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MoU Inked to explore Educational and Research Cooperation

SEAMEO VOCTECH (SV) Regional Centre, Brunei Darussalam, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA), Indonesia, on 08 April 2021.

The MoU was signed virtually at UNESA, Lidah Wetan, Surabaya, Indonesia and SEAMEO VOCTECH, at Jalan Pasar Baharu, Gadong, Brunei Darussalam where both parties agreed to explore the possibility of a framework for educational and research cooperation.

The event began with welcoming remark by the Rector of UNESA, Prof. Dr. Nurhasan, and followed by speech by the SV Centre Director, Mr Alias Haji Abu Bakar. Following the signing of MoU, both parties continued with a discussion on future activities and plans for the next 3 years (2021-2024) which includes to organise virtual forum or symposium.

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CENTRE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 marks the second year of the implementation of SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre's 6th Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP). This edition of January-June 2021 newsletter, includes the activities that the Centre undertook during the last six months of the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 disease, 2 Virtual Regional Training Programmes (RTPs) were successfully conducted via virtual mode. As for the Customised Training Programmes (CTPs), the Centre was able to conduct 4 CTPs with its local client. For this fiscal year, a noteworthy achievement of the Centre was the flagship of Training of Trainers and Training of Assessors Certification Programme.

Among other significant international meetings conducted during this fiscal year were the Centre Director Meeting, and High Official Meeting which were conducted via online mode.

The Centre was able to conduct few In-house Training as part of staff development for the last six months of the fiscal year 2020-2021. With the support of SV local and international partners and stakeholder, it is expected that the following months to come the Centre will be conducting more of Regional Training Programme, In-Country Training Programme and Customised Training Programme.

ALIAS BIN HAJI ABU BAKAR

Centre Director

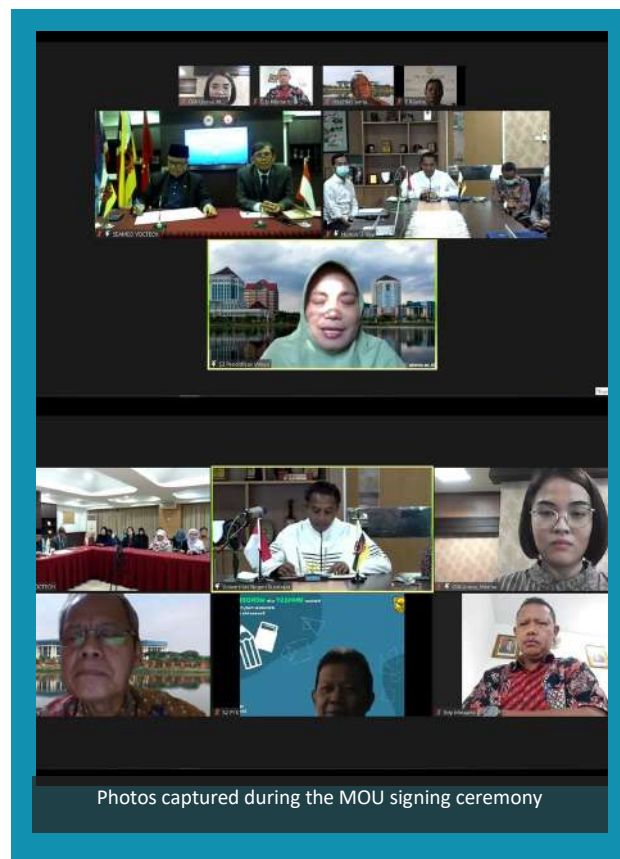
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The scope of cooperation includes exchanges of researchers, and lecturers, development of joint courses, workshops, training and education programmes, exchanges of information including vocational education materials and research publications, and joint conferences, seminars, and other programmes which are mutually agreed.

Prior to this MOU signing, both parties have been collaborating in international conferences and seminars, research and journal publications, and the regional networking such as in Regional Association of Vocational Teacher Education in East and Southeast Asia.

