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### Regional Educational Forum on "Leading Innovation in Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia"

Back to back with the Center's 22<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting, SEAMEO RETRAC organized an educational forum on "Leading Innovation in Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia" at Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam on September 26, 2019. The Forum welcomed the presence of a representative of SEAMEO Secretariat, Governing Board members and representatives from 08 countries in Southeast Asia. This forum again served as a platform for the exchange and



discussions of ideas about current initiatives and best practices undertaken in the region regarding policies for educational leadership and management, strategies for promoting innovations in teaching and learning, as well as practices

### Capacity-Building Workshop for Local Government Officials on "Fostering Global Citizenship for Sustainable Communities in the Southeast Asia"

On October 15-18, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO-APCEIU, South Korea) organized a 4-day workshop on "Fostering Global Citizenship for Sustainable Communities in the Southeast Asia" at the Centre's premises.

This workshop not only provided participants with ample opportunities to better understand the concept and principles of Global Citizenship Education (GCED) but also engaged them in insightful discussions to share

their experiences with speakers and other participants from different countries, cultures, and contexts. Five main topics introduced in the workshop included Fostering Global Citizenship for a Sustainable Society, Global Citizenship Education and Human Rights for Sustainable Development, Global-Local Justice and Peace building in the context of Southeast Asia, Innovative Cases of Global Citizenship Education at provincial and local levels in Southeast Asia, and the Role of Global Citizens in Supporting Local Community Development. The target participants of the workshop included 30 local government officials from many countries in Southeast Asia region including Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, who are working in the areas of global citizenship education, sustainable development, community development and other related areas.



### Training Workshop on "Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Applications in Online Learning Management"

With the aims of equipping participants with the use of innovative ICT applications currently used in managing online learning platforms, a training course on "ICT Applications in Online Learning Management" was organized by SEAMEO RETRAC on October 29-30, 2019. Participating in the course were 29 lecturers and academic staff from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces. In the course, ICT applications such as Edmodo, Google Classroom, Canvas was introduced to participants as tools for online classroom management.





### Training Course on "Communicative Business English for Social Entrepreneurs"

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the US Consulate Ho Chi Minh City organized a training course on "Communicative Business English for Social Entrepreneurs" at the American Center Ho Chi Minh City on November 13, 2019. The course's objectives included: 1) Enhance Speaking and Listening skills to be able to interact and communicate more accurately, confidently and effectively with partners and clients in various social contexts; 2) Strengthen communication skills, focusing on discussing, presenting, negotiating and socializing skills; 3) Know how to use strategic techniques for

writing clear and concise business correspondence with appropriate style and tone of business purposes; 4) Explore and understand the diversity of American culture. With 141 hours of immersive training and

pre-course, on-going and post-course assessments administered by SEAMEO RETRAC, the training course served as a valuable opportunity for 30 participants to further enhance their English skills.



### International Training Course on "Capacity Building on Leadership and Management in Higher Education" for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam

During November 20-23, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted the annual international training course on "Capacity Building in Leadership and Management for Higher Education" at the Center's premises. Participants of the course included 24 leaders and administrators of different higher education institutions from Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Vietnam. This course aimed at equipping participants with updated knowledge and current practices in leadership and management in higher education as well as giving them networking opportunities with others participants and trainers. The topics of discussion covered at the training course included: innovation in educational leadership; influence, empower

and engagement for success, strategic management and accountability in higher education, strategies for inspiring positive change in higher education, and faculty assessment and professional development.

The training course was one of the strategic mission activities annually carried out by the Center to support countries in Southeast Asia, especially Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, in strengthening leadership and managerial capacity for their schools' leaders. This year, the course welcomed the presence of three respectful facilitators from Canada, Philippines and Vietnam. During the four-day course, participants were involved into

different group-work activities such as presentations, strategic plans and an institutional visit at International University – HCMC National University.



### The 42<sup>nd</sup> SEAMEO High Officials Meeting

The 42<sup>nd</sup> SEAMEO High Officials Meeting held during November 26-28, 2019 at the Berkeley Hotel, Pratunam, Bangkok, Thailand. The SEAMEO High Officials Meeting (HOM) is an annual high level forum whereby senior education officials review and plan the programmes and operations of the Organization.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> HOM brought together 149 high-level education officials from 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, representatives from 26 SEAMEO Centers, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and partner organizations. During the plenary session, high officials and the delegation discussed and updated the meeting with the



implementation of the collaborative projects and selected initiatives under the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas and SEAMEO Strategic Plan (2011-2020). Also at the meeting, updates and proposals from 14 invited partners

were presented to high officials. Based on decisions and recommendations at the Meeting, the agenda & issues for further discussion/implementation will be set for SEAMEO Member Countries and SEAMEO Centers.

