



# NEWSLETTER

SEAMEO REGIONAL CENTRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING  
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## NINTH ASEAN EDUCATION MINISTERS MEETING

The ninth ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (9th ASED) was held on 25 May 2016 in Selangor, Malaysia in conjunction with the Third ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting (3rd APT EMM) and the Third East Asia Summit Education Ministers Meeting (3rd EAS EMM).

The Meeting was presided by H.E. Dato' Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Minister of Education of Malaysia and developed on the theme of Fostering ASEAN Community of Learners: Empowering Lives through Education, which emphasises the profound significance of education in enhancing life quality and offering children and young generations opportunity to participate in and benefit from the realisation of a prosperous ASEAN Community 2025.



## WORKSHOP ON ICT FOR THE EFFECTIVE LESSON

23 JUNE 2016, HO CHI MINH CITY VIETNAM

In November 2014, SEAMEO CELLL held the first international workshop on “KOMINKAN - the Successful Model of CLCs and Lessons to be Learned”. In November 2015, the Centre proceeded with the workshop on “Curriculum Development for CLCs” for managers of CLCs from 8 southern provinces as a follow-up of the KOMINKAN workshop.

To continue the chain of events on enhancing CLC operational capacity in Vietnam, on 23 June 2016, SEAMEO CELLL hosted a training workshop on ICT for the Effective Lesson to assist 25 teachers of CLCs in HCM City and the neighbouring provinces in using PowerPoint and Photoshop to design more effective and engaging lessons with the aid of technology. The workshop facilitator was Mr. Khau Huu Phuoc, Manager of Research and Training Department of SEAMEO CELLL. The Centre also invited Mr. Pham Minh Duc, Head of Continuing Division, Dong Nai DOET and Mr. Le Trong Nghia, Former Vice-President of the Association of Learning Promotion, Binh Tan District as visiting guests to share their personal experiences.



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## VIETNAM MOET REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND THE XIV GERMAN ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

On 9-10 June 2016, by invitation of DVV International, Mr. Le Huy Lam, SEAMEO CELLL Centre Director and Mr. Nguyen Cong Hinh, Director-General, Continuing Education Department, Vietnam MOET, attended the XIV German Adult Education Conference, Europe's biggest Congress for Non-Formal Learning, in Berlin, Germany. "Digital Participation for All" was chosen as the central motto of the Conference with 1500 participants from 40 countries and 900 German Community Learning Centres ("Volkshochschulen, VHS)". Mr. Joachim Gauck, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, opened the conference.

The Centre Director was invited to be one of the panelists for Forum 4 "Digital-global-inclusive: More equitability through digitalisation" in which he discussed the impact of digitalisation on the participation of the Vietnamese people in current social issues.

Previously, from 5 –8 June 2016, Mr. Lam and Mr. Hinh also visited and worked with various VHS as well as government education agencies in the cities of Berlin and Hannover.



## SEAMEO CELLL VISITS UIL IN HAMBURG, GERMANY

On 13 June 2016, the Vietnam Delegation was welcomed at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) in Hamburg, Germany, where they shared the experiences of Vietnam in the Project "Building a Learning Society" at a roundtable organised by UIL. Mr. Lam also had a meeting with UIL's managerial staff to discuss planning details of the Project Developing an ASEAN Lifelong Learning Agenda, funded by UIL with SEAMEO CELLL being the implementation agency.



## SEAMEO COLLEGE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION MEETING

SEAMEO College Project Management Consultation (PMC) Meeting was held on 30 – 31 May 2016 at the Radisson Blu Plaza Bangkok Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. The purpose of the PMC Meeting was to discuss with the SEAMEO Lead Centres the conduct of the 12 activities identified for implementation under SEAMEO College. At the meeting, each participating Centre reported on its implementation of the assigned project, issues and challenges and suggested recommendations for moving forward.

In his presentation, SEAMEO CELLL Director reviewed the delay in communication regarding hiring external consultants for Research 3: Innovations in Non-Formal Education and requested an extension for the said Project.

# SEAMEO CELL'S FLAGSHIP PROJECT

## DEVELOPING AN ASEAN LIFELONG LEARNING AGENDA

Approved and funded 100,000 Euros by UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Project Duration: 2016-2017

### PROJECT TIMELINE



# CAPACITY BUILDING



## M-LEARNING: A NEW AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Mr. Mai Hong Quan, Deputy Manager of Research and Training Department took part in the Massive Open Online Course: “Introduction to the 2030 Agenda: A New Agenda for a Sustainable World”, which ran from 12 April to 1 July 2016 to gain deeper insights into the meaning and principles of the 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals as well as the Agenda’s implications.



