

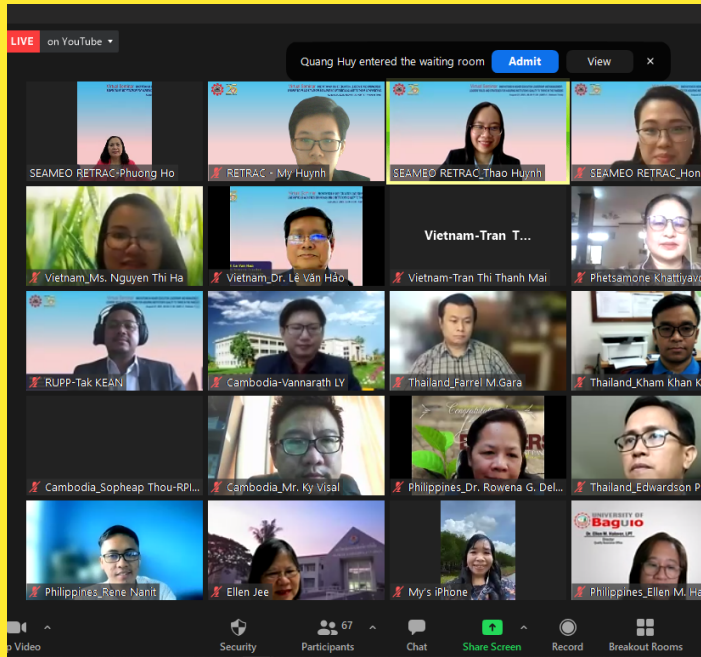


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REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN VIETNAM

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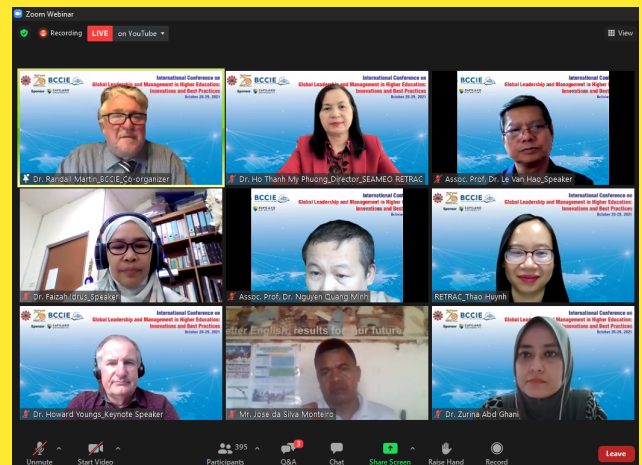
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VIRTUAL SEMINAR

“Innovations in higher education leadership and management: Leaders' roles and strategies for assuring institution's quality to thrive in the pandemic”

August 27, 2021



Virtual Seminar

INNOVATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT: LEADERS' ROLES AND STRATEGIES
FOR ASSURING INSTITUTION'S QUALITY TO THRIVE IN THE PANDEMIC

August 27, 2021, 08:30-11:30
(GMT+7, Vietnam Time)

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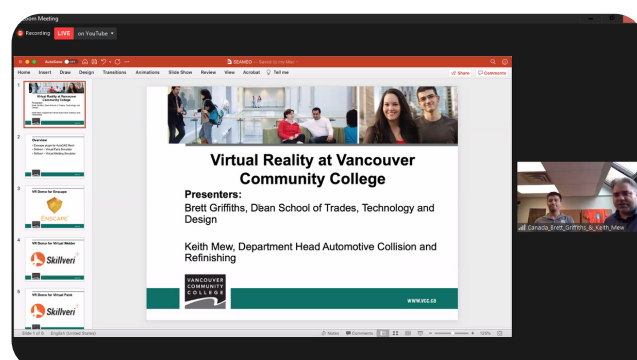
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On August 27, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a Virtual Seminar on “Innovations in higher education leadership and management: Leaders' roles and strategies for assuring institution's quality to thrive in the pandemic” from 08:30 to 11:30 (GMT+7/Vietnam Time) on the Zoom platform and concurrently streamed via YouTube Live.

With the aim of providing opportunities for participants to share their ideas and exchange experiences on leadership and management in the crisis, the Seminar focused on equipping participants with best practices currently adopted to manage the academic institutions as well as strategies and innovations applied to ensure the institutions' quality of teaching and learning during and in the post-COVID-19 era.

The Seminar welcomed the participation of 05 distinguished speakers, who are representatives and leaders of different universities and colleges in Southeast Asia as well as in Canada. Attending the Seminar were around 80 participants who are leaders, educational administrators and lecturers from different universities and colleges from Cambodia, Canada, Lao PDR, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and USA.

