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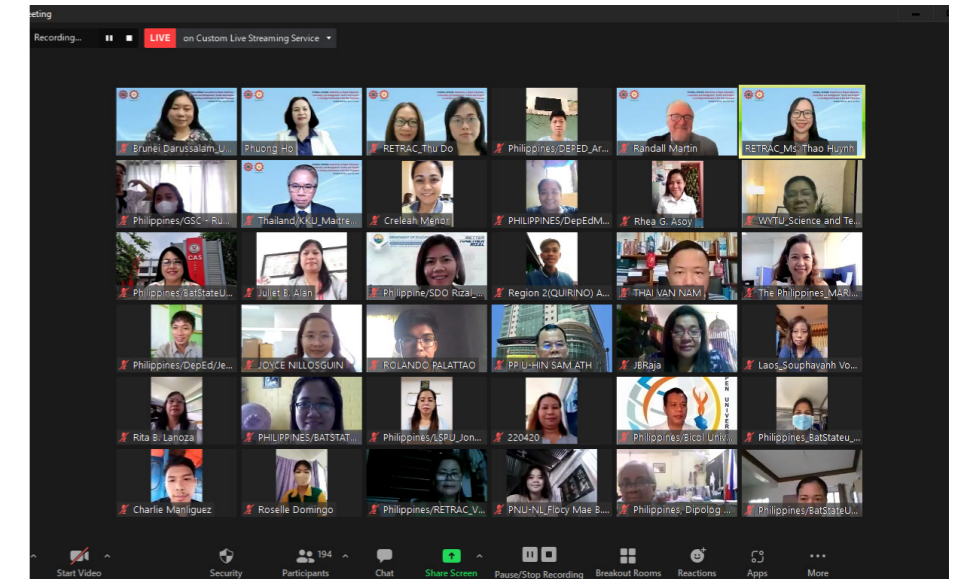
SEAMEO RETRAC convened a virtual regional seminar on “Innovation in Higher Education Leadership and Management: Trends and Insight in Leading Institutions in the Post Pandemic” in the morning of April 20, 2022. The seminar aimed to assist SEAMEO Member Countries in addressing issues related to higher education leadership and management while creating a professional platform for discussion of knowledge, expertise, and experience in related areas. The seminar was conducted via the Zoom platform and concurrently live-

streamed on YouTube with the attendance of around 130 educators, researchers, and academic professionals of higher education institutions in the region.

The Seminar served as a wisdom platform for leaders, administrators, educators, and lecturers from different universities and colleges in the Southeast Asian region to exchange effective solutions, breakthroughs, and best practices in leading institutions and in combating challenges in the post-COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers of the Seminar

included 04 invited scholars and senior leaders from different universities in Brunei Darussalam and Thailand as well as from international organizations in New Zealand

and Canada who shared their experience and expertise with the participants through their engaging presentations.



Webinar on Online Language Teaching

A webinar on online language teaching was jointly conducted by SEAMEO RETRAC and Curtin University, Australia on May 7, 2022. The topic is “The praxis of online language teaching in the pandemic world: resilient pedagogy, research, and future directions.” The webinar was presented by Associate Professor Julian Chen from Curtin University, Australia.

The webinar drew on the speaker’s experience of working in teaching, together with his knowledge of relevant research and theory related to how Asian language professionals upskill their current teaching practices through virtual mentoring support and how language teacher-researchers conducted studies using

innovative approaches to bypass social distancing.

With the attendance of 60 participants who were alumni of the Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics Program by SEAMEO RETRAC and Curtin University (Australia), potential

applicants for the program, and SEAMEO RETRAC teachers, all participants were eager to share their interests and experience on the topic. The webinar ended with an interactive session in which attendees exchanged

and shared hands-on digital tools that are conducive to language teaching and learning in a virtual community of professional practice, as well as the Q&A session for potential applicants for upcoming intakes.