Signing on behalf of SV was its Centre Director, Alias Haji Abu Bakar and UNESA was represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Nurhasan, M. Kes. Witnessing the signing were the Vice Rector for Planning and Partnership, UNESA, Dr. Sujarwanto, S. Pd., and Deputy Director for Professional Affairs of SV, Dr. Paryono.



SV participated in the Energy Industry Engagement Day

On 20 January 2021, SEAMEO VOTTECH Regional Centre have participated in the exhibition during the Energy Industry Engagement Day, organized by Manpower Industry Steering Committee (MISC) Working Group , supported by Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd, held at V-Plaza Hotel in Kuala Belait.

During the sharing session, Mrs Noorhayati Cynthia, Training and Professional Development Manager (TPDM) cum TVET Education Specialist presented on the Training of Trainers and Training of Assessors Certification Programme.



SEAMEO VOCTECH Participated the SEAMEO-University of Tsukuba Symposium IX

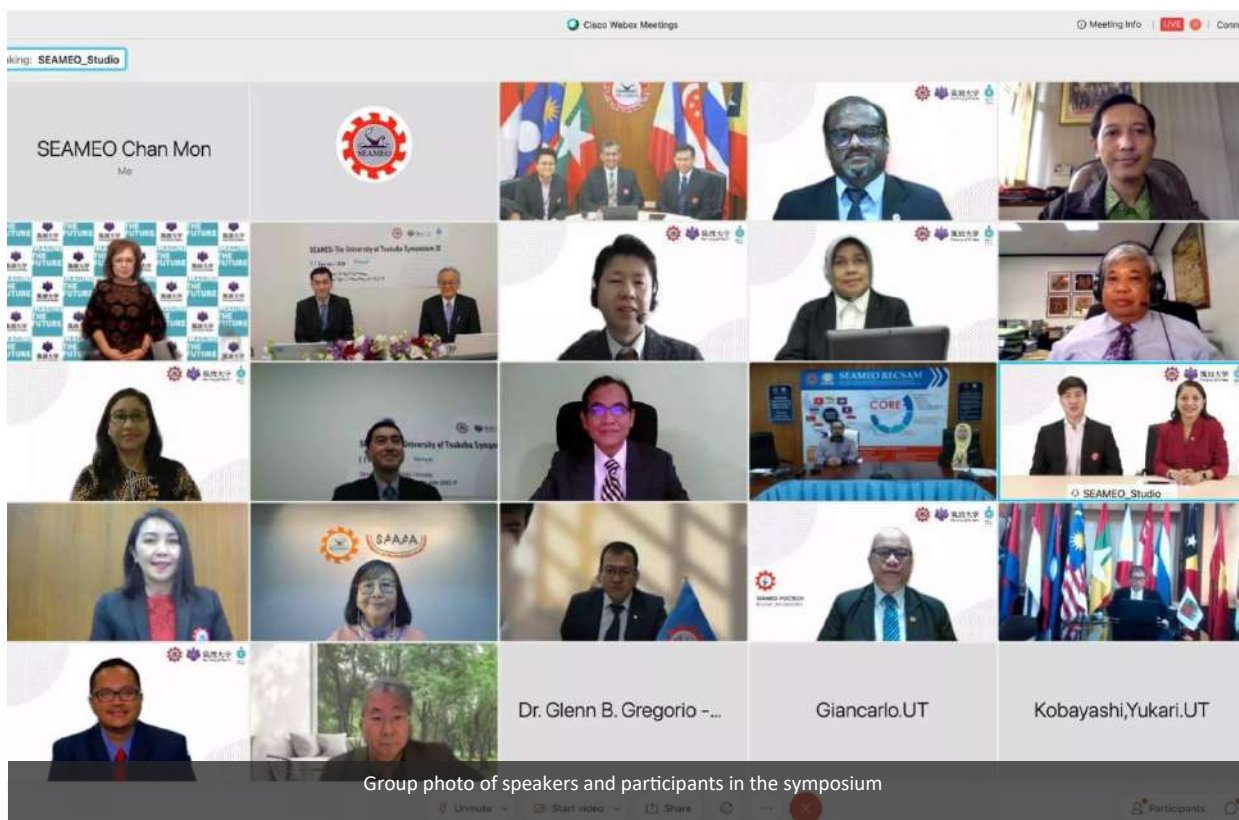


CD as one of the participants in the said Symposium

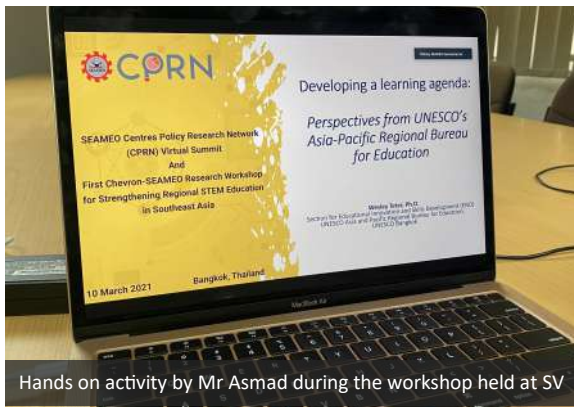
The SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with the University of Tsukuba Japan organize the SEAMEO-University of Tsukuba Symposium IX on 11 February 2021 held via virtual mode with the theme "Resilience for Global Citizenship".

