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The 52nd SEAMEO Council Conference

The Department of Education, Philippines, in collaboration with SEAMEO Secretariat, hosted 'The 52nd SEAMEO Council Conference' in Manila, Philippines, on February 8-10, 2023. The three-day conference marked the start of the two-year term as the SEAMEO Council Presidency of Her Excellency Sara Z Duterte, present Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines and Secretary of Education.

The SEAMEO Council Conference 2023 was attended by education ministers and heads of delegations of the 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, Associate Member Countries, Affiliate Members, and 26 Regional Centers, who discussed and shared their practices,

perception, and experience related to the navigation of the education systems in Southeast Asian countries in the post-COVID-19 pandemic. The 52nd SEAMEO Council Conference also featured the 6th Strategic Dialogue for Education Ministers (SDEM) with the theme 'Prioritizing Foundational Learning and Lifelong Learning: Investing in Literacy, Numeracy, and STEM Education in the Digital Era'. At the conference, the Southeast Asia One Health University Network (SEAOHUN) was welcomed as a new Affiliate Member of SEAMEO.

Besides, the 2022/2023 SEAMEO Service Award was given to twenty-six exemplary staff from SEAMEO Units as a token of recognition of their commitment, professionalism,

and dedication to education in the region and beyond during the welcome dinner.



Training Course: ICT Applications in Gamification on Creative Teaching

On the 27th and 28th of February 2023, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a training course on 'ICT Applications in Gamification on Creative Teaching' for lecturers and academic staff from different universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces.

During the course, the participants were provided with plenty of opportunities to acquire updated knowledge of various innovative tools



which can support them to design fascinating lectures, mini-tests, and activities for the purpose of increasing student engagement and creating a dynamic and stimulating learning environment. Several applications presented in this course were Lionit, Canva, Adobe Express, Goose Chase Edu, and Class Flow.

After being introduced to different effective ICT applications, not only were the participants given opportunities to practice utilizing them for designing their lessons and to involve in representation and discussion activities of how to improve the current teaching practice by using these tools and applications in teaching.

Training Course: ICT Applications in Teaching and Assessment of Student Learning

On March 07-09, 2023, with the funding from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology – Japan (MEXT), SEAMEO RETRAC organized the training course on 'ICT Applications in Teaching and Assessment of Student Learning' at the Centre's premises for 30 participants including lecturers and academic staff of different universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces.



The course was organized aiming at providing participants with opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills in using available ICT applications in teaching and assessment of student learning and sharpen their abilities to utilize them in practice. During the three training days,

participants were introduced with a useful and far-reaching model- ADDIE Model and approached various ICT applications and websites to assist them in designing creative lectures as well as creating effective activities for assessing students' learning performance.

Research on Job Satisfaction of Basic Education Teachers in Vietnam

The journal article 'Job Satisfaction of Basic Education Teachers in Vietnam' by the SEAMEO RETRAC research team, including Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, Mr. Tran Phuoc Linh, Ms. Le Thi Thuy Duong and Dr. Anita Clapano-Oblina, has been officially published in the Vietnam Journal of Educational Sciences, Vol 19, No.2, 2023.

The article is part of the regional research project on 'Job Satisfaction of Basic Education Teachers in Southeast Asia', an inter-center collaborative project among



SEAMEO Centers. It presents the key issues affecting the level of job satisfaction among basic education teachers in Southeast Asia and provides policy recommendations to increase teacher motivation and job satisfaction. The research employs Herzberg's Dual Factor Theory Motivation: hygiene factor and motivator factor. In the case of Vietnam, analysis of responses has demonstrated that the sources

of job satisfaction are found to be both hygiene factor and motivator factor. The top three resources of job dissatisfaction are (1) job security, (2) work environment, and (3) job responsibility.

The article can be accessed in the following link.

<http://vjes.vnies.edu.vn/vi/su-hai-long-trong-cong-viec-cua-giao-vien-pho-thong-tai-viet-nam>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15, 2023

Training and Sharing Sessions for Teaching Assistants

April 20-21, 2023

Training Course: AI Applications in Teaching and Researching – Module 1

April 25, 2023

Meetings with Binh Thuan and Bac Lieu DOET on Teacher Training Programs

May 14, 2023

Parent Forum on STEAM Education

May 23-31, 2023

Virtual Regional Training Course on Higher Education Leadership and Management for Sustainable Development

Sharing Session on Integrating AI Tools in Teaching English Language

On March 11, 2023, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a sharing session on 'Integrating AI Tools in Teaching the English Language' for teachers of English at the Center's premises. Participating in this session were 15 English teachers. The session was conducted by Dr. Nguyen Thi Thuy Trang – Deputy Dean, the Divisions of Foreign Studies, SEAMEO RETRAC.

The sharing session served as a space for teachers to meet, exchange, and share their professional development experiences. To begin the



session, Dr. Nguyen Thi Thuy Trang provided practical guidance on how to use free artificial intelligence (AI) information technology tools in the classroom, helping teachers to enhance their teaching and student engagement.

The teachers were then engaged in sharing their own experiences and discussing

effective implementation of AI tools in their teaching. By sharing their knowledge and expertise, they created a collaborative learning environment and gained new perspectives on the use of AI technology in language education.

May 30-31, 2023

Training Course: AI Applications in Teaching and Researching – Module 2

June 12, 2023

The start of Summer Discovery 2023 Program

June 15-16, 2023

Training Course on Learning Situation Creation in Innovative Teaching

June 20-23, 2023

Training Workshop: Enhancing Professional Communication Skills for Government Officials

June 21-23, 2023

Training Course on Innovative Teaching Methods, Student Assessment and Evaluation

June - December

Teacher Professional Training Courses for Teachers of English in Bac Lieu, Binh Thuan, Dong Nai and Tra Vinh Provinces



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