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Regional Workshop on Southeast Asia Teachers Competency Framework & Teachers' Satisfaction and Motivation

SEAMEO Regional Training Center (SEAMEO RETRAC) in collaboration with SEAMEO Secretariat and Teachers' Council, MOE Thailand organized the Regional Workshop on Southeast Asia Teachers Competency Framework, Teachers' Satisfaction and Motivation in Southeast Asia on April 18-19, 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City. This is an Inter-Center Collaborative Project with the sponsorship from SEAMEO associate member countries.

The workshop was a forum for educators in the region to discuss on the following issues: the implementation of Southeast Asia Teachers Competency Framework, factors affecting teachers' satisfaction, and solutions to improve teachers' satisfaction and motivation in Southeast Asia. Participants of the

workshop included leaders from Teachers and Educational Managers Department - Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam, SEAMEO Secretariat, diplomatic corps from SEAMEO member and associate member countries in Ho Chi Minh City, departmental leaders from Ministries of Education in Southeast Asia, and international educational experts and teachers.



Forum on "Experience Sharing in Soft-Skills Training"



On April 26, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a Forum on Experience Sharing in "Soft-Skills Training" at the Center's premises. The forum aimed at providing opportunities for participants to gain useful information about the appropriate teaching methods and activities for "Soft-Skills Training" at university and colleges. Participants of the forum included teaching staff, academic administrators, soft-skills trainers and leaders of Youth Association and Unions of universities and colleges in Vietnam.

Communicative English Training Course for Social Entrepreneurs

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City organized a "Communicative English Training Course for Social Entrepreneurs" started on September 12, 2018

and ended on April 22, 2019. This is a scholarship program for individuals working in social organizations related to gender equality, children, and people with disability.



The program is designed to help learners be more confident in communicating with foreign partners and enrich their vocabulary on various topics to improve the effectiveness of their social and community work.

On May 15, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC held the Closing Ceremony and presented certificates of completion for 22 eligible participants at the American Center in Ho Chi Minh City. Mr. Timothy Liston, Deputy Principal Officer – US Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City and Ms. Trinh Thi Hoa My, Dean – Division of Foreign Studies from SEAMEO RETRAC attended the event to congratulate the graduates.

Parent Forum on "Motivating Activities to Help Kindergarteners Learn English at Home"

The parent forum on "Motivating Activities to Help Kindergarteners Learn English at Home" was successfully held at SEAMEO RETRAC on April 21, 2019 with the attendance of nearly 50 parents and kindergarteners.

This regular event was aimed at giving parents a closer look at

SEAMEO RETRAC's methods of language teaching, helping children learn English better at home as well as improving the communication channel between the Center and parents. In this forum, the participants listened to presentations given by SEAMEO RETRAC teachers who have English experience in teaching for kindergarteners. The forum was also an opportunity for both teachers and parents to share their interests and concerns about their children's learning.



Parent Forum on "Sex Education for Primary Education Kids"

In collaboration with Club of Mothers, SEAMEO RETRAC held a parent forum on "Sex Education for Primary Education Kids" on May 5, 2019 with the presentation and experience sharing from Doctor Nguyen Lan Hai.

This educational event, which was aimed at providing parents with precautions against child sexual



abuse, attracted the attendance of over 100 parents and children. The forum was an opportunity for parents to have an insight into the

sexual education of primary children and the answers for their concerns about this topic.

Training Course on "ICT Applications in Creating Dynamic Lecture Presentations"

On May 30 - 31, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a training course on "ICT Applications in Creating Dynamic Lecture Presentations" for 15 participants who are lecturers and academic teaching staff from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and nearby provinces. The course



aimed at equipping participants with the use of several innovative ICT applications in designing and

delivering virtual lecture presentations.

Training Course on "Using and Operating Online Training Courses for General English Teachers on Teaching Methods and Pedagogical Skills"

At the invitation from the Vietnam's National Foreign Languages Project (NFL Project), 06 lecturers and technical staffs from SEAMEO RETRAC participated in the training course of "Using and Operating Online Training Courses for General English Teachers on Teaching Methods and Pedagogical Skills" at The University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS), Ha Noi National University, from June 10-14, 2019. Attended the training course were 120 trainers and technical staff from 10 universities and institutions assigned by Ministry of Education and Training



to foster foreign language teachers throughout the country.