SV Centre Director, Mr Alias Haji Abu Bakar, was invited to be the speaker and panelist in roundtable discussion with the topic 'Global Citizenship Resiliency in Response to COVID-19'. He presented the paper on "SEAMEO VOCTECH's strategic initiatives in response to COVID-19 and fast-changing technology".

The symposium ended with the closing message by Prof Dr. Masami Isoda, Director of Centre for Research on International Cooperation in Educational Development (CRICED), The University of Tsukuba.



Group photo of speakers and participants in the symposium



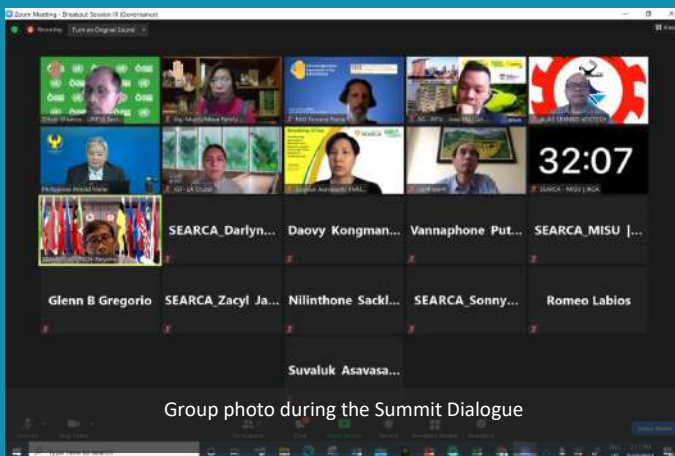
The Centre participated in SEAMEO Centres CPRN Virtual Summit and First Chevron-SEAMEO Research Workshop for Strengthening Regional STEMA Education in Southeast Asia

SEAMEO Secretariat convened the SEAMEO Centres Policy Research Network (CPRN) virtual summit back to back with the First Chevron-SEAMEO Research Workshop for Strengthening Regional STEM Education in Southeast Asia from 10 to 12 March 2021.

This summit aims to strengthen and align the SEAMEO Centres Policy Research Network initiatives according to the draft of SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2021-230 and the align with the recent SMPeF and High-Level Forum declarations.

The Centre was represented by Mrs Hajjah Rusiah Haji Kawang, Training Officer, and Mrs Nursyuhaidah Haji Ahmad, Documentation Officer.

