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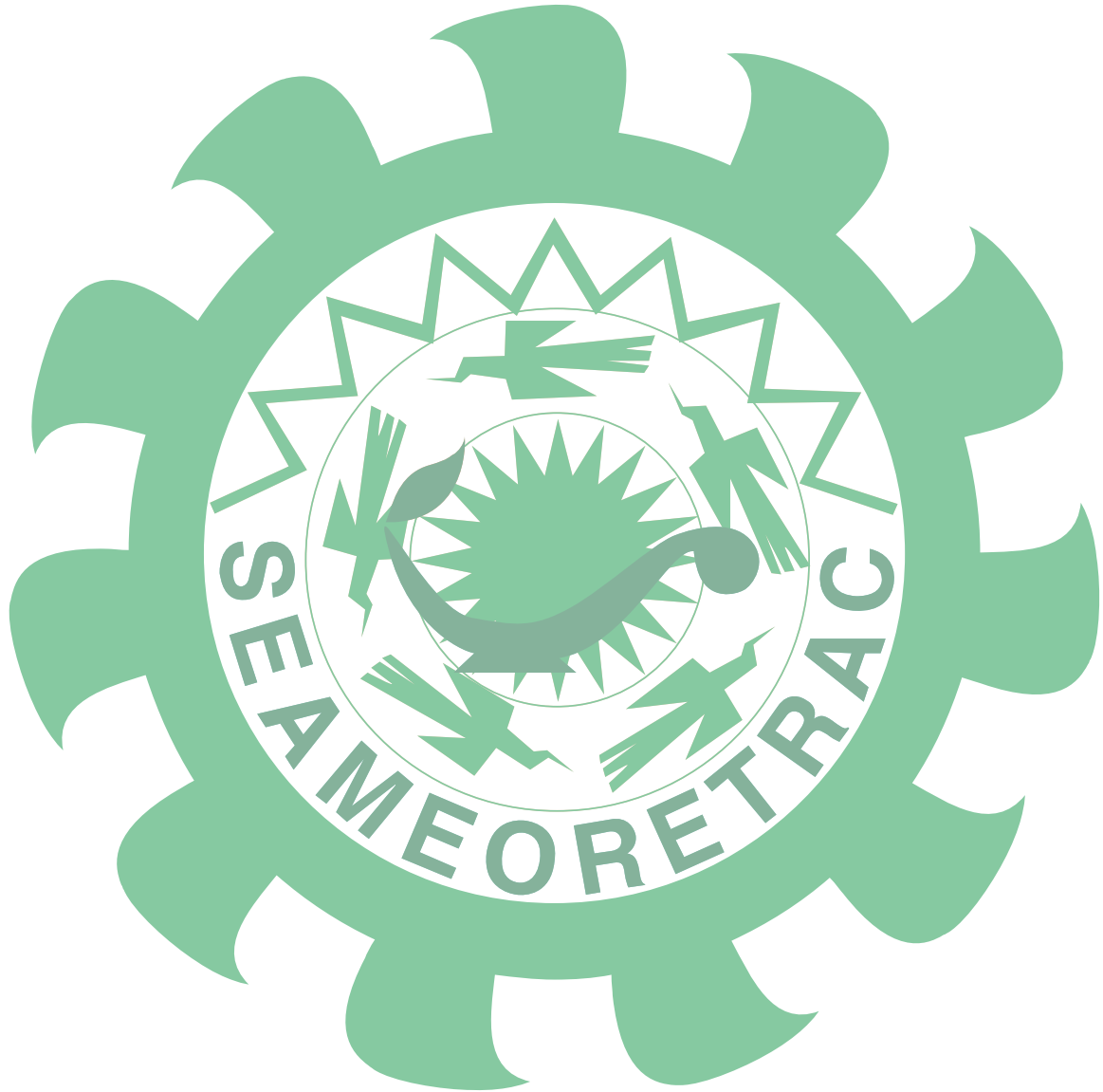
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In-country Training in Educational Management for Basic Education Trainers at the National University of Lao PDR.