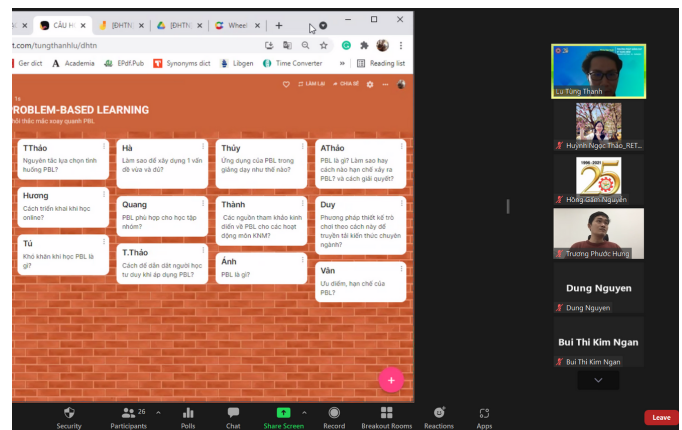




Virtual Training Course

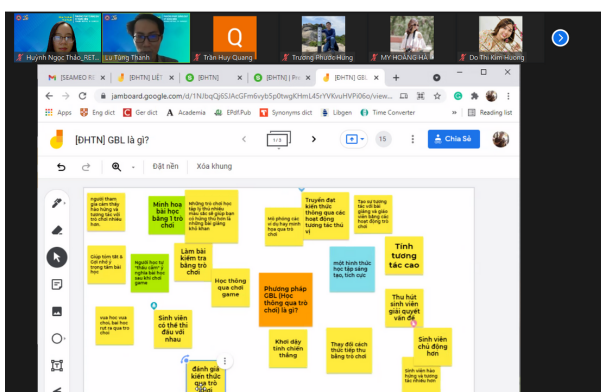
SOFT-SKILLS TRAINING METHODOLOGIES

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021



In collaboration with Ho Chi Minh City University of Science – Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam National University, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a virtual training course on “Soft-skills Training Methodologies” for 20 teaching staff as well as soft-skills lecturers at the University on September 18-19, 2021.

The course aimed at equipping participants with essential knowledge of teaching methods currently used in soft-skills teaching, which are Game-Based Learning and Problem-Based Learning. During the course, participants were introduced to different teaching techniques as well as useful pedagogical approaches so that they can creatively adopt these methods to teach soft-skills to their own students in the most invigorating and captivating manner.



VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL FORUM

“POLICIES AND SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING AT BASIC EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

September 28, 2021

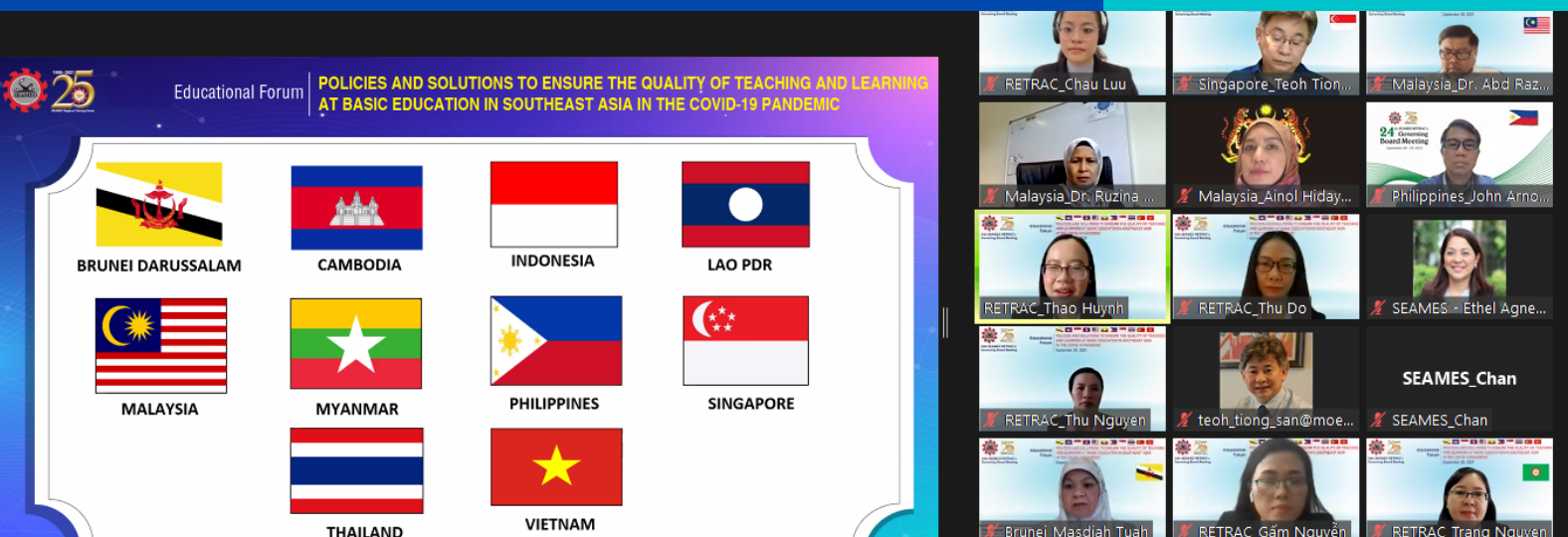
On September 28, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a Virtual Educational Forum on “Policies and solutions to ensure the quality of teaching and learning at basic education in Southeast Asia in the COVID-19 Pandemic” from 13:30 to 17:00 (Vietnam Time) on the Zoom platform and streamed on SEAMEO RETRAC’s YouTube Channel.