### Experts Meeting on "The Harmonization of Higher Education and Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications in Southeast Asia"

SEAMEO Secretariat, in collaboration with UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand, John Wiley & Sons, Singapore and SEAMEO RETRAC, organized an Experts Meeting on "The Harmonization of Higher Education and Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications in Southeast Asia" on Dec 2-3, 2019 at SEAMEO RETRAC's premises. Participated in the meeting were 25 experts, high officials from Ministry of Education from 09 member countries and representatives of other SEAMEO Centers. During the meeting, representatives shared their country presentations on policy, programmes and agenda to



promote academic mobility and recognition of higher education qualifications and the role of harmonization of the curriculum, which contributed to the development of a regional higher education action plan for the next 3 years. Main topics in the

discussion revolved around the harmonization of higher education curricular, roadmap to increase recognition of higher education qualifications, and strategies for ratification of the Tokyo Convention by member countries.



### Training Workshop on "Higher Education Innovation in Teaching and Learning"

On December 6, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with The University of Queensland, Australia successfully organized the workshop on "Higher Education Innovation in Teaching and Learning". The workshop provided participants with updated knowledge and information about higher education innovation in teaching and learning. The contents



covered at the workshop included: Keeping pace with changes in higher education, general management strategies for dealing with rapid change, blended and active learning program and curriculum design and

course development. Participants at the workshop included nearly 100 officials and lecturers from universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh City and neighboring provinces.

### Internship Program for a Student Group from University of South Australia at SEAMEO RETRAC

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with University of South Australia (UniSA) co-organized an internship program for a group of students majored in Education and TESOL between December 8-22, 2019. This program aims to help the Australian students explore Vietnamese culture and practice teaching English language to primary students in Vietnam. In addition, the program also created

an opportunity for students to study and communicate in English speaking environment as well as participate in several Australian – Vietnamese cultural exchange activities with UniSA students. 15 UniSA students taught and observed a number of children

classes at the Center, participated in cultural exchange activities and fieldtrips in Ho Chi Minh City and some nearby provinces. This program helped strengthen the international relationship between the SEAMEO RETRAC and UniSA.



### Sharing Session on "Cambridge English Exams Preparation for Young Learners"

On December 21, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a sharing session on Cambridge English exams preparation skills for all teachers of Kiddy Programs. The sharing session provided the teachers a general overview about the Cambridge English Exams for young learners including Starters,



Movers and Flyers. At the session, teachers acquired important skills from the experienced trainer in order to help students effectively do

the exams, additionally building their confidence in taking the exams after finishing each studying level at the Center.

### Training course on "Gearing Up Responsible and Outstanding Teachers in Southeast Asia for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (GURO21)"

On January 08-09, 2020, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with SEAMEO Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology in the Philippines (SEAMEO INNOTECH), organized a training course on "Gearing Up Responsible and Outstanding Teachers in Southeast Asia for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (GURO21)" at the Center's premises. Participating in the course were 32 lecturers, academic staff and teachers from different faculties in various



educational institutions in Vietnam who are interested in becoming flexible learning tutors and online course facilitators. During two days joining the face-to-face training of the course, participants were provided with useful information about the course as well as given opportunities to have hands-on practice on iFLEX – the INNOTECH Flexible Learning Management

System to prepare for the online learning phases of the course. After finishing the whole course, participants not only equip themselves with knowledge and skills required of 21<sup>st</sup>-century teachers but also are provided with opportunities to develop and enhance facilitating skills on online learning courses.

## CORONA VIRUS (SARS-CoV-2)

### PREVENTION



AVOID HUMAN CONTACT



AVOID ANIMAL CONTACT

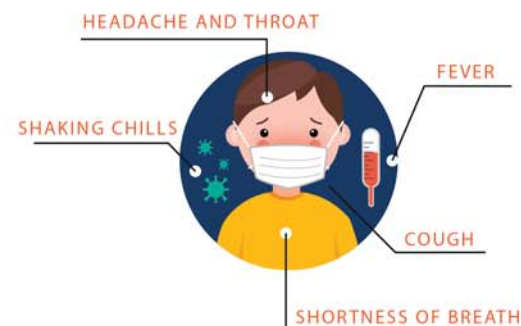


WEAR A FACE MASK



HANDWASHING

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