From June 6-11, 2011, SEAMEO RETRAC in cooperation with Lao Ministry of Education (MOE) conducted an in-country training course in educational management for basic education trainers at the National University of Lao PDR. In attendance were 35 lecturers from the three

Centers of Educational Management and Teacher Development in Vangvieng, Luang Prabang, and Pakse as well as from the National University of Lao PDR, Champasak University and Souphanouvong University. The training course focused on updating the knowledge, skills and practices necessary to improve their training capacity for basic education trainers with such topics as Instructional Leadership, Professional Development, Strategic Planning in Education, Change Management, Student Assessment, and Educational Issues and Policies in Laos.

Training Workshops on Math Lesson Study and D-Books

From May 12-14, 2011, SEAMEO RETRAC in cooperation with the University of Tsukuba Center for Research on International Cooperation in Educational Development (CRICED) co-organized a series of thematic training workshops on "Math Lesson Study and D-Books". The training was facilitated by Assoc. Prof. Isoda and Mr. Natususaka. The workshops drew the participation of a total number of 145 math lecturers, teachers, teacher leaders and students from many provinces in southern Vietnam. The



workshops aimed at introducing participants innovative approaches to math teaching and ways to design d-books in APEC Economies. The participants expressed their desire to have lengthier trainings in the future.

Training Course on Developing e-Learning Materials

From May 09-13, 2011, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the SEAMEO Regional Open Learning Center (SEAMEO SEAMOLEC) conducted a training course on "Developing Materials for e-Learning" for 40 Vietnamese college and university lecturers. The training was facilitated by SEAMEO SEAMOLEC lecturers. The course aimed at assisting lecturers in applying ICT to successfully design their materials for e-Learning. The course engaged participants in such activities as presentations, group discussions, teaching demonstrations and filming.



DFS Academic Board & Core Faculty Meeting

On May 20, 2011, Division of Foreign Studies (DFS) organized an annual meeting for DFS Academic Board members and core faculty. The meeting aimed to review the current situation of teaching and learning at SEAMEO RETRAC and to propose a strategic plan for the development of the Division. At the meeting, issues relevant to curriculum, textbooks, ICT use and facilities were constructively discussed and suggestions were given for better improvement of the training programs and services.



Training Workshop on Teaching English at KET and PET Levels

On May 25 and 28, 2011, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a series of training workshops



on how to teach English skills effectively to prepare young learners to the Cambridge Young Learners English Tests-YLE at Starters, Movers, Flyers and KET/PET levels. More than 60 expatriate and Vietnamese instructors currently teaching at the Center attended the training. At the workshops, Ms. Paula Hanna, a specialist from the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, conducted classroom demonstrations to illustrate the teaching and learning activities and testing techniques for teachers. The workshops provided the teachers with new experiences and practical hints to teach young learners at Starters, Movers, Flyers and KET/PET levels more fruitfully.

Trip to New Zealand



Phan Thi Ngoc Mai, overseas student counselor, was invited by International Pacific College (IPC) to pay her visit to its campus in New Zealand from May 02-12, 2011. This visit has strengthened the cooperation and partnership between the two institutions. IPC took excellent care of her stay including international airfare and accommodation.

Study Trip of Le Quy Don High School Teachers to IPC



SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with IPC organized a study field trip for a group of 13 teachers from Le Quy Don High School, Ho Chi Minh City, to New Zealand from June 07-16, 2011. The trip was successful, especially helping teachers to gain first-hand experiences about the diverse cultures, international learning atmosphere at IPC, and expanding teacher and student exchange.

Training Workshop on Journalism in Education and Graphic Design

Trinh Tuan Anh, SEAMEO RETRAC IT Specialist, and Truong Bao Duy, Program Manager, attended a training workshop on Journalism in Education and Graphic Design conducted by MOET in Da Nang from June 24-26, 2011. The training drew the participation of more than 200 journalists and specialists in education from southern and central Vietnam.

Retreat to Hong Kong and Shen Zhen

SEAMEO RETRAC held a mid-year excursion trip to Hong Kong and Shen Zhen for high-performing staff from June 20-24, 2011. On this occasion, SEAMEO RETRAC staff and their loved ones had a chance to come to Disneyland and Wax Museum and attend the cultural performances.



Upcoming Events



- ❖ International Conference on "Innovation in Teaching, Research, and Management in Higher Education", July 14-15, 2011
- ❖ SEAMEO RETRAC 14th Governing Board Meeting, August 10-11, 2011
- ❖ Roundtable Discussion on Educational Leadership and Management Training for Trainers, August 10, 2011
- ❖ SEAMEO RETRAC 15th Anniversary, August 10, 2011