

REGIONAL TVET CONFERENCE 2014

Ensuring TVET Quality
Preparing for AEC 2015

1 - 2 April 2014, Shangri La Hotel, Jakarta

Over the past decade, Asia has become increasingly the engine of growth for the world economy. Along with the newly industrialized economies of China and India, the 10 ASEAN economies have experienced economic growth and a more even social development. Emphasizing the importance of knowledge and the need for skilled workforce, the countries in the ASEAN region highlight vocational education as a priority in order to ensure economic and social development is sustained. The process of ASEAN integration and its institutions support knowledge sharing, alignment of educational systems through negotiation of mutual recognition arrangements and a more open labour market. These are key factors to upgrade the status of TVET in order to better prepare their future workforces for an ASEAN common market and enhance labour mobility.

In October 2012, a first Regional TVET Conference “TVET Quality Breakthrough” in Hanoi, Viet Nam addressed the important issues of occupational standards, cooperation with the business sector, TVET teaching staff and financing of TVET. As an overall outcome, participants of the Hanoi-conference emphasized the need to continue the exchange and networking between decision makers and actors in TVET in the ASEAN-region with its regional institutions, and to build on the experiences in cooperation with Germany. It was agreed that a second regional TVET conference would take place in March/April 2014, and Indonesia was nominated as the host country.

In respect of the opportunities and challenges ahead to strengthen and harmonize TVET regionally and prepare for a more open ASEAN labour market, the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, the Ministry of Industry, National Development and Planning Agency and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development have jointly agreed to host the second regional conference.

The conference “**Ensuring TVET Quality – Preparing for the AEC 2015**” will take place from **1st – 2nd of April, 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia**. The hosting institutions expect high level participants from ASEAN countries, ASEAN institutions and Germany as well as 300 policy makers, technical experts and practitioners from the public and private sector.

The objectives of the event are to share and learn from good practice experiences, stimulate regional TVET networking within the member countries of ASEAN and its institutions as well as formulate recommendations for raising the quality and demand orientation of TVET and contribute to regional integration processes. The following topics shall be covered:

- (1) Cooperating with the business community - Improving the demand orientation of TVET**
- (2) Harmonising of Standards and Certification - Striving towards mutual/regional recognition**
- (3) Measuring TVET quality - From measuring input to measuring performance**

The hosts of the Regional TVET Conference commit to provide a forum for discussion and learning among the public and private sector as well as multilateral institutions in the region on good practices and instruments. Additional events such as field trips to selected TVET schools around Jakarta and exhibitions will showcase practical examples of labour market oriented TVET. The participation and contribution of other ASEAN members and countries in the region will make this second regional TVET-conference a successful, memorable and influential event.