## COURSE ON PUBLIC AGENCY ACCOUNTING SERVICES

To enhance the Centre’s professional capacity, SEAMEO CELLL accountants, Ms. Vu Trinh Thanh Ha and Mr. Phan Tri Nguyen attended the two-month course on Public Agency Accounting Services, from April to May 2016. The course was conducted by Vietnam Education Joint Stock Company for working accountants from companies and organisations around Ho Chi Minh City.



## IN-HOUSE TRAINING ON PROJECT MONITORING

On 14 June 2016, SEAMEO CELLL had the honour to welcome Dr. Walter Baeten – Former International Relations Officer Vietnam, Artevelde University College Ghent, Belgium, who hosted an in-house training session for SEAMEO CELLL staff on project monitoring.

The Centre is conducting a regional collaborative project, funded by UIL, and among the responsibilities it is shouldering is monitoring project implementation in participating countries. In this connection, Dr. Baeten conveyed a condensed lecture on fundamental principles regarding monitoring in project management, which gave the participants crucial insights into monitoring processes and methodologies.



# PROJECT BUILDING A LEARNING SOCIETY

## The Experience from Vietnam

By Mr. Nguyen Cong Hinh, Director General, Continuing Education Department,  
MOET Vietnam at UIL roundtable on 13th June 2016



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### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Universalise education and conduct literacy programmes for adult learners;
2. Improve ICT and foreign language skills for the population;
3. Improve professional skills for the working people; and
4. Improve life skills for pupils, students and the working people.

### INITIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT (2013-2015)

- 1 Adult literacy rate:
  - Age group 15-60: 97.3%
  - Age group 15-35: 98.5%
  - Newly—illiterated continue their learning: 83.9%
  - 100% provinces/ cities are recognised as the meeting standards for right-age primary education generalisation;
  - 100% provinces/ cities are recognised as the meeting standards for lower-secondary education generalisation.

2 Participation rate in ICT enhancement programmes reached 81.2%.

Government officials and public servants who reach Foreign Language Proficiency Levels 2 and 3: 31.2% and 9.9% respectively.

Rate of workers whose foreign language and ICT competencies meet basic job requirements reached 43.7%.

25/62 provinces and cities met the objectives of the Project as of December 2015.

3 94.4% government officials at district level were trained to meet required standards.

89% government officials at ward/ village level met professional standards.

Since 2013, there have been 50.6 million participations in activities organised by CECs, CLCs and other LLL institutions.

70.9% workers in industrial and export processing zones have a high school educational background; the rate of trained workers is now at 70.6%.

4 72.6% pupils and students were engaged in life-skills education through curriculum subjects.

25% pupils and students were engaged in dedicated life-skills courses.



### TARGET GROUPS

1. Citizens aged 15-60 who need literacy programmes and better educational level;
2. Government officials;
3. Industrial and agricultural workers; and
4. Students

# LABOUR UNION UNIT CONGRESS

## TERM 2016—2021

**O**n 16 May 2016, SEAMEO CELLL convened the first Labour Union Unit Congress, Term 2016—2021. The Centre had the pleasure to welcome 3 representatives from Ho Chi Minh City Federation of Trade Unions. The congress heard the summarising report on activities in the previous term by the provisional executive board of the Labour Union Unit and the operational direction for the term 2016—2021. The congress also witnessed the election of the new executive board and approved on strategic objectives and key activities proposed for the next term. The Labour Union Unit is the social—political organisation of the workforce which holds the responsibility of protecting the rights of employees, organising teambuilding activities, and hence strengthening the Centre’s cohesion.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Official launch of IELTS Training Programme—July 2016
- ◆ SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2016—27-29 July 2016, Bangkok
- ◆ Visits to the Centre:
  - Mr. Anders Martinsen, Head of the ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat—August 2016
  - SEAMEO Council President - September 2016
- ◆ Keynote speech at National Conference on Life Long Education 2016 (PSH 2016) - 27-28 September 2016, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ◆ Implementation of the Project “Developing an ASEAN Lifelong Learning Agenda”

### WELCOME ONBOARD



Mr. Mai Hong Quan has joined SEAMEO CELLL as Deputy Manager of Research and Training Department. Mr. Quan holds a Master of Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching.



Ms. Nguyen Phuong Linh has joined SEAMEO CELLL as an International Cooperation Officer. Ms. Linh graduated from the HCMC University of Education this year 2016 and achieved her bandscore of 8.0 on the IELTS last year.

### FAREWELL



Mr. Nguyen Dang Quang, Programme Officer completed his contract and left on 30 June 2016. His dedication and contribution to the Centre would be greatly remembered.

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