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Training Course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 3”, May 14-17, 2019

On May 14 – 17, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a training course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 3” at the Center’s premises with the presence of 15 participants who were academic staff, lecturers and leaders of Student Associations and Youth Associations from different universities, colleges and institutions in Ho Chi Minh City. Four main topics that were introduced to participants included (1) active learning, (2) leadership, (3) work organization and time management, and (4) stress management. Throughout four-day course, participants were provided with not only knowledge and useful techniques, but also the opportunities to exchange experiences in teaching soft-skills to university students.



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Training Course on “Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Applications in Creating Lecture Presentations”, May 30-31, 2019

With the aims of equipping participants with the use of innovative ICT applications currently used in designing and delivering virtual lecture presentations, a training course on “ICT Applications in Creating Lecture Presentations” was conducted by SEAMEO RETRAC from the 30th to 31st of May, 2019.

Participating in the course were 12 lecturers and academic staff from various institutions in Ho Chi Minh City and its nearby provinces. In the course, ICT applications that were introduced to participants included Mentimeter, Screenleap, Screencast-o-matic, Haikudeck and Powtoon.



Seminar on “Strategies for Positive Change in Higher Education”, June 21, 2019

On June 21, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC held an educational seminar on “Strategies for Positive Change in Higher Education” with the facilitation of Mr. Wayne Lee-Ying from College of the Rockies, Canada. This seminar was fully attended with nearly 40 participants who are school leaders, administrators and academic staff from various higher education institutions in Ho Chi Minh City. In the seminar, participants had a chance to share their ideas as well as valuable experience in applying leadership and management strategies in their own institutions.

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Training course on “Effective Communication and Professional Etiquettes” for Universities and Colleges, June 27-28, 2019

A training course on “Effective Communication and Professional Etiquettes” for Universities and Colleges was held by SEAMEO RETRAC on June 27-28, 2019 at the Center’s premises with the participation of 12 supporting staff and officers who are working at Student Affairs Department of different universities and colleges.



The course is primarily aimed 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 could also possess useful information about professional ethics to establish cordial relations with colleagues and related stakeholders.



Pre-Conference Training Workshop on “Capacity Building in Higher Education Leadership and Management”, July 3, 2019

In line with the International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Driving Change with Global Trends”, SEAMEO RETRAC has collaborated with British Columbia Council for Higher Education (BCCIE), Capilano University and College of the Rockies, Canada to conduct a Pre-Conference Training Workshop on “Capacity Building in Higher Education Leadership and Management” on July 3, 2019 at the Center’s premises.

Participating in the training workshop were leaders and senior administrators from different universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh and its nearby provinces. The workshop was fully attended with 35 participants who had been provided with plenty of opportunities to be updated with current and innovative practices in educational leadership and discuss various issues that Vietnamese universities and colleges are confronting.

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International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Driving Change with Global Trends”, July 4 – 5, 2019

On July 4-5, 2019, in collaboration with British Columbia Council for Higher Education (BCCIE), Canada and under the sponsorship of Queens College – CUNY in the USA and Capilano University in Canada, SEAMEO RETRAC organized the International Conference on “Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Driving Change with Global Trends”. Attending the Conference, there was the presence of representatives coming from the Consulate General of Canada, the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, and The Royal Thai Consulate General as well as leaders of the Japan Foundation

Center for Cultural Exchange in Vietnam and The HEAD Foundation in Singapore.



Moreover, the Conference welcomed the attendance of two keynote speakers, who are Ms. Sherri Bell, President and CEO of Camosun College cum Director of Board of Directors of BCCIE, Canada, and Prof. Paul Dangerfield, President, Capilano University,

Canada and 18 respectful presenters from different countries. Throughout two days of the Conference, nearly 100 participants, coming from Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Singapore, Thailand, The USA and Vietnam, had been provided with ample opportunities to listen and be involved in dynamic discussions of insightful presentations.

The two-day Conference focused on exploring and discussing issues related to institutional autonomy in higher education, quality assurance and accreditation, increasing employability of graduates from higher education, industry 4.0 and higher education- leveraging the fourth industrial revolution for mutual benefit. The Conference once again was a global platform for intellectual exchange among educational leaders, academicians and professionals in related areas of higher education from all over the world.



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Upcoming Events

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

From July 30th to 31st 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC will organize a training course on “Human Resource Management in Higher Education”. Having been designed to provide participants with knowledge, skills and practices in Human Resource Management, especially in higher education, the topics introduced in the two-day course will include: Staff Development, Professional Human Resource Management in association with Labor Law, Motivating and Inspiring Staff, etc.



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

In collaboration with German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Ho Chi Minh City, from August 22nd to 23rd, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC will conduct a training workshop on “Capacity Building on Proposal Writing for Research Projects” at the Center’s premises. Joining the workshop, participants will be updated with essential skills of writing an effective proposal for research projects and be informed about respective funding opportunities for research in Germany. Besides, they will also have a chance to network with other participants from Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao PDR to exchange experience and foster joint activities in data gathering.

Training Course on “Quality Assurance for Higher Education Institutions”, August 29-30, 2019

On August 29-30, 2019, SEAMEO RETRAC is planning to carry out a training course on “Quality Assurance for Higher Education Institutions” for leaders and senior administrators from various universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh City. The course is aimed at improving and enhancing the participants’ competence in order to improve their performance on quality assurance at their institutions.

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Training Course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 1”, September 17-20, 2019

Back to the demand, a training course on “Soft-Skills Training – Module 1” will be 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. The target participants will include 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 include (1) goal setting and team building, (2) effective communication, (3) conflict resolution, and (4) negotiation skills.



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

Back to back with the Center’s 22nd Governing Board Meeting, SEAMEO RETRAC will organize an educational forum on “Leading Innovation in Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia” at its premises on September 26, 2019. This forum will serve 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. This year, the Forum will welcome the presence of Governing Board Members from South East Asian countries, educational administrators, researchers and academic staff from various institutions in Vietnam.

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