

5th SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting

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ON TVET COOPERATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) in collaboration with Ministries of Education and related Ministries and TVET institutions in Southeast Asia promote the internationalisation of TVET institutions and leverage the global competitiveness and 21st century skills of TVET students in Southeast Asian countries.

This collaboration aspires to enhance internationalisation and partnership of TVET institutions (colleges, polytechnics and university of technologies) in the region through cross-country exchange programme and other collaborations.

We are gathered at the SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting with the following aspiration:

- 1) Share and learn the successful practices of student exchange from the participating institutions;
- 2) Review and evaluate the implementation of SEA-TVET student exchange program;

- 3) Identify the agreed mechanism and improvement of SEA-TVET student exchange program; and
- 4) Seek commitments from participating TVET institutions in the 4th batch of SEA-TVET student exchange.

We pledge to **RECOGNIZE** the progress made in the SEA-TVET student exchange program particularly, in **ENHANCING** the relevance of TVET to employers' skills needs; **PREPARING** students for economies and societies; **RESPONDING** to the challenges the youth and TVET are facing in the present age; **ADVANCING** student-centred learning and innovation; **IMPROVING** students' qualifications; **DEVELOPING** pathways to higher education and employment; and **STRENGTHENING** partnerships in TVET planning, design, delivery and assessment.

The **SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting** presents us with the opportunity to shape the future we want to see **FOR YOUNG PEOPLE of ASEAN**.