

Country-Level Workshop in Myanmar on SEA-TVET Harmonisation and Mobility.

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Synthesis and the Way Forward

Most participating institutions from SEAMEO member countries and also from Myanmar shows interest and support during the workshop especially in the Session 4 : Group Discussion. The discussion was aimed to expand collaboration within institutions of SEAMEO member countries by identifying action plans of institutions but most institution's representative would like to get to know the partner institutions first by visiting and discussing the term and condition of the collaboration which includes curriculum mapping, finance, time frame and welfare. Two hours discussion were not sufficient for the principals or institutions representative to make a solid decision.

A few matters were discussed and the output as below :

- i. The curriculum mapping, both institutions may need to agree on curriculum first, quality assurance and how to close the gap.
- ii. Mean of communication was also identified as important area especially for non-english speaking institutions. At the moment many institutions do exchange students programme with their partner institutions from their own country only. As a way forward representative from Singburi College of Agriculture and Technology suggested the important of learning Bahasa among SEAMEO member countries because Bahasa are used by over 300 million people in this region.
- iii. Financing is the worrying part of most institutions but every institutions will try to overcome this matter. Suggestion was made as a way forward is to involve the industries or NGOs in the study visit or in the workshop of SEA-TVET so that the industries have a better perspective in their role as employer.
- iv. Some institution also worry about equipment and machinery which may not up to the standard, the involvement of industries is important in order to help to overcome this matter.

Culture of mobility among VTE are common to certain institutions, for example Singburi College of Agriculture and Technology sends their students to Japan and China as part of their internship programme . These experience may help this college in this mobility programme. In order to materialise the above discussion an invitation letter to the partner institution is needed. Therefore all institution are advised to do the necessary action.

Thank You.