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“The role of the private sector in skills development and employment”

**8th annual expert meeting of the initiative on Employment and Skills Strategies
in Southeast Asia (ESSSA) and
4th Regional Policy Dialogue on TVET**

**11-12 October, 2016
Cebu, Philippines**

Overview

The aim of the OECD's Southeast Asia Regional Policy Network (SEARPN) on Education and Skills is to foster knowledge exchange in support of national growth and regional integration by encouraging a whole-of-government approach to the formation and implementation of skills policies. The SEARPN on Education and Skills builds on the platform of the OECD's Employment and Skills Strategies in Southeast Asia (ESSSA) initiative, which has been networking skills and labour ministries from ASEAN and OECD Member States since 2008.

The 2016 Education and Skills Network meeting is jointly organised by the Department of Labour and Employment, Philippines, ADB, OECD and GIZ and the latter's regional programme RECOTVET (“Regional Cooperation Programme to Improve the Training of TVET Personnel”), which aims at supporting and creating personnel, institutional and thematic preconditions for quality improvement and regional harmonisation of the education and training of training personnel in South East Asia over the next years. This meeting is part of a series of regional policy dialogues of RECOTVET which aim to deepen regional exchange and learning among countries.

The meeting will examine in more depth effective policy solutions to enhance employer engagement in the design, delivery and financing of TVET-systems and skills development. The discussion will be informed by new OECD and GIZ analysis on the role of training levies in financing the expansion of TVET in Southeast Asia, and on effective governance mechanisms for engaging employers, especially SMEs, in the development and utilisation of skills. The Dual cooperative training is a delivery mode which can be seen as one example to describe how to engage with employers when it comes to defining standards, assessment and finance of a TVET system.

AGENDA

Tuesday 11 October 2016

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening Remarks • Dr. Sylvain Giguere, Head of Division, OECD LEED Programme • Dr. Nils Geissler, Programme Director, GIZ/RECOVET, Vietnam • Mr. Kelly Bird, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, Asia Development Bank • Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III, DOLE
09:30	Group photo/ media interviews
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee/tea break
10:00-12:00	Session I: The role of training levies in financing the expansion of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Southeast Asia Chair: Australia <i>Objective: This session will examine the potential of training levies as a means to broaden the financing base for skills development in Southeast Asia. The session aims to draw relevant conclusions for policy on the use of levies in the region, highlighting examples of levy schemes within, and outside, Southeast Asia that can inform the future improvement of levy systems.</i> • Elizabeth Fordham, Senior Advisor, Global Relations, OECD • Anil Verma, University of Toronto, Canada • TESDA representative
12:00-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:30	Session II: Engaging employers in skills development and utilisation at the local level Chair: Philippines <i>Objective: This session will seek to identify good practices for employer engagement in the areas of both developing and utilising skills, including designing effective partnerships with the employment service and TVET system. The session will highlight programme case studies that have demonstrated success in engaging employers, including how best to reach SMEs.</i> • Jonathan Barr, Policy Analyst, OECD • Dr. Numyoot Songthanapitak, Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna (RMUTL), Thailand • Dr. Razali Bin Hassan, Faculty of Technical and Vocational Education, University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) • Mr Kelly Bird, ADB • Representative from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries (PCCI) or Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP)

15:30- 16:00	Coffee/Tea break
16:00- 17:30	Session III: Shaping Framework Conditions for Private Sector Engagement Chair: Australia <i>Objective: In this session participants will elaborate on opportunities and challenges for public authorities to create favourable framework conditions for private-sector engagement in TVET Delivery. Specifically looking at opportunities to institutionalize the cooperation between private and public stakeholders in the integration of learning and working at the workplace, e.g. through the common definition of occupational standards and coordinated forms of assessment.</i> • NN, SCG Chemicals, Thailand • Dr. Le Van Hien, President of LILAMA 2 Technical and Technology College, Vietnam • Scott Neil, Department of Education, Australia
19:00- 21:00	Welcome Dinner hosted by DOLE
Wednesday 12 October 2016	
09:00-9:15	Overview of second day <i>Objective: Welcome participants back to the second day of the meeting and provide a brief overview of breakout sessions.</i>
09:15-10:45	Session IV: Break- out sessions <i>Participants are invited to attend one of the two following break-out sessions.</i> <i>Group 1: Effective job matching strategies and how best for employment services to engage with employers. This session will encourage a dialogue on how employment services can engage the private sector in helping to match individuals with job opportunities.</i> <i>Group 2: Competence development for in-company trainers to support the labour-market orientation of TVET. This session will encourage a dialogue on how companies can put in place effective and accessible training programmes for workers.</i> • Tonny Pongoh, Deputy Director, Polytechnic Manufacture ASTRA Indonesia • Dr. Savengkith Pommahack, Director, Entrepreneurship Training Centre, Lao PDR • Abigail Cuales Lanceta, Assistant Director, Education, Youth & Sport Division, ASEAN (moderation)
10:45-11:15	Coffee/Tea break
11:15-12:00	Session V: Report back on breakout sessions Co-chairs: Philippines and Australia <i>Objective: This session will enable delegates to report back and summarise key issues that were discussed during the breakout sessions.</i>

12:00 – 12:30	<i>Future directions</i> <i>Objective: This session will focus on the future research agenda of the network</i> • Scott Neil, Department of Education, Australia
12:30	<i>Closing Remarks</i> • Dr. Sylvain Giguere, Head of Division, OECD LEED Programme • Dr. Nils Geissler, Programme Director, GIZ/RECOVET, Vietnam • Mr. Kelly Bird, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, Asia Development Bank • DOLE Undersecretary(Employment Cluster)
12:45-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-16:30	Cultural tour (optional)