on learning as an activity.

What is instructional leadership?



- The core of instructional leadership is teaching and learning. It is student learning-focused, and learning which is measured by improvement in instruction and in the quality of student learning.
- Instructional leadership focuses upon the effective management of resources and of people — recruiting, hiring, developing, evaluating — particularly in changing environments.



Upcoming Events

Educational Forum on “Leadership and Management at Basic Education in Southeast Asian Region”

An educational forum on “Leadership and Management at Basic Education in Southeast Asian Region” will be conducted in late September, 2018. This forum is expected to serve as a platform for educators and interested participants to share ideas, new concepts, and hands-on and minds-on experiences teaching and training methodologies, leadership and management strategies and other significant global issues in education.

Training workshop on “ICT Applications in Creating Dynamic Lectures Presentations”, August 6-7, 2018

From 6th to 7th of August, 2018, SEAMEO RETRAC schedules to organize a training workshop focusing on “ICT Applications in Creating Dynamic Lectures Presentations” for participants from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its neighbor provinces. Participants will have ample opportunities to explore and exploit several innovative ICT applications in designing and delivering virtual lecture presentations, such as Mentimeter, Screenleap, Haikudeck, Powtoon and so on.

Trainer training workshop on “Soft Skills Teaching – Module 3”, August 28 – 31, 2018

The train-the-trainer training workshop on “Soft Skills Teaching – Module 3” will be conducted from 28th – 31st of August, 2018 for participants from different universities, colleges and vocational training schools. The workshop will cover several crucial topics such as leadership, active learning, initiative and creativity in learning and decision making, problem solving, stress management, work organization and time management. Also, the workshop will provide plenty of rooms for discussions and debates on potential approaches for trainers to train their own students in the most invigorating and captivating manner at home institutions.