The Forum was conducted back to back with the SEAMEO RETRAC’s 23rd Governing Board Meeting. This year, the Forum aimed at creating a professional platform for educational leaders, educators, scientists, researchers and students to not only be updated with policy innovations and best practices currently implemented in the Southeast Asian region but also to exchange ideas and experiences on solutions that schools have been used to address the educational disruptions and fulfil the needs of learning quality during and post COVID-19 pandemic.

Three main sub-themes of the Forum included (1) opportunities and challenges faced by schools in Southeast Asia during and in the post-COVID-19 era; (2) critical strategies, best practices and initiatives that help to transform crises into opportunities to promote hybrid delivery of curriculum, speed up educational reforms and build resilient education systems; and (3) policy

changes regarding leadership, curriculum, assessment, pedagogy, and technology to ensure support for educational quality.

Speakers of the Forum included 05 SEAMEO RETRAC’s Governing Board Members from the Ministries of Education of Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam along with the honorable attendance of keynote speaker - Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat, Thailand. The Webinar also welcomed over 120 participants from various Southeast Asian countries.



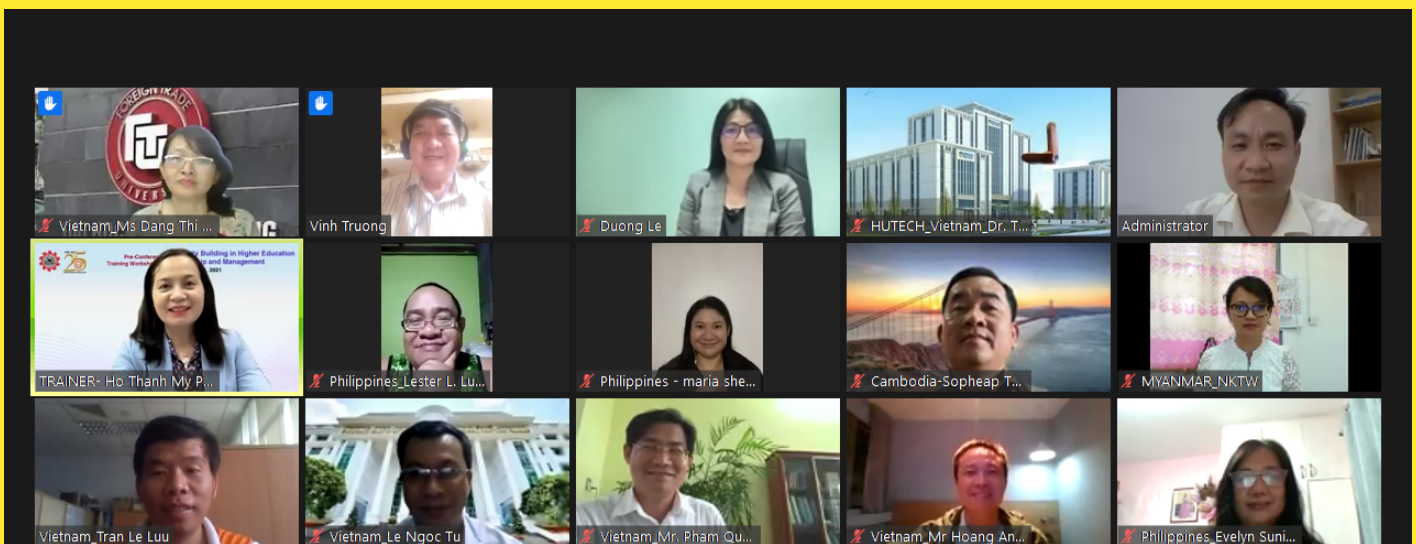
Pre-Conference Training Workshop

"Capacity Building in Higher Education Leadership and Management"