Virtual Meeting on Food Systems Summit 2021 Dialogues



Group photo during the Summit Dialogue



Speech delivered by the Centre Director of SEAMEO SEARCA

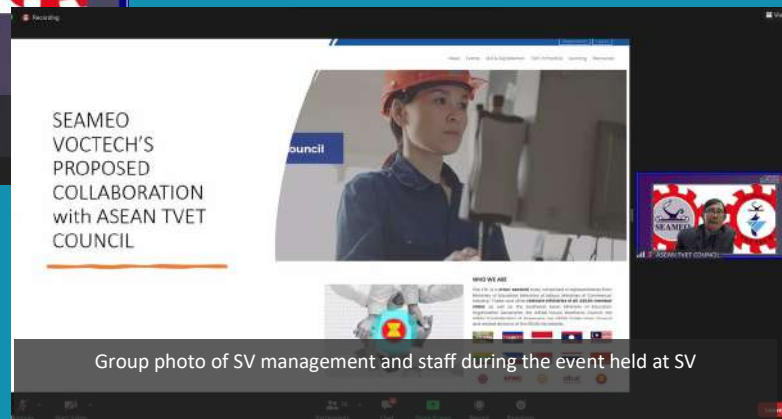
A dialogue "Breaking Silos: Transforming Agricultural Education and Research toward Sustainable Food Systems in Southeast Asia" to inform the first-ever United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), which will take place in New York in September 2021, was held on 18 May 2021, organised by SEAMEO SEARCA.

Participating in the dialogues was the Centre Director, SEAMEO VOCTECH, Alias bin Haji Abu Bakar, and Deputy Director for Professional Affair, Dr. Paryono, along with a total of 54 participants having to discuss on to develop more ideas on how to make the food systems in Southeast Asia stronger and more sustainable in three discussion sessions.

Online Meeting on ASEAN TVET Council (ATC)



Group photo of SV management and staff during the event held at SV



Group photo of SV management and staff during the event held at SV

The 1st online meeting of the ASEAN TVET Council (ATC) was held on 10 March 2021. The meeting was attended by major TVET stakeholders across the region.

The Centre presented a proposal together with SEAMEO Secretariat on collaboration with the ATC in various programmes including Regional Knowledge Platform – SEA.VET.Net.

SEAMEO VOTEC was represented by Alias Haji Abu Bakar, the Centre Director, Pg Hajah Hamidah Pg Haji Hidup, Deputy Director of Administration, and Dr. Paryono, Deputy Director for Professional Affairs cum Research Specialist.

First Aid Courses Enhances Safety Knowledge



Former DDA, giving short speech before the training started

The Centre with the cooperation from Maed Training and Consultant organized a two-day first aid course for its staff.

The two day course ended with a certificate presentation presented by the Centre Director, YM Awang Alias bin Haji Abu Bakar.

Given that the Centre hosts Regional Programmes and local training programmes, it is its responsibility to provide accommodation workspace and training avenues meeting the safety standards of work for visitors, participants and occupants.

Celebration of Isra' Mi'raj Year 1442H/2021M



Invited speaker from Da'wah Islamic Centre



Souvenir presentation to the invited lecturer from Islamic Da'wah

The centre organised Isra' Mi'raj ceremony on 08 April 2021 at SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre.

A special talk was delivered by the guest speaker from the Da'wah Islamiah Centre, Yang Mulia Ustaz Haji Muhammad Naqib bin Haji Awang on 'Prayer for the Core of Excellence of the Ummah'.

The celebration was held as an annual activity of the Centre with the aim to further enliven the celebration of Isra' Mi'raj, in addition to both appreciating the events of Isra' Mi'raj of the Prophet Muhammad SAW and as a sign and proof of the power and greatness of Allah SWT, the creator of all the worlds.

Celebration of Nuzul Al-Quran



The opening of Musala Ar-Raudhah witnessed by invited lecturer

The Centre held a Nuzul Al-Quran Ceremony on 04 May 2021 at SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre.

The event saw a Nuzul Al-Quran talk on 'Appreciating the last 10 days of Ramadhan and Lailatul Qadar' delivered by Assistant lecturer at the faculty of Usuluddin, Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Yang Mulia Mohammad Khairul Nazif bin Haji Awang Damit.

The event also saw a Tadarus Al-Quran ceremony and mass Zohor Prayer.

Held back to back with the ceremony was the opening of surau named, Musala Ar-Raudhah convened by the Centre Director, Yang Mulia Alias Haji Abu Bakar.

