

2nd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET
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Grand Nikko Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

WELCOME REMARKS

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- Dr Hamid Muhammad, Director-General of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia
- TVE T High Officials from Southeast Asian Countries
- Directors and Principals from TVET Institutions in Indonesia and Southeast Asian Countries
- Resource Persons and Speakers
- TVET experts and industry partners
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning

On behalf of the organizing committee of the 2nd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, it is my great honour to be given his chance to welcome all of you to the 2nd High Officials Meeting of Southeast Asian Technical and Vocational Education and Training or SEA-TVET.

Due to the greater regional integration between countries in Southeast Asia officially starting in 2016, this new regional development places Technical and Vocational Education and Training or in short “TVET” in a prominent role for developing human resources that are capable of working within industry and exchanging technical expertise regionally – TVET has been highlighted and identified in many regional Ministerial and High Officials Meetings as one of

the priority areas on education development for the Southeast Asian region for 20 years until 2035.

To develop TVET for the Southeast Asian region according to the regional directions of the Southeast Asian Ministers, the 1st High Official Meeting on SEA-TVET was organized in August 2015 by the great support from the Office of Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand. From this 1st High Officials Meeting, the “Chiangmai Joint Statement” was officially announced as the regional policy directions and framework for the policy makers and TVET institutions to work together towards harmonization and internationalization.

Since the 1st High Official Meeting in August 2015, 7 regional meetings have been lined up for the implementation such as SEA-TVET DAAD Workshop in Solo in September 2015, hosted by the Ministry of Education and Culture. After the Solo Workshop, the country level workshops on SEA-TVET Harmonisation and Mobility was organized in 6 countries, namely, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Malaysia, and the recent workshop in Philippines last week. The next SEA-TVET workshop will be organized in Brunei Darussalam on 1-2 June back to back with the International Conference of SEAMEO VOCTECH.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have witnessed the success of our SEA-TVET workshops with participation of over 1100 TVET institutions in 7 countries with 23 Frameworks of Cooperation were signed by approximately 320 TVET institutions.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my high appreciation to the great support of all host countries and partners such as ADB, GIZ and DAAD for organizing the SEA-TVET workshops during the last 7 months. Without the commitment and contribution of the host countries, participating countries TVET institutions and our partners, the SEA-TVET programme would not be regionally implemented.

This 2nd High Officials Meeting is timely organised to review and evaluate the implementation of the SEA-TVET Programme during 2015-2016, and to further determine other regional policy directions to promote harmonisation and internationalisation of TVET institutions, and to improve the quality of TVET education in the Southeast Asian region.

Finally, I would like to express my great appreciation to the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia for the leadership in support and the great working team from the Department of Technical and Vocational Education for convening this 2nd High Official Meeting on SEA-TVET.

I would like to thank the support of our SEAMEO Sister Centres – SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, and SEAMEO VOCTECH who provide technical and administrative support for the success of this meeting.

Importantly, I would like to express my appreciation to the support of TVET education leaders, policy makers, and educators from Southeast Asian countries who have joined hands to promote and develop the quality of our TVET education, institutions, personnels and students of our region.

Lastly, I wish all of you to enjoy nice sunny day and beautiful beach in Bali.

Thank you very much