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## Training Course on “Human Resource Management in Higher Education”, July 30-31, 2019

From July 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a training course on “Human Resource Management in Higher Education” for 14 administrators, managers and officers in human resource department at various educational institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces.



With the aim of providing participants with knowledge and skills about human resource management in higher education, this course was created with plenty of opportunities for the participants to actively involve into insightful discussions about human resource management strategies as well as practical activities to implement these strategies in their institutions. Several topics introduced in the two-day course included Staff Development, Professional Human Resource Management in association with Labor Law, Motivating and Inspiring Staff, etc.

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## Training Workshop on “Capacity Building on Proposal Writing for Research Projects”, August 22-23, 2019

In collaboration with German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Information Center in Ho Chi Minh City, from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted a training workshop on “Capacity Building on Proposal Writing for Research Projects” at the Center’s premises for 28 research officials from 19 institutions in Vietnam and 03 researchers from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia.

The workshop was facilitated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Manh Ha – Vice-President of HongBang International University. During the workshop, the participants were updated with essential skills of writing an effective proposal for research projects and informed about respective funding opportunities for research in Germany. Moreover, they also had a chance to network with other participants from Vietnam, and Cambodia to exchange experience and foster joint activities in data gathering for research at the regional level.



## Training Course on “Strategy Development and Quality Assurance Implementation”, August 29-30, 2019

On the August of 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC carried out a training course on “Strategy Development and Quality Assurance Implementation” for 10 leaders and senior administrators from various universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh City. The course was aimed at improving and enhancing the participants’ competence in order to improve their performance on quality assurance at their institutions.

During the two-day course, participants were equipped with not only knowledge and strategies related to quality assurance standards of the MOET, AUN-QA, ABET, but also given a chance to design long-term and short-term quality assurance implementation plans suitable for their institutions.



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## Training Course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 2”, September 17-20, 2019

A training course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 2” was conducted on September 17-20, 2019 by SEAMEO RETRAC to provide the participants with knowledge and skills on effectively teaching soft-skills to university students. Participants included 12 lecturers, soft-skills trainers and leaders of Youth Association and Unions of universities and colleges in Vietnam.



Four topics discussed within four days of the course included (1) goal setting and team building, (2) effective communication, (3) conflict resolution, and (4) negotiation skills. Along with the acquisition of knowledge and useful techniques in soft-skills teaching, during the four-day course, participants also shared and exchanged experiences in teaching soft-skills to university students.



## Regional Educational Forum on “Leading Innovation in Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia”, September 26, 2019

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, 05 governing board members and 04 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 in professional training and development for existing and future leaders. At the Forum, 07 countries’ best practices and experiences were shared by the governing board members and representatives.

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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.

## Capacity-Building Workshop for Local Government Officials on “Fostering Global Citizenship for Sustainable Communities in the Southeast Asia”, October 15-18, 2019

From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a 4-day workshop on “Fostering Global Citizenship for Sustainable Communities in the Southeast Asia” in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO-APCEIU, South Korea) at the Centre’s premises – 35, Le Thanh Ton, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



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.



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## Training Workshop on “Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Applications in Online Learning Management”, October 29-30, 2019

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 from the 29th to the 30th of October, 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 introduced to participants included Edmodo, Google Classroom, Canvas, etc.



## Training Course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 3”, November 12-15, 2019

A training course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 3” was conducted on November 12-15, 2019 by SEAMEO RETRAC to provide the participants with knowledge and skills on effectively teaching soft-skills to university students.

The target participants consisted of 12 lecturers, soft-skills trainers and leaders of Youth



Unions and Student Associations of universities and colleges in Vietnam.

Four topics discussed within four days of the course included (1) time management and work organization skills, (2) active learning skills, (3) leadership skills, and (4) stress management skills.



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## International Training Course on “Capacity Building on Leadership and Management in Higher Education” for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam, November 20-23, 2019

From the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted the annual international training course on “Capacity Building in Leadership and Management for Higher Education” at the Center’s premises – 35 Le Thanh Ton, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. 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 (1) innovation in educational leadership: influence, empower and engagement for success, (2) strategic management and accountability in higher education, (3) strategies for inspiring positive change in higher education, and (4) 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 institutional visit at International University – HCMC National University.



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## Upcoming Events

### Gearing Up Responsible and Outstanding Teachers in Southeast Asia for the 21st Century (GURO21) Course on “Training of Trainers for Flexible Learning Tutors”, December 9-12, 2019

On December 9-12, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with SEAMEO Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO INNOTECH), will organize a training course on “Training of Trainers for Flexible Learning Tutors (FLT)” in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The target participants will include 30 lecturers and academic staff from different faculties in various educational institutions in Vietnam who are interested in becoming flexible learning tutors or online course facilitators.



The participants will receive a scholarship grant for the tuition fee and related costs from SEAMEO RETRAC and SEAMEO INNOTECH. At the end of the course, participants will not only be able to equip themselves with knowledge required of 21st century teachers, but also be provided with opportunities to develop and enhance facilitating skills on online learning courses.

### Training Course on “Effective Communication and Professional Etiquettes” for Universities and Colleges, December 18-19, 2019

A training course on “Effective Communication and Professional Etiquettes for Universities and Colleges” will be held by SEAMEO RETRAC on December 18-19, 2019 at the Center’s premises. The target participants will include supporting staff and officers who are working at Student Affairs Department of different universities and colleges.

The course primarily aims at providing and updating participants with essential skills and knowledge related to professional etiquettes and practical communicating skills used in higher educational context. After the course, participants are expected to possess useful information about professional ethics to establish cordial relations with colleagues and related stakeholders.

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## Training Course on “Information Communication Technologies (ICT) Applications in Student Assessment and Evaluation”, December 26-27, 2019

In order to equip students with knowledge of the ICT applications currently used in the test preparation and in assessment of students’ results, SEAMEO RETRAC Center will organize a training course on “ICT Applications in Student Assessment and Evaluation” from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019.

Participating in the course will be lecturers and academic staff who are interested in the course from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces. In the course, ICT applications introduced to participants will include Quizalize,



Socrative, Edulastic, Google Classroom Tools, ForAllRubric, etc.

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