SEAMEO Service Award 2021/2021

The 2020/2021 edition of the SEAMEO Service Award was held virtually to appreciate high-level of achievement amongst staff of the SEAMEO Centres. This year, Dr. Paryono, Deputy Director for Profesional Affair, was the receiver of SEAMEO Service Award 2020/2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Education, Singapore as the host country organised the 51st SEAMEO Council Conference in a virtual platform on 17 June 2021. The 2020/2021 SEAMEO Service Awards were conferred to 26 outstanding officers from the SEAMEO Regional Centres/ Network and the Secretariat. On 8 June 2021, the SEAMEO Secretariat conducted the virtual awarding ceremony as a special event for all awardees to join together to celebrate their accomplishment.

The SEAMEO Service Awards were approved at the 38th SEAMEO Council Conference in 2003. It was launched with aim of providing recognition and appreciation to staff members of the SEAMEO Units who demonstrate exceptionally high level of achievement in work performance, innovation and creativity, professionalism and commitment that contribute to the success of the Organization's mission and goals. Each SEAMEO Unit selects the recipient of the SEAMEO Service Awards annually based on a set of agreed criteria.



Virtual Regional Training Programme on Conducting an Impact Evaluation of Education

14-17 June 2021

SEAMEO VOTECTH (Virtual)



A welcoming remark by the Centre Director, Alias bin Haji Abu Bakar

The SEAMEO VOTECTH Regional Centre conducted a 5-day Regional Training Programme on Conducting an Impact Evaluation of Education held virtually from 14 – 17 June 2021. The regional training programme was attended by 24 participants comprising of TVET teachers, researchers, and managers from SEAMEO Member Countries, including 7 participants from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Politeknik Brunei (PB), and Department of Training, Development and Research, Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam.

The training programme main objectives are to equip the participants with explanation of various definitions, including considerations of when to perform an impact assessment/evaluation; to explain the process of conducting an impact study; elaborate key elements of evaluation design; apply selected techniques of ex ante, expost evaluations using quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods; and finally the participants are to produce study plan and report.

Centre Director of SEAMEO VOTECTH, Alias Haji Abu Bakar, in his speech at the opening ceremony shared that this training programme is timely and very relevant for those involved in a project and intervention that has potential and high impacts to the participants and has the possibility to replicate it in other programmes. He also highlighted that the Centre, through its training programme, signifies on its commitment to continuously assist the member countries in addressing current issue of capacity building programmes.

Also present during the virtual opening ceremony were SEAMEO VOTECTH's Governing Board Members; Yang Mulia Pg Hj Md Sufri bin Pg Haji Ali, SEAMEO VOTECTH's Deputy Director of Administration; as well as Yang Mulia Dr. Paryono, SEAMEO VOTECTH's Deputy Director for Professional Affair also the facilitator of this training programme.



Group photo of Facilitator and Participants of the training programme

Virtual Regional Training Programme on Integrating 21st Century Industry Competencies in the Curriculum

21-24 June 2021

SEAMEO VOTTECH (Virtual)



A 4-day virtual Regional Training Programme on Integrating 21st Century Industry Competencies in the Curriculum held virtually on 21-24 June 2021 at SEAMEO VOTTECH (SV) Regional Centre.

The virtual regional training programme is attended by a total of 26 participants comprised of principal, administrators, supervisors, instructors, and curriculum development facilitators from SEAMEO Member Countries, including 8 participants from Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB), Institute of Brunei Technical Education (IBTE), Politeknik Brunei (PB), Department of Special Education, Department of Higher Education and Department of Curriculum Development from Ministry of Education (MOE), Brunei Darussalam.

Centre Director of SEAMEO VOTTECH, Yang Mulia Alias bin Haji Abu Bakar, in his speech at the opening ceremony highlighted that together, as knowledge and skills providers, we need to ensure that we remain current and relevant, equipped with the essential competencies to provide our students with the relevant 21st century and industry competencies that will make them employable, and thus contribute to the development and economic well-being of their communities and the society overall.

Moreover, he then shared that