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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Welcome to the very first issue of SEAMEO CELL Newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to provide SEAMEO CELL stakeholders, partners and friends with updated information about the Centre’s activities during the first quarter of 2016 and the Centre’s immediate plan for the next quarter.

Although we have tried our very best to reflect a true picture of events and activities that took place during the said period, there is certainly room for improvement due to inexperience and limited resources. We do look forward to your comments and suggestions for the betterment of future issues of this quarterly publication.

With warm regards from the Editorial Staff,

PLANNING MEETING FOR PROJECT “DEVELOPING AN ASEAN LIFELONG LEARNING AGENDA”

Recognising the importance of LLL development in ASEAN, SEAMEO CELL submitted the proposal “Developing an ASEAN LLL Agenda” to UNESCO Institute for LLL (UIL). The proposal was approved in late 2015.

As part of the project, a planning meeting was held on 8 March 2016 to build strategic alliances and mobilise expertise and experience from stakeholders in and out of ASEAN countries.

Participating in the meeting were representatives of Indonesia Ministry of Education and Culture, National Institute for Lifelong Education (Republic of Korea), Vietnam Ministry of Education and Training, DVV International (based in Lao PDR), SEAMEO Secretariat, UNESCO Vietnam, UIL, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education, and SEAMEO CELL.

The meeting ended conclusively and fruitfully, with all participants agreeing upon an action plan which outlined all essential components of the project as well as its detailed timeframe, budget arrangement, and expected tributions from participating parties.



Photo by Nguyen Dang Quang

RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

IN-HOUSE TRAINING: USING WEEBLY

On 22 March 2016, an in-house training was delivered to the staff of SEAMEO CELLL by Department of Research and Training. The participants learned to post articles on SEAMEO CELLL website using Weebly. This training was part of the Centre capacity building plan initiated in early 2015. As a result of the training session, SEAMEO CELLL personnel are now able to input information on the website without much reliance on the ICT Department for technical support.



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WORKSHOP ON “FUNDRAISING AND PROPOSAL WRITING”

On 7-8 March 2016, 28 participants from different organisations, and institutions including Departments of Education and Training, universities, high schools, educational centres, NGOs, private companies in Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Nai and Binh Duong Provinces joined the workshop at SEAMEO CELLL.

Mr Uwe Gartenschlaeger, Director of DVV International Regional Office South and Southeast Asia, and Mr Nazaret Nazaretyan, Coordinator and Course trainer of DVV International were the workshop trainers. Through the workshop, the participants gained a better understanding of fundraising strategies, method of fundraising, structure of a proposal, as well as how to write a well-formed grant proposal.



Photo by Mai Hong Quan

WORKSHOP ON “REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON USING SOFT SKILLS IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION”



Photo by Rich Chamroen

On 22-27 Feb 2016, a delegation of five members from MOET Vietnam, DOET of HCM City, Dong Nai province and SEAMEO CELLL attended the workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. At the workshop there were also representatives from Cambodia and Lao PDR. The workshop was sponsored by DVV International.

The objectives of the training were to develop: (a) perspectives and skills on participatory training methodologies, (b) an understanding of application of soft skills in non-formal education, and (c) skills to facilitate training on application of soft skills in this particular field of education. The participants were expected to become soft skill trainers in non-formal education once they returned to their host countries.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING ON LIFELONG LEARNING PROJECT

On 11 Jan 2016, SEAMEO CELLL Director, Mr Le Huy Lam, met with Dr Arne Carlsen, Director of UNESCO Institute for LLL. The two directors discussed detailed activities related to the Project "Developing an ASEAN LLL Agenda", which SEAMEO CELLL is going to conduct over a period of two years.

MEETING WITH DELEGATION FROM EMBASSY AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF DENMARK

On 21 January 2016, Mr Morten Pristed, the Counsellor of Education and Health, Embassy of Denmark, Hanoi, Mr Jorn Skovgaard, Division for International Affairs, the Danish Ministry of Education, and Mr Lars Alro Olesen, EBSN Secretariat had an initial meeting with SEAMEO CELLL at the Centre premises. The meeting opened up new opportunities of collaboration between the Embassy of Denmark, Danish Ministry of Education and SEAMEO CELLL.

MEETING WITH PROFESSORS FROM UNIVERSITY OF BATH AND CARDIFF UNIVERSITY (UK)

On 29 January 2016, Prof Hugh Lauder, Professor of Education and Political Economy, University of Bath and Prof Phillip Brown, Distinguished Research Professor, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University (UK) paid a visit to SEAMEO CELLL. During the meeting, SEAMEO CELLL briefed the visitors on Vietnam education system, especially on technical vocational education and training (TVET). Both parties expressed hope of future collaboration in LLL research.

VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA, JAPAN

At the invitation from the University of Tsukuba, SEAMEO CELLL Director and Deputy Director went on a mission to Japan from 14-18 March 2016.

The delegation worked with CRICED (Center for Research on International Cooperation in Education Development, University of Tsukuba), where they also gave presentations on *SEAMEO CELLL: Promoting LLL in ASEAN Countries* and *Community Learning Centres in Vietnam: Development and Challenges*.

The delegation also made a study visit to Musashino Place, Kokubunji Honda Community Center and Musashino Honcho Community Center, where they saw the facilities in action and exchanged information with the managers.

The University of Tsukuba also kindly offered a grant for one SEAMEO CELLL staff member to do research at its facilities for a duration of one month, starting later this year.



Photo by Le Huy Lam and Vu Lan Chi

OTHER ACTIVITIES

STAFF END-OF-YEAR REVIEW MEETING

On 7 January 2016, SEAMEO CELLL held the annual staff end-of-year review meeting. The participants reviewed the Centre Annual Report, examined and discussed the Action Plans of the Centre and each department for the year 2016. The meeting concluded with clear pathways of operation to fulfill the Centre immediate goals in the year.



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PROJECT “DEVELOPING AN ASEAN LIFELONG LEARNING AGENDA” TIMELINE

A planning meeting of key stakeholders and experts to decide on the research method and	03/2016	 <div data-bbox="1034 1317 1391 1429" style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">UPCOMING EVENTS</div>	
Collection of best practices on LLL and their underlying government policies from SEAMEO countries	04 – 09/2016		
A Southeast Asian expert meeting to consult on enabling policies, legislation and financing for LLL during the LLL Week in Vietnam	10/2016		
Creation of an online portal for sharing national policies and best practices	09/2016 – 01/2017		Implementation of first two components of Project “Developing an ASEAN LLL Agenda”
Publication of best practices and policies	11/2016 onward		MOET High Official Delegation and SEAMEO CELLL Director to attend VHS Congress in Berlin, Germany (June 2016)
Dissemination of best practices and policies in SEAMEO countries in English and national languages	02 – 03/2017		Implementation of SEAMEO College Research 3: Inventory of Education Innovations and Solutions in Non-formal Education and LLL in ASEAN/SEAMEO
Recommendations at High-level Policy Dialogue on LLL Agenda	03/2017		In-house Training: Presentation skills

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