High Officials Meeting on SEA TVET  
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Closing Remarks  

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- Dr. Chaipreuk Sereerak, Secretary General of the Office of Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand  
- High Officials of Southeast Asian Vocational Education,  
- Mr Andrew Glass, Director of British Council  
- TVET Directors  
- Distinguished guests  

On behalf of the organisers of the High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET, it has been a great pleasure that the goals of this regional initiative have been achieved.  

The 2 day meeting has been very productive and led to the development of concretised agreements among the TVET high officials and policy makers of 8 Southeast Asian countries, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand in relation to the development of Vocational and Technical and Education and Training of the Southeast Asian region through the harmonization and internationalization.  

I believe, we all here together today because we have the same will of strong commitments to promote excellence, innovation, sustainability, and quality and competency development for TVET.
We recognise this strong commitment to promote technical and vocational education collaborations not only among Southeast Asian countries, but also with our partner countries such as China, Japan, UK, Germany, United States as well as regional and international education development agencies.

SEAMEO has strongly committed to the development and promotion of TVET for the Southeast Asian region and will work closely with the 11 Southeast Asian countries, TVET stakeholders and development agencies for successfully implementing the programmes according to the Chiangmai Joint Statement.

The results from this Chiangmai meeting will bring to further discuss at the SEA_TVET-DAAD Workshop which will be hosted by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia on 10-12 Sept in Solo, Indonesia.

In this Solo workshop, the TVET policy makers and leading TVET Institution Directors from Southeast Asian countries and representatives from industry are invited to discuss the operational plans, and strategies for harmonisation and internationalization, specially in the priority industry sectors – 1) Hospitality and Tourism, 2) Electronics, Mechatronics and Manufacturing, 3) Agriculture and Fishery, 4) Civil Engineering and 5) Commerce Bankig

There are more regional TVET activities, initiated by SEAMEO lining up for the region such as TVET Consortium, TVET online
portal, 7 country workshops, TVET research study on skills demand, and TVET leadership capacity building programme.

Again, may I express our appreciation to the Office of Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education Thailand to host this first High Officials Meeting of Southeast Asian - Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Thailand and our partner, British Council. I believe, this is the starting point of more collaboration in the near future because we are working together towards harmonization and internationalization.

Finally, I thank you all representatives from the SEAMEO Member Countries and honorable guests for your time to participate in this meeting. We together will make harmony and international vocational education and training successful. I would like to wish you a pleasant journey home.

Thank you.