During the course, the lecturers joined the training sessions focused on:

- building and developing foreign language learning environment;
- developing classroom English language competence;
- training school teachers to teach within the new English language curriculum;

- language assessment for teachers of English;
- and technology in English teaching.

In addition, the technical staffs participated in training lessons on skills of operating online courses. All these training contents were conducted by the trainers from ULIS and British Council.

Communicative English Training Courses for Staffs of Platinum Global in Ho Chi Minh City

02 Communicative English training courses for 18 staffs, who are at mixed-level of English proficiency, were jointly conducted by SEAMEO RETRAC and Platinum Global.

The major objectives of the training courses are to improve participants' English language communication skills and provide with necessary English language knowledge for their professional

training courses in Australia and the USA. The 02 courses last from May 03, 2019 to July 19, 2019, and from June 17, 2019 to August 15, 2019 at Platinum Global in Ho Chi Minh City.



Regional Workshop on SEAMEO Strategic Plan (2011-2020)

On June 17-18, 2019, a regional workshop on SEAMEO Strategic plan (SSP) 2011-2020 was organized in Bangkok, Thailand with participants from SEAMEO Secretariat, 10 SEAMEO Leading Regional Training Centers, ASEAN Secretariat, UNESCO, Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education and high officials from SEAMEO Member Countries. Preceded by an online survey and an online consultation meeting, the workshop is an opportunity for SEAMEO to both review accomplishments and challenges



of the SSP 2011-2020 and also gather inputs for the upcoming SSP (2021-2035). The goals, strategic themes and key result

areas set in the SSP (2021-2035) will act as guidance for all SEAMEO Centres in the coming years.

Celebrating International Mother's Day

During the period of May 8-11, 2019, a lot of meaningful activities were organized at SEAMEO RETRAC to celebrate the International Mother's Day 2019 with the participation of nearly 2,800 students.

Students at all levels enjoyed their class time with the activities of decorating and coloring cards, challenging tasks with Heart Crafted Cards that gave them an opportunity to develop their creativity as well as to show special thanks to their beloved women at home.



Courtesy Visit from Melaka Teacher Education Institute from Malaysia

On May 02, 2019, the delegation included 24 school administrators and students from Melaka Teacher Education Institute, Malaysia paid a visit to SEAMEO RETRAC. The purpose of this visit

was to have a deeper understanding about RETRAC's contribution to the regional education development and the Vietnam's educational system. On this occasion, Melaka Teacher

Education Institute also expressed their interests in the possible collaborations with SEAMEO RETRAC in various research and teacher training activities.



SEAMEO RETRAC's Staff Retreat

SEAMEO RETRAC Trade Union organized a retreat for all staff to Hung King's Temple and Fansipan Mountain in SaPa, Northern Vietnam. The first trip was on May 23-26 and the second trip on June 1-4, 2019. It was a great chance for SEAMEO RETRAC staff to take a rest after a long hardworking year as well as to reinforce the mutual understanding and cooperation among staff and between staff and management board. During the trip, RETRAC staff had a chance to visit Fansipan, the highest mountain in South East Asia inscribed by UNESCO and ride the Fansipan's



cable car, the world longest mountain cable car recognised by Guinness World Record. This was also an opportunity for all staff to visit to Hung King's Temple built in

the 10th century A.D and pay their respects to Hung King, the first founder of the country.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4-5, 2019

International Conference on Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Driving Changes with Global Trends

July 22 – Aug 09, 2019

Communicative English & Life Skills for 21st Century Citizens

Aug 15-16, 2019

10th Annual International Conference on TESOL "Diversification and Engagement in English Language Teaching"

Sep 26-27, 2019

SEAMEO RETRAC's 22nd Governing Board Meeting

Sep 26, 2019

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



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