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

On May 12-13, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with SEAMEO Secretariat, organized the Regional Workshop on “Enhancing Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education in Southeast Asia through Innovative Educational Leadership and Management”. This is a SEAMEO Inter-center Collaborative Project aiming to promote priority areas in the Education Agenda of Southeast Asia for the period of 2015-2030. SEAMEO RETRAC was honored to lead this regional activity.

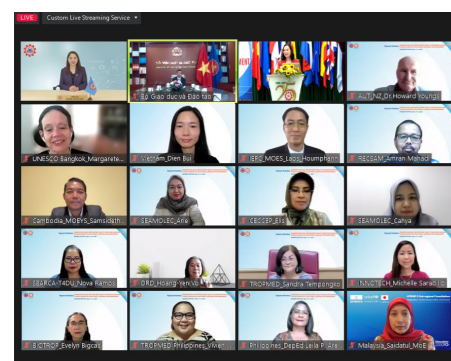
Distinguished guests and participants of the workshop included the Deputy Minister of Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training, H.E. Associate Professor Dr. Nguyen Van Phuc; Director of SEAMEO



Secretariat, Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela; the representative from UNESCO Bangkok; representatives from Ministry of Education of SEAMEO Member Countries; representatives from SEAMEO Regional Centers; administrators and experts from universities, colleges, schools, and educational organizations in Vietnam and some SEAMEO Associate Member Countries. With insightful and informative discussions, the Regional Workshop also attracted the attendance of more than 7,700 participants via YouTube Live from different nations including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Algeria, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

The hybrid approach was employed in organizing this regional event, integrating a

video conferencing platform for participants outside of Vietnam and face-to-face for those inside Vietnam as well as live streaming via SEAMEO RETRAC YouTube Channel for interested educators, school administrators, and teachers in the Southeast Asia region and beyond. The workshop provided a platform for sharing information and experience in inclusive and equitable quality education in Vietnam, Southeast Asian countries, international organizations, and some countries in the world. At the same time, the workshop recommended innovative solutions in educational leadership and management to enhance inclusive and equitable quality education in the region.



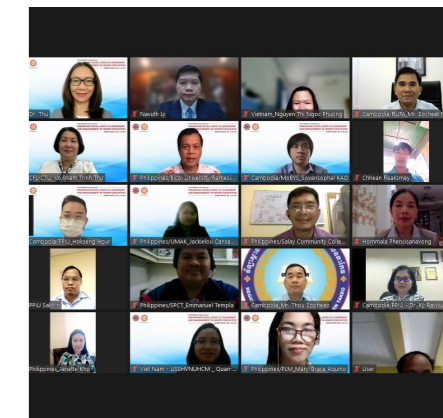
Regional Training Course on “Enhancing Excellence in Leadership and Management in Higher Education”

From May 17-26, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted a virtual regional training course on “Enhancing Excellence in Leadership and Management in Higher Education”. Participants of the course included around 35 leaders and administrators of different higher education institutions from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

This course aimed at equipping participants with updated knowledge and necessary skills in leadership and management 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 consisted of (1) Innovative educational leadership and management in times of crisis, (2) Strategic planning in higher education, (3) Leading change through crisis and conflicts in higher education, and (4) Assessment of faculty in higher education.

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



This year, the course was conducted online on SEAMEO RETRAC’s Moodle site and Zoom platform. During phase 1 (from May 17 to 18, 2022), participants joined the lecture series on the Zoom platform within 02 days. In phase 2 (from May 19 to 26, 2022), participants accessed the SEAMEO RETRAC’s Moodle site to get instructional materials, reply to questions in forum discussion and complete assignments.

SEAMEO RETRAC Staff Retreat in Phu Quoc Island City

From June 01 to 03 and June 08 to 10, SEAMEO RETRAC Labor Union organized a staff retreat to Phu Quoc city of Kien Giang province. The Center’s staff enjoyed a great time together, experiencing attractive destinations of VinWonders

Theme Park, Grand World, and Vinpearl Safari Phu Quoc, visiting the beautiful Hon Thom Island, immersing themselves in the “The Quintessence of Vietnam” and “The Charm of Venice” special shows, and other interesting activities.