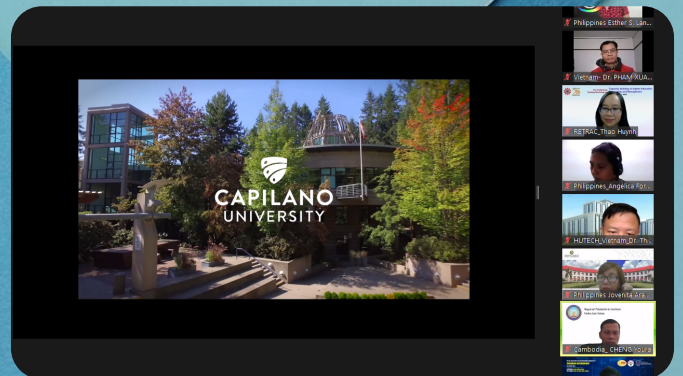
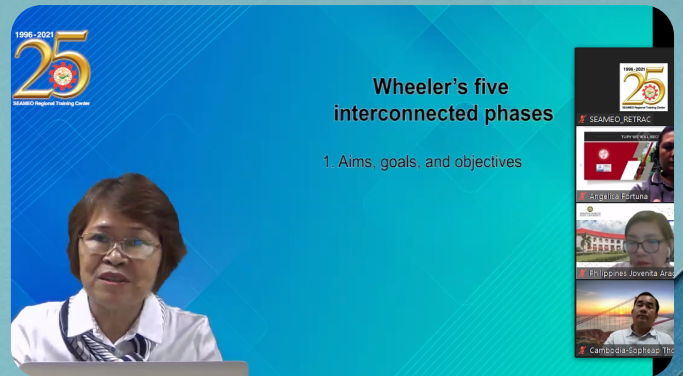
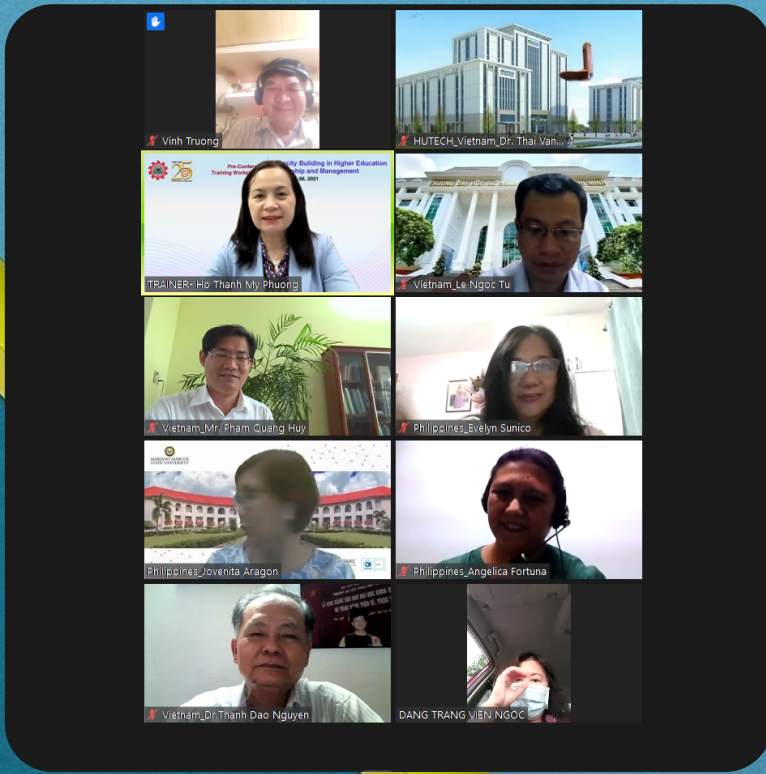
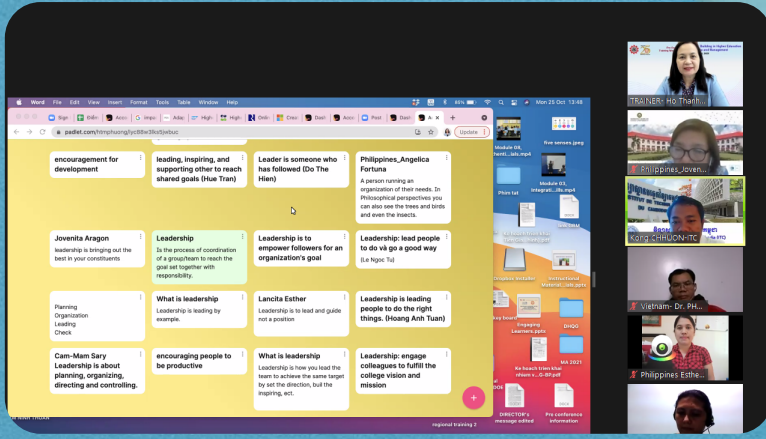
October 25– November 03, 2021

In line with the International Conference on “Global Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Innovations and Best Practices”, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a Pre-Conference Training Workshop on “Capacity Building in Higher Education Leadership and Management” from October 25 to November 03, 2021.

Participating in the training workshop were 41 leaders and senior administrators from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Ministry of Education of Myanmar, the Department of Education of The Philippines and various higher education institutions from Cambodia, Myanmar, The Philippines and Vietnam. The workshop was organized in the online modality on the Zoom platform and SEAMEO RETRAC's Moodle site to bring online learning experience to the participants.



