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10th SEAMEO - University of Tsukuba Symposium on Teacher Education in the Past, Current, and Challenges for Future

SEAMEO Secretariat, in collaboration with the University of Tsukuba, Japan, and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) Japan, successfully conducted the 10th SEAMEO-University of Tsukuba Symposium on February 10-12, 2022, with the theme on “Teacher Education in the Past, Current, and Challenges for Future” and the sub-theme on “Reimagining Teachers Education in the New Normal Post COVID-19.” The symposium aimed to provide a platform to showcase the best practices of teacher education and training in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to identify opportunities, policy changes, and ways forward for a “New Normal” in teacher education and training institutions.

With over 19,000 interested participants joined by YouTube Live, the three-day symposium consisted of six sessions of panel presentations with altogether 29 honorable speakers from the National Institute of Singapore, UNESCO TTF, UNESCO ITTE, Department of Education of the Philippines, SEAMEO Regional Centers, University Partners, and the University of Tsukuba. The symposium deliberated on various themes on pre-service teacher education and in-service teacher training for K-12, TVET, Higher Education, Language Education, Cultural Development, Special Needs Education, Lifelong Learning, and Innovative Education Platform.

At the symposium, Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, Center Director of SEAMEO RETRAC, presented the paper titled “Innovations in In-service Teacher Training in the while and post COVID-19 Pandemic at SEAMEO RETRAC”. The presentation highlighted the good practices of SEAMEO RETRAC regarding innovation

in teacher education and lessons learned from exercising innovative educational platforms for teacher training during the pandemic, followed by the recommended solutions to enhance in-service teacher training in the post-COVID-19 pandemic.



Welcome Remarks by Dr Kyosuke Nagata, President of the University of Tsukuba, Japan

SEAMEO RETRAC Annual Staff Meeting 2022

On February 15, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC held its 2022 Staff Meeting for all employees of the Center. Dr. Ho Thanh My Phuong, Center Director, and Mr. Nguyen Tan Hung, Deputy Director-cum-Chairman of the Center Labor Union, successfully facilitated the meeting.

The 2022 Staff Meeting reviewed the activities of SEAMEO RETRAC in 2021, followed by the announcement and award for divisions/ departments and staff with

excellent performance in 2021. The meeting also productively discussed the Operational Strategic Plan and the Internal Expenditure Guidelines for 2022 of SEAMEO RETRAC.



Closing Ceremony of the Communicative English Course for Journalists and Media Professionals

SEAMEO RETRAC in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City organized the closing ceremony of the “Communicative English Course for Journalists and Media Professionals” at American Center in Ho Chi

Minh City. This is a special scholarship program for individuals working at press agencies and media professionals from other organizations in Ho Chi Minh City.

The program is designed to help the target beneficiaries improve their English language proficiency and cross-cultural communication skills. Simultaneously, they are also provided with the English language needed for their

journalistic professionalism, which becomes crucial to their success in the modern media environment.



Virtual Training Course on “Innovative Teaching Methods in Higher Education”

On the 24 - 25th of February, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a virtual training course on “Innovative Teaching Methods in Higher Education” for 8 lecturers and academic staff from different universities and colleges across the country on the Zoom platform.

Two major different topics were emphasized throughout the course, including (1) Innovative teaching methods and (2) Information and Communication Technologies



(ICT) applications in creative teaching.

Joining in the course, participants have been equipped themselves with knowledge of current innovative teaching approaches such as Project-based learning and Problem – Based learning. Moreover, participants were also provided with the essential

knowledge of cutting-edge ICT tools currently applied in online teaching and practiced utilizing them in designing and developing virtual instructional materials, as well as assessing students’ understanding and performance. Some ICT applications introduced in the course comprised Powtoon, Edulastic, Nearpod, Formative, etc.

Orientation of Online Course on “Disability-Inclusive Teaching in Emergencies”

On March 22, 2022, the orientation of the online course on “Disability-Inclusive Teaching in Emergencies” was held on the Zoom platform. The course was implemented by The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), together with The Global



Partnership for Education (GPE), and coordinated by the SEAMEO RETRAC in Vietnam. Attending the launch and orientation of the online course were around 100 participants who are teachers

from elementary to high school levels, officials of the provincial/district departments of education and training, teachers currently teaching learners with disabilities at schools of special education,

Virtual Training Course on “ICT Applications in Students Assessment and Evaluation in Online Teaching”

On March 30-21, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC organized a virtual training course on “ICT Applications in Students’ Assessment and Evaluation in Online Teaching” for 6 lecturers and academic staff from different universities and colleges in Ho Chi Minh and its neighboring provinces.

The course was designed to equip participants with



useful knowledge of the ICT applications currently used in the test preparation and the assessment of students’ achievement. In the course, ICT applications introduced to

participants included Quizizz, Nearpod, Azota, Google Tools, Edulastic, Canvas Instructure, Rubistar, and ForAllRubric, etc.

lecturers, and faculty members at different universities and colleges across the country.

After the orientation session, the training course has been officially started on the course’s online learning management system (onlinecourse.seameo.org) from March 22 to April 27, 2022. Aiming at enhancing academic staff and teachers’ capacity in inclusive education, the course was designed to strengthen the teachers’ skills in handling problems and maintaining the teaching and learning for learners with disabilities during and after the

pandemic or in emergencies. Moreover, the course is also expected to help participants to acquire essential knowledge and skills that help teachers to create opportunities for parents to support learners with disabilities.

The target audience of the course included teachers of all levels from elementary to high school, teachers currently teaching learners with disabilities, teachers at special schools for learners with disabilities, and lecturers from universities and colleges.

The training course consisted of 4 modules, namely: (1) Stress management and psychology support, (2) Utilizing different assistive technologies, (3) Developing an emergency plan, and (4) Learning continuity and was designed so that learners could work independently and learn at their own pace. Upon the completion of one module, participants will be awarded with a badge. After completing all 4 modules, participants will be issued with an international certificate of completion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2022

Workshop 2 of MA in Applied Linguistics - Intake 20

April 20, 2022

Regional Seminar on “Innovation in Higher Education Leadership and Management: Trends and Insight in Leading Institutions in the Post Pandemic”

April 29, 2022

Modular Online Training on Educational Leadership and Management for Southeast Asia 2022, Topic 19 & 20

May 07, 2022

Webinar for Alumni of Master’s Program in Applied Linguistics

May 12-13, 2022

Regional Workshop on “Enhancing Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education in Southeast Asia through Innovative Educational Leadership and Management”

May 17-26, 2022

Regional Training Course on “Enhancing Excellence in Leadership and Management in Higher Education”

May 26-27, 2022

Training course on “Writing a course syllabus”

May 27, 2022

Modular Online Training on Educational Leadership and Management for Southeast Asia 2022, Topic 21 & 22

May - June 2022

English Speaking Club every two weeks

June 2022

Teacher Professional Training Courses and English Proficiency Training Courses for Teachers of English in Ba Ria – Vung Tau, Tien Giang, Vinh Long, Kiên Giang, Tra Vinh, and Tay Ninh Provinces

June 01, 2022

Activities to Celebrate Children’s Day

June 13 - July 22, 2022

Summer Discovery Program

June 24, 2022

Modular Online Training on Educational Leadership and Management for Southeast Asia 2022, Topic 23 & 24

July 07-08, 2022

International Conference 2022 on “Innovative Leadership and Management in Higher Education: Global Trends and Practices in the Post COVID-19 Pandemic”



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