This annual trip provides a great opportunity for the employees to take a rest after a long hard working year, reinforcing the

mutual understanding and cooperation, and motivating the Center’s staff to work towards a shared goal after getting back to the office.



Visit of the Delegation from the German Academic Exchange Service, Germany

On June 07, 2022, a delegation from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany, paid a visit to SEAMEO RETRAC in an effort of exploring possibilities for more collaboration in the new era.

During the meeting, both parties updated about each other's operations, on-going projects, focuses and proposed some co-organized activities in the next following

years. SEAMEO RETRAC and DAAD shared their efforts and commitment in providing activities on educational leadership and management, professional development to benefit teachers and leaders in Vietnam, the SEA region, and beyond. Also at the meeting,



DAAD has updated SEAMEO RETRAC with changes in its restructuring on functions and duties of DAAD in Vietnam and discussion on interests and collaboration possibilities between DAAD and SEAMEO RETRAC.

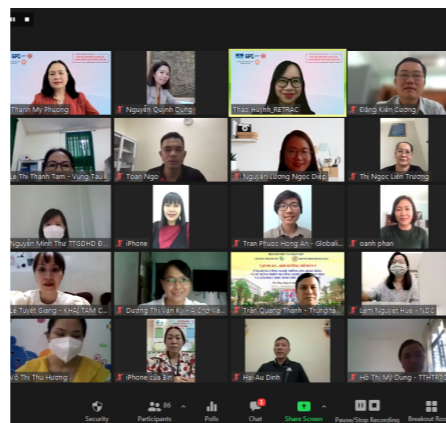
Online Learning Phase of the Virtual Training Course on "Disability-Inclusive Teaching in Emergencies"

After the orientation of the online course on "Disability-Inclusive Teaching in Emergencies" organized by the SEAMEO RETRAC in Vietnam on March 22, 2022, over 100 participants started learning on the course's online learning management system (LMS) from March 22 to June 15, 2022. The learners of the course included 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, lecturers, and faculty members at different universities and colleges across the country.

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. At the end of the course, there were 65 participants completing

all 4 modules and holding an international certificate of completion issued 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).

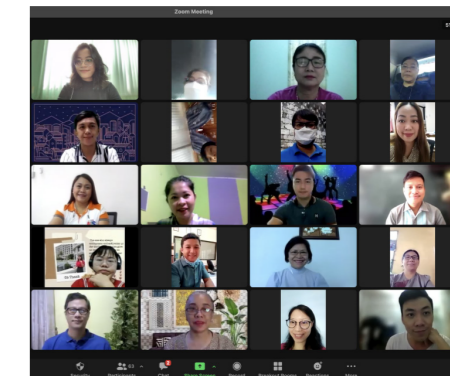


Modular Online Training Program on Educational Leadership and Management for Southeast Asia Series 2021-2022

Responding to the mission of assisting SEAMEO Member Countries, SEAMEO RETRAC has been conducting the Online Training Program on Educational Leadership and Management and Soft Skills for Southeast Asia, covering monthly from May 2021 to June 2022. The training program aims to advance the participants' competencies and skills to perform their

tasks and expand participants' network among school educators in the region.

The MOTP Series 2021-2022 has six modules, and each module includes 4 topics, a total of 24 topics for six modules. The participants are eager to continue joining in the MOTP through a virtual learning platform. From May 2021 to June 2022, the MOTP has been participated by 2,062 participants, included personnel from MOEs, higher education institutions' professors, directors, deputy directors, deans, associate deans, instructors, school principals, vice



principals, program heads, master teachers, teachers, researchers, school staff, and others.

The MOTP continues to benefit educational personnel in higher education in Southeast Asia by fostering their capacity for educational leadership and management.

Teacher Professional Training Courses for Teachers of English in Tra Vinh, Vinh Long, and Tien Giang Provinces

Within the plan of teacher training in 2022 of the National Foreign Languages Project, SEAMEO RETRAC has collaborated with the Departments of Education and Training of Tra Vinh, Vinh Long, and Tien Giang provinces to conduct professional training courses for 608 core teachers of English from May

21 to October 23, 2022. The key content of the program consists of 3 modules: English Teaching Methodology, ICT in language instruction, and English Learning Activities. The program is a combination between face to face and online learning. These courses aim to

help the teachers enhance their teaching skills and techniques not only for their own teaching but also for the successful conduct of training workshops on these related topics for their colleagues upon the completion of the course.