During two-day training on Zoom, participants were provided with plenty of opportunities to be updated with current and innovative practices in educational leadership and discuss various issues that their universities and colleges are confronting.



Four main topics of discussion covered in the training course include (1) Assessment and Appraisal of Faculty Performance, (2) Innovation in Educational Leadership and Management: Effective leadership in the Covid-19 Pandemic, (3) Staff Professional Development and (4) Curriculum Development and Assessment.



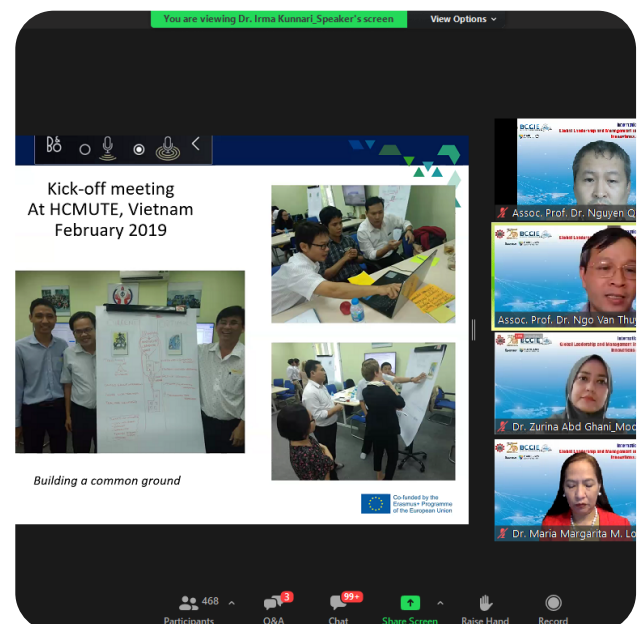
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION: INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

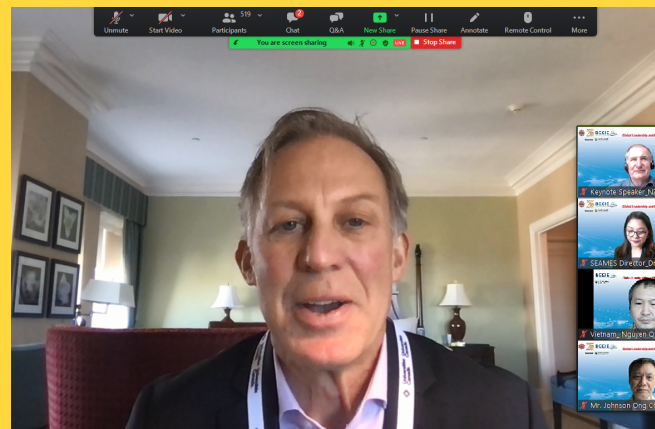
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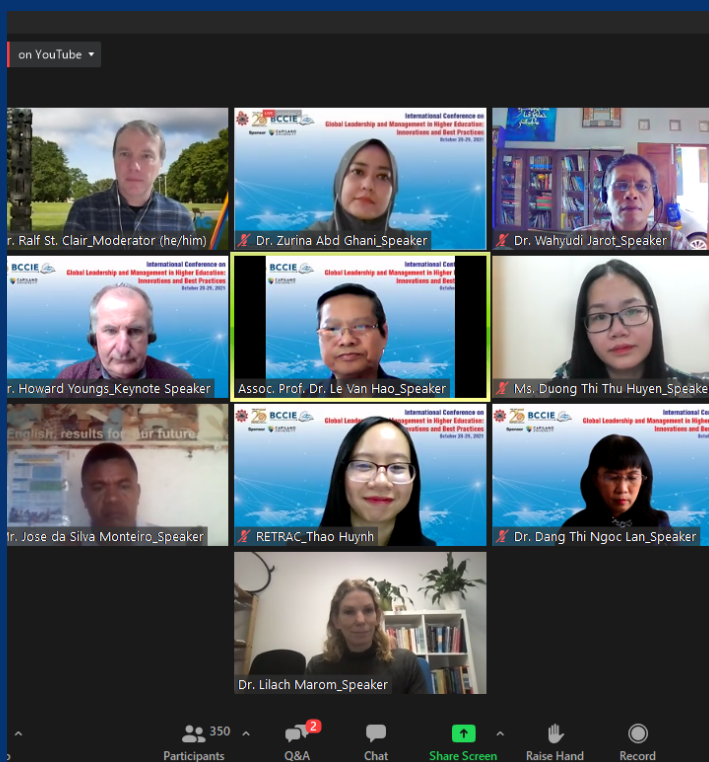
On October 28-29, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE, Canada) and with the gold sponsor - Capilano University in Canada, organized the 2021 International Conference on “Global Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Innovations and Best Practices”. The Conference aimed at creating a global platform for discussion, collaboration and intellectual exchange among educational leaders, academicians and professionals in the areas of higher education from all over the world.



This year, the Conference was conducted on the Zoom platform and concurrently live-streamed on YouTube Live with the attendance of distinguished guests including Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat, Thailand and Dr. Randall Martin, Executive Director, BCCIE, Canada – the co-organizer of the Conference. Moreover, the Conference also welcomed the attendance of two keynote speakers, Prof. Paul Dangerfield, President, Capilano University, Canada and Dr. Howard Youngs, Senior Lecturer, Educational Leadership, Leader, International, School of Education, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand and 30 respectful speakers and moderators joining the Conference.



Throughout one and a half days of the Conference, over 1000 participants, coming from Australia, Canada, Finland, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Timor-Leste, Thailand, The USA and Vietnam, were provided with ample opportunities to listen and be involved in dynamic discussions of insightful presentations.



The Conference assists the participants to update and exchange information about best practices and effective innovations in leadership and management in higher education to be better prepared for the future. Moreover, the Conference focused on exploring innovative ideas and practices related to current leadership and management strategies, quality assurance and accreditation, industry and university partnership, technology applications, and global citizenship education.

On November 27-28, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC held a virtual training course on “Interactive Teaching Methodologies in Higher Education” for 30 participants who are lecturers and academic staff from different departments of the University of Sciences – Ho Chi Minh City National University.

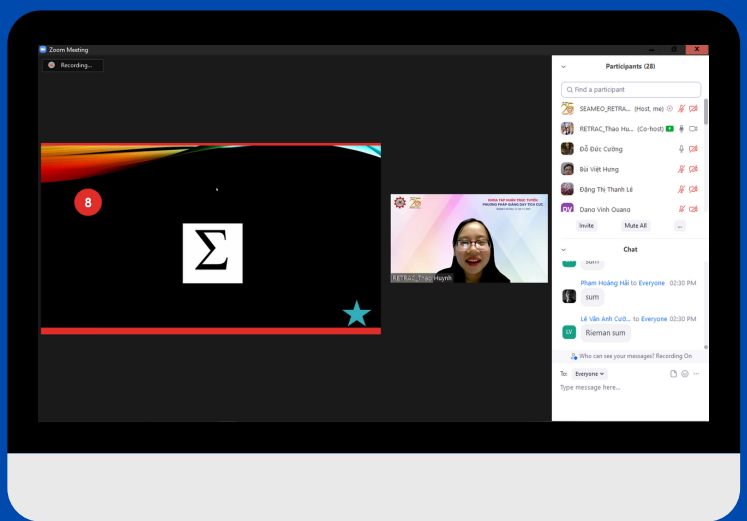
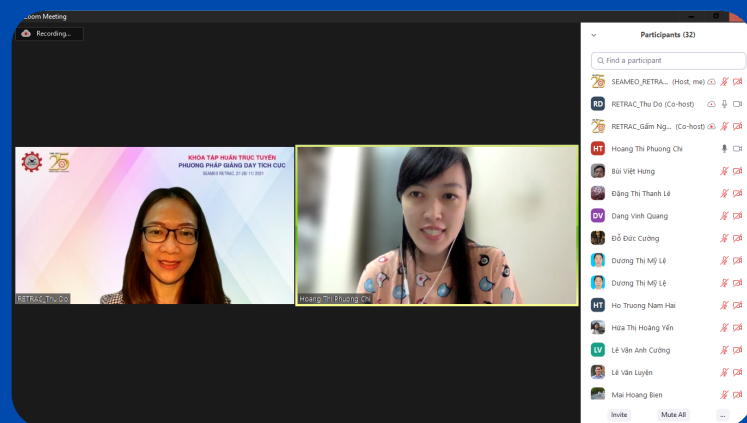
The course was designed to focus on various interactive methods, strategies and techniques that participants can flexibly apply in their teaching practice at their institutions.

During Day 1, participants were provided with knowledge of influential teaching theories and different classroom activities related to the 5E instructional model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate). Additionally, participants also learned about one of the most popular innovative teaching approaches which is Problem-based Learning. On Day 2, participants were introduced with several interactive strategies and experienced the suggested way to organize the activities in the classroom.

Virtual Training Course

INTERACTIVE TEACHING METHODOLOGIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

November 27-28, 2021



ENHANCING EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

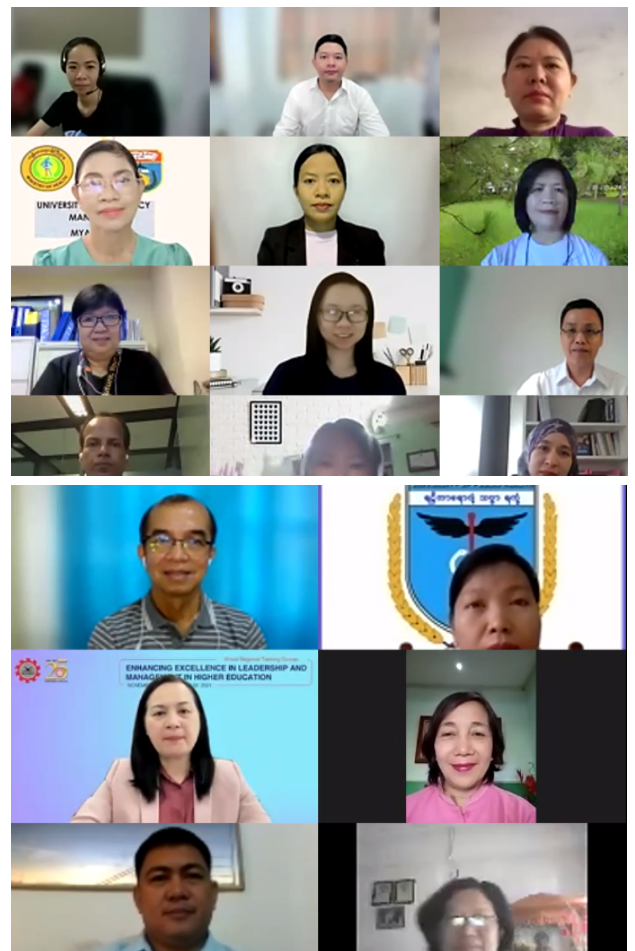
November 23-December 02, 2021

From November 23-December 02, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted a virtual regional training course on “Enhancing Excellence in Leadership and Management in Higher Education”. Participants of the course included leaders and administrators of different higher education institutions from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines and Vietnam.

This course aimed at equipping participants with updated knowledge and necessary skills in leadership and management practices in higher education as well as giving them opportunities to share their experience with other participants and trainers. The topics of discussion covered at the training course included (1) Strategic Management and Resource Management, (2) Educational leadership in Higher Education in the Covid-19 Pandemic, (3) Effective Organizational Communication, and (4) Managing Conflict and Decision Making.

The training course is one of the key activities annually carried out by SEAMEO RETRAC to support countries in Southeast Asia, especially Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam, in strengthening leadership and managerial capacity for their schools’ leaders.

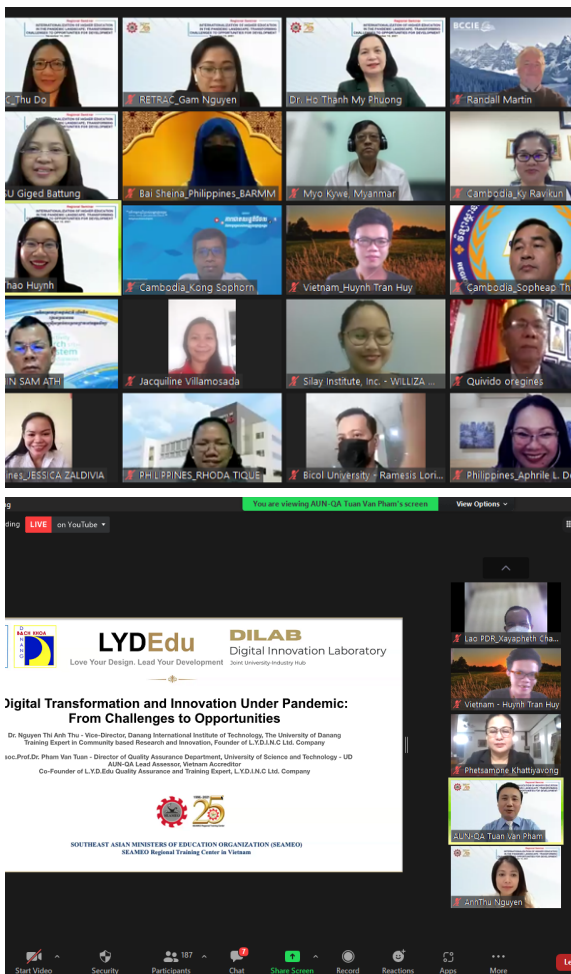
This year, the course was conducted online on SEAMEO RETRAC’s Moodle site and Zoom platform under the facilitation of 04 respectful trainers including Dr. Chris Bottrill, Director, International, Capilano University, Canada; Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, SEAMEO RETRAC’s Director; Dr. Do Thi Hoai Thu, Dean, Division of Education; and Dr. Anita C. Oblina,



Senior Education Specialist, SEAMEO RETRAC, Vietnam. During phase 1 from November 23 to November 24, 2021, participants joined the lecture series on the Zoom platform within 02 days. In phase 2 (November 25-December 02, 2021), participants accessed the SEAMEO RETRAC's Moodle site to get instructional materials, reply to questions in forum discussion and complete assignments. After fully attending the course and accomplishing the course requirements, there were 31 participants receiving the Certificate of Completion.

