

# SEAMEO VOCTECH fetes ex-chairs

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THE SEAMEO Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education and Training (SEAMEO VOCTECH) last night held an appreciation ceremony in conjunction with its 25th anniversary.

The occasion also served as a welcome dinner for the participants of the international conference on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

The event, held at the Sutra Hall of the Rizqun International Hotel, was graced by Minister of Education Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi Hj Osman.

The event began with a welcoming speech delivered by the Director of SEAMEO VOCTECH, Hj Md Sharifuddin Hj Md Salleh.

He said the event was also organised to appreciate and recognise the contribution of the centre's former chairmen.

He said that as a regional training centre, SEAMEO VOCTECH has become a leading facility in delivering training and professional development programmes for TVET school administrations, teachers and staff in Southeast Asia and beyond. SEAMEO stands for Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation.

"The centre remains committed to continuously sharing its TVET-related programmes while maintaining a credible and sustainable operation," he added.

"SEAMEO VOCTECH has harmonised its strategic focus area with the clients' needs and demands, as reflected in our current 5th Five Year Development Plan with the theme addressed in this conference, "Ensuring Greater Impact of TVET for Sustainable Development," he said.

Hj Md Sharifuddin said that in their 25 years of operation, the centre was able to conduct a total of 683 training programmes involving 21,439 participants from SEAMEO member and non-

member countries.

"The challenges of the times and the swift turnover of technologies and best practices in the international scene have inspired SEAMEO VOCTECH to streamline its goals in order to keep up with the global pace," said the director.

He noted that the centre will continue to achieve its vision of becoming "a globally recognised centre of excellence in TVET" with the support from partners and the guidance of the governing board members.

The first chairman of SEAMEO VOCTECH, Dato Paduka Hj Abdul Razak also spoke during the event, giving insights as well as sharing experiences in establishing the centre.

YB Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi then proceeded to present tokens of appreciation to all the former chairmen of SEAMEO VOCTECH.

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(Above) SEAMEO VOCTECH Centre Director Hj Md Sharifuddin Hj Md Salleh delivers his speech during the event. (Right) The event's guest of honour, Minister of Education YB Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi Hj Osman (C) along with senior officials and former chairmen of SEAMEO VOCTECH. Pictures: BT/Zaim Kasmat



Minister of Education YB Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Hj Suyoi Hj Osman (C) in a group photo with the former chairmen of SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre during the appreciation night and welcoming dinner last night at The Rizqun International Hotel. Picture: BT/Zaim Kasmat