Workshop on U.S. High School Study Abroad

On June 25, 2022, SEAMEO RETRAC, in collaboration with Educational Development Global (EDG), organized the workshop on “American High School Study Abroad – Cost-saving Program of 18,000 USD/year” at SEAMEO RETRAC.

The workshop aims at providing participants with an overview of the U.S. High School Education System, options for international students, and especially the Cost-saving Program of 18,000 USD/year. During the



workshop, participants actively raised questions to Mr. Khoa Nguyen, representative from EDG. Also, they received valuable gifts through games

and lucky draws at the end of the workshop.

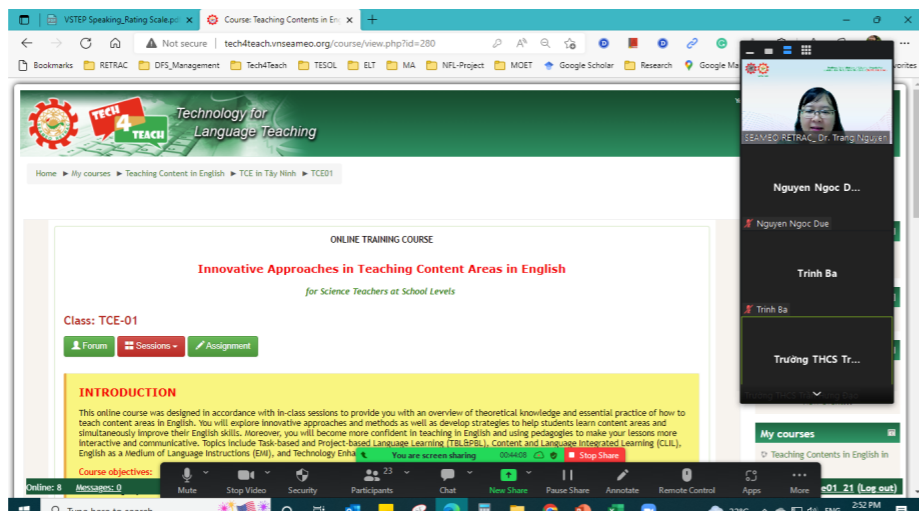
Orientation of the Training Course on English as a Medium of Instruction for School Teachers in Tay Ninh Province

To provide 20 Math and Science school teachers of the Department of Education and Training in Tay Ninh province with the essential information about the training course on “Teaching Content in English”, SEAMEO RETRAC conducted the Orientation Ceremony via Zoom platform on June 29, 2022. The training course is funded by the grant from the

U.S. Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City.

The orientation provided the teachers with the course objectives, schedule for both asynchronous and face-to-face sessions, and the topic areas while also aimed to

help them update innovative approaches and techniques in teaching content in English and learn necessary classroom language and available ICT tools for more effective lessons. The course lasts from June 29, 2022 to October 02, 2022.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 04 - August 12, 2022

Summer Discovery Program

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”

July 13-14, 2022

Training course on “Writing a case study” for University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City

July 25-27, 2022

SEAMEO Center Directors Meeting 2022

July 28-29, 2022

Training course on “Soft-Skills Teaching Methodologies”

August 10, 2022

Forum on Experience Sharing in Quality Assurance in Higher Education

August 25-26, 2022

Training course on “Writing a course syllabus”

September 15-16, 2022

Training course on “ICT Applications in gamification for creative teaching”

September 29-30, 2022

SEAMEO RETRAC 25th Governing Board Meeting

September 29, 2022

Regional Educational Forum (back-to-back with the Center’s Governing Board Meeting)

November 24-25, 2022

13th International Conference on TESOL: Breakthroughs in English Language Teaching in the Post-Pandemic



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