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PANDEMIC LANDSCAPE: TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

December 10, 2021



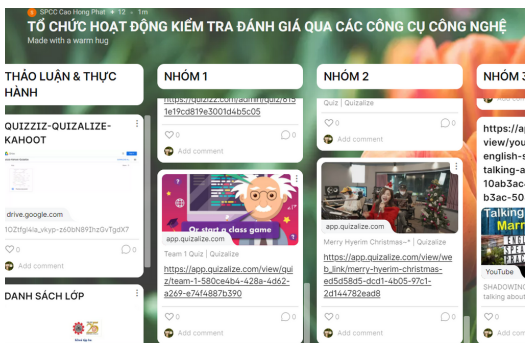
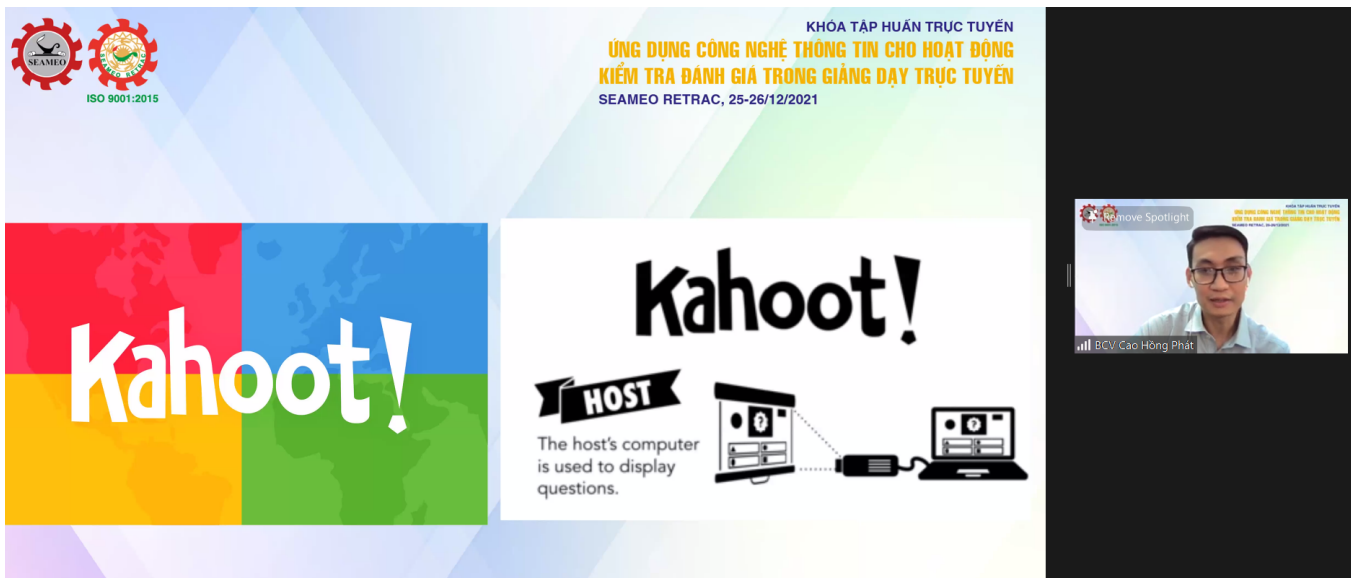
On December 10, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC organized the Regional Seminar on “Internationalization of Higher Education in the Pandemic Landscape: Transforming Challenges to Opportunities for Development” from 08:30 to 11:30 (GMT+7/Vietnam Time). The Seminar was conducted on the Zoom platform and concurrent live-streamed on SEAMEO RETRAC’s YouTube Channel.

The Seminar once again served as a wisdom platform for leaders, administrators, educators and lecturers from different universities and colleges in the Southeast Asian region to exchange effective internationalization strategies and share their experience on the transformation of the situations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to enhance the institutional quality.

Speakers of the Seminar included 07 invited scholars and leaders from different universities in Southeast Asia and from international organizations in Australia and Canada who shared their experience and expertise with the participants through their presentations. With the focus on internationalization strategies adopted by higher education institutions to tackle the challenges in the while and post-crisis times, the Seminar attracted the attendance of more than 190 participants from different nations including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

ICT Applications in Students' Assessment and Evaluation in Online Teaching

December 25-26, 2021



On December 25-26, 2021, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted a training course on “ICT Applications in Students’ Assessment and Evaluation in Online Teaching” for 23 lecturers of the Foreign Language Center of the University of Sciences – Ho Chi Minh City National University. The course was conducted on the Zoom platform under the facilitation of Mr. Cao Hong Phat from the University of Pedagogy Ho Chi Minh City. During one and a half training days, the participants were able to equip themselves with useful knowledge of the ICT applications currently used in the test preparation and in the assessment of students’ achievement. In the course, ICT applications introduced to participants included Quizalize, Quizizz, Kahoot, Azota, Edulastic, Google Tools, QuickRubric, etc.

