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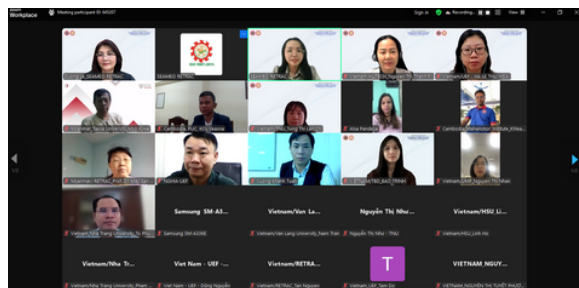
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## TRAINING COURSE ON Research Methods in Education – Module 1–3

In the last six months of 2024, in July 22-24, August 26-28, and December 16-18, SEAMEO RETRAC successfully conducted three modules of the training course on “**Research Methods in Education**” at its premises. This course was specifically designed for academic staff and professionals from various higher education institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and neighboring provinces, as well as those interested in the topic. Throughout the courses, the participants were equipped with theories and practices of educational research, explored quantitative and qualitative models, and engaged with the entire research process from proposal to publication. The interactive sessions fostered meaningful discussions, allowing participants to share experiences and insights, which enriched the learning environment. Feedback indicated that participants left with enhanced knowledge and practical skills applicable to their research endeavors.



## TRAINING COURSE ON Interactive Teaching Approaches in Sciences

On July 23-24, 2024, a training course on “**Interactive Teaching Approaches in Sciences**” was successfully organized by SEAMEO RETRAC at its premises. This course was designed for academic staff who teach in sciences from higher educational institutions from Ho Chi Minh City and neighboring provinces. The course featured hands-on activities and breakout sessions for sharing experiences and best practices. Participants left with practical tools and renewed enthusiasm for implementing interactive techniques in their classrooms, ready to create more dynamic and effective science lessons.





## TRAINING COURSE ON **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Test Items Design and Student's Learning Assessment**

On August 29-30, 2024, SEAMEO RETRAC successfully conducted a training course on **“Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Test Items Design and Student’s Learning Assessment”** at its premises, with more than 30 participants who are academic staff and lecturers from different universities, colleges in Ho Chi Minh City and its neighboring provinces. The course was led by a team of experienced trainers of SEAMEO RETRAC specializing in AI research and its applications in education. During the two-day course, the participants explored AI applications specifically aimed at enhancing evaluation and assessment methods for student’s learning assessment. They had numerous opportunities to deepen their understanding and refine their practices with these tools, while also engaging in meaningful discussions with both the trainer and other participants.

To continue the success, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with Hong Bang International University, convened two-day training courses on the same topic of **“Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Test Items Design and Student’s Learning Assessment”** on September 26-27, 2024 and October 17-18, 2024, for more than 40 academic staff and professionals at their premises. Throughout the training course, the participants had the opportunity to apply the AI tools and practice using them in their own teaching and student learning assessment, as well as engage in different discussions with other participants and the trainer. Participants reported gaining improved knowledge and practical tools that they could apply to their teaching process.





EDUCATIONAL FORUM 2024

**Navigating Leadership and Management for Future Development of Education: Insights and Practices in Southeast Asia**

On September 25, 2024, SEAMEO RETRAC convened the Educational Forum on “**Navigating Leadership and Management for Future Development of Education: Insights and Practices in Southeast Asia**” at its premises, from 13:30 to 17:00 (GMT +7/Vietnam Time).



The Forum, which was conducted back to back with SEAMEO RETRAC's 27th Governing Board Meeting, provided a professional platform for RETRAC Governing Board members who are policymakers, professional educators, educational leaders from SEAMEO Member Countries to share best practices and innovations that have been currently implemented or practiced to enhance educational quality, advance students' participation and capabilities in education.

Five main sub-themes of the Forum included (1) **Innovative approaches and/or models of leadership and management in education** (i.e. basic education and higher education levels); (2) **Opportunities and challenges faced by schools and institutions and related solutions or initiatives that help to transform challenges into opportunities to promote innovative leadership, management, teaching and learning**; (3) **Policy changes regarding leadership, curriculum, assessment, pedagogy, and technology to ensure support for educational quality**; (4) **Professional development for teaching staff to help them better cope with the new educational context**; and, (5) **Technology integration in teaching and learning**.

Speakers of the Forum were RETRAC's Governing Board Members who are leaders, managers, and administrators from the Ministries of Education or educational institutions in Southeast Asian countries. A country report which was presented by each Governing Board Member focused on introducing current practices and/or innovations in sustaining and enhancing the quality of education in his/her country. The Educational Forum also welcomed over 600 participants from different Southeast Asia countries via Zoom platform.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

**Leadership and Management in Higher Education:  
Innovations and Strategies in a Global Context**

On October 15-16, 2024, in collaboration with the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE), the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), and the Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan), Canada, organized the International Conference 2024 on “**Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Innovations and Strategies in a Global Context**”, with more than 100 delegates at the Center’s premises at 35 Le Thanh Ton Street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. This Conference was conducted with the aim of creating a global platform for leaders, professionals, experts, researchers, and educational practitioners to update and exchange perspectives and information, explore innovative ideas, and share best practices related to leadership and management, teaching and learning in transnational higher education.



Six crucial sub-themes which were discussed in the International Conference included **(1) Leadership and entrepreneurship in higher education: Strategic approaches and best practices;** **(2) Quality assurance and accreditation in higher education;** **(3) Academician professional training and development in higher education** **(4) Research, development and innovation in higher education;** **(5) Design, implementation and assessment of innovative technologies in higher education: Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies;** and **(6) Industry and university partnership for sustainable development: Strategies, programs, services and funding.** Two keynote speakers of the conference were Dr. David Ross, President and CEO, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), Canada, and Dr. Deborah Saucier, President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University, Canada.

Speakers and participants of the International Conference 2024 included leaders, managers, administrators, researchers, and educational practitioners coming from different universities and higher educational institutions of Canada, Australia, Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

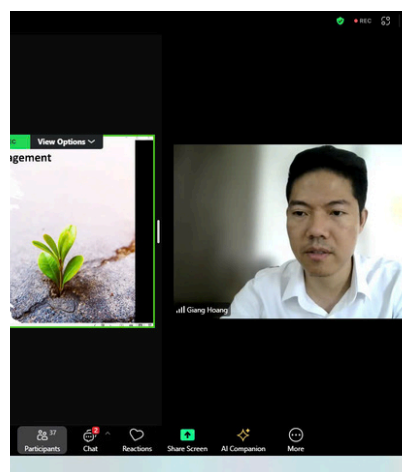
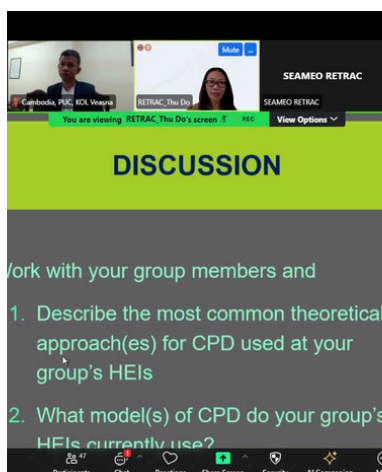
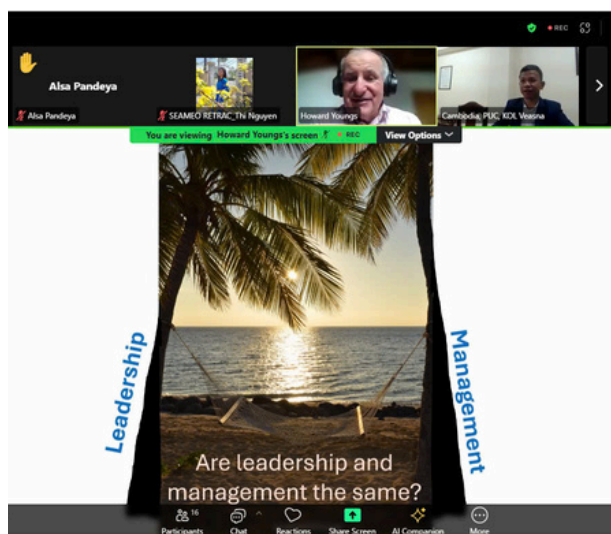
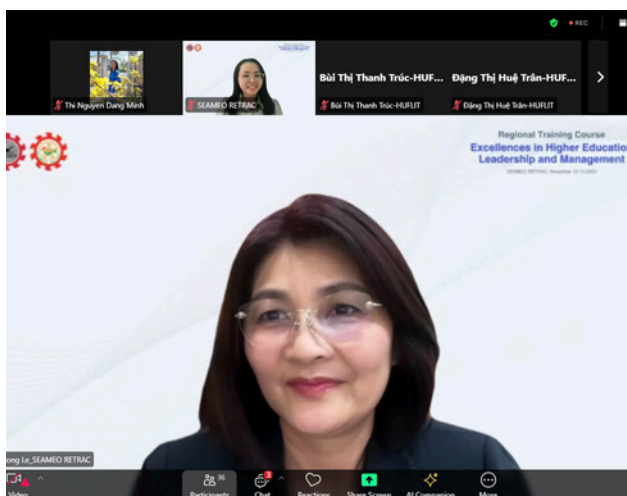




## REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON Excellences in Higher Education Leadership and Management

SEAMEO RETRAC recently organized a regional training course on "**Leadership and Management for Higher Education in Global context**" from November 12 to November 14, 2024 via Zoom platform. The course received participants, including leaders, administrators, and managers, from different university, colleges, and institutions both within and outside of Vietnam.

Throughout four sessions, the participants engaged in dynamic discussions, exchanged ideas and shared valuable experiences on implementing effective leadership and management strategies. They explored various approaches and learned from one another's successes and challenges, gaining practical insights to apply in their own institutions. The collaborative environment fostered networking opportunities, enabling ongoing connections and potential future collaborations. By the end of the training, participants were equipped with a wealth of knowledge and practical tools to enhance their leadership and management practices, ensuring the continued growth and success of their respective institutions.



## TRAINING COURSE ON Innovative Teaching Approaches in Higher Education

On October 02-03, 2024, a training course on “**Interactive Teaching Approaches in Higher Education**” was organized by SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City academic staff and professionals at their premises. This two-day course covered various topics related to teaching approaches and the applications of AI in classroom instruction. Participants had the opportunity to engage in lively discussions, sharing insights and experiences with both their peers and the trainers, which enriched the learning experience and fostered a collaborative environment.



## TRAINING COURSE ON Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Designing Creative Teaching

On November 28-29, 2024, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a training course on “**Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Designing Creative Teaching**”. The training course was held at the Center’s premises, under the guidance of a team of trainers with expertise and experience in the field of AI. To increase creativity and the efficacy of teaching and learning, the course focused on current knowledge, teaching trends, and building abilities in the use of cutting-edge AI tools in lecture design. Along with exchanging and discussing knowledge with other participants and the trainer, participants had the chance to directly use AI techniques with their lecturers.

