Network for promoting cross-country internship exchange programme of TVET Institutions in Southeast Asia

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**Background**

Since the launch of ASEAN integration in 2015, all Southeast Asian countries have positioned Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the mainstream of education systems and setting it as a priority in their education agenda in view of the fact that this type of education plays an important role in the socio-economic development of a nation (Paryono 2013). In addition, TVET has been identified as one of the seven priority areas in education in Southeast Asia, which were agreed at the Strategic Dialogue of Education Ministers (SDEM) meeting in September 2014.

Over the years, the polytechnic sector has played a significant role in producing quality manpower in the technical and professional areas to meet the needs of the economy. Engaging learners with internship or training experiences in other countries become a pivotal strategy of TVET institutions that will improve graduates with languages, advanced skills and knowledge, global competitiveness, and employability.

In this connection, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) initiated the **SEAMEO Polytechnic Network** in April 2016 as part of **SEA-TVET Consortium** to enhance internationalisation and partnership of Polytechnics and TVET institutions in the region through **cross-country internship placement programme**.

**Objectives**

1. To enhance global competitiveness, knowledge and skills of TVET diploma-bachelor students through cross-country internship placement experiences in other Southeast Asian countries.

2. To create a sustainable network platform and partnership among polytechnics and TVET colleges/institutions in Southeast Asia

3. To strengthen and encourage the participation of industry for the improvement of TVET education in Southeast Asia.
**Members**

1. Polytechnics, Community Colleges, TVET Institutions, Universities of Technology in Southeast Asian countries that provide “Diploma”, “Higher Diploma” and “TVET Bachelor Degree”
2. Industry partners who are global/international companies, and manufacturers, located in Southeast Asia and beyond.
3. Polytechnics, TVET colleges, universities beyond Southeast Asia such as Germany, China, Japan, Korea

**Priority Industry Areas**

Study/Industry areas for cross country internship placement experience are:

1. Hospitality and Tourism;
2. Agriculture, and Fisheries;
3. Electronics, Mechatronics, Manufacturing;
4. Construction;
5. Creative Industry/IT
6. Others
**Possible Models of Cross-country Internship Exchange**

**MODEL A: Diploma** Student Internship Exchange for 1-3 months in 1 country

1st-2nd Year in Student’s Country (Thailand) → 1-3 Months Internship in Indonesia

**MODEL B: Higher Diploma** Student Internship Exchange for 3-6 months in 1 country

1st-3rd Year in Student’s Country (Thailand) → 3-6 Months Internship in Philippines

**MODEL C: Higher Diploma** Student Internship Exchange for 3-6 months in 2 countries

1st-3rd Year in Student’s Country (Thailand) → 3 Months Internship in Vietnam → 3 Months Internship in Indonesia

**MODEL D: TVET Bachelor Student Internship** Exchange for 1-6 months in 1-2 countries

1st-4th Year in Student’s Country (Thailand) → 3 Months Internship in Indonesia → 3 Months Internship in Philippines
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<td>Establishment of SEAMEO Polytechnic Network</td>
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<td>12 May 2016 Bali, Indonesia</td>
<td>Inception Meeting back to back with the 2nd High Officials Meeting on SEA-TVET</td>
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<td>• Recommended strategies to implement the student exchange through internship programme among polytechnics</td>
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<td>• Commitment to participate in the 1st SEAMEO Polytechnic Network Meeting in Brunei Darussalam</td>
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Participating Institutions

Brunei Darussalam:
1. Politeknik Brunei, School of Business
2. Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Nakhoda Kagam Campus
3. Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Sultan Saiful Rijal Campus
4. Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Jefri Bolkiah Campus
5. Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), SVNR Campus

Cambodia:
1. National Polytechnic Institute of Cambodia
2. Regional Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen Siem Reap
3. Regional Polytechnic Institute Techo Sen Battambang
4. Industrial Technical Institute (ITI)
5. Preah Kossomak Polytechnic Institute

Indonesia:
1. Politeknik Elektronika Negeri Surabaya
2. Politeknik Negeri Jakarta
3. Politeknik Manufaktur Negeri Bandung
4. ATMI Surakarta
5. Politeknik Negeri Batam
6. IPB Vocational School - Bogor Agriculture University
7. Politeknik LPP Yogyakarta
8. State Polytechnic of Padang
9. Shipbuilding Institute of Polytechnic Surabaya
10. State Polytechnic of Manufacture Bangka Belitung
11. State Polytechnic of Lhoksumawe
12. Caltex Riau Polytechnic
13. Politeknik Negeri Malang
14. State Polytechnic of Sriwijaya
15. Politeknik Santo Paulus Surakarta
16. Polytechnic Kota Malang
17. Polytechnic Aceh
18. College of Informatics & Computer Indonesia STIKI Malang
19. Atlas Nusantara Engineering College
20. STIMIK Bina Insani Bekasi

Vietnam:
1. Kien Giang Vocational College
2. Hue Industrial College
3. Hoa Sen University
Malaysia:
1. Politeknik Merlimau (PMM)
2. Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan (PIS)
3. Politeknik Sandakan Sabah (PSS)
4. Politeknik Jeli Kelantan (PJK)
5. Politeknik Tuanku Sultanah Bahiyah
6. Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah
7. Politeknik Melaka (PMK)
8. Poliknik Ungku Omar (PUO)
9. Langkawi Tourism Academy @ Langkawi Community College
10. Kepala Batas Community College
11. Kuantan Community College
12. Jerantut Community College
13. Kuala Langat Community College
14. Sabak Bernam Community College
15. Chenor Agriculture Vocational College
16. Balik Pulau Vocational College
17. ETR Azizah Vocational College

Philippines:
1. Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College
2. University of the Northern Philippines
3. Rogongon Agricultural High School
4. Concordia College – TESDA Alternative Programme
5. Mariano Marcos State University
6. Tarlac Agricultural University

Thailand:
1. Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna
2. Eastern Technological College (E TECH)
3. College of Agriculture and Technology, Bang Sai Royal Folk Arts and Crafts Centre
4. Petchburi College of Agriculture and Technology
5. Tinsulanond Fisheries College
6. Buriram College of Agriculture and Technology
7. Minburi Technical College
8. Sichon Technical College
9. Samuprakan Technical College
10. Kanchanaburi Industrial and Community Education College
11. Samusongkram Technical College
12. Ubonrachathani Vocational College
13. Nakhon Srithammarat Vocational College
14. Krabi Technical College
15. Pitsanulok Vocational College
16. Nongkai Technical College
17. Saraburi Polytechnic College
18. Chacheangsao Vocational College
### How to Participate

- TVET Institutions should be a member of SEA-TVET Consortium
- To be a member of the SEA-TVET Consortium, please visit: http://seatvet.seameo.org/
- TVET institutions can express an interest and contact to email address: tvet@seameo.org and secretariat@seameo.org
- Application from of SEAMEO Polytechnic Network can be downloaded from [http://seatvet.seameo.org/](http://seatvet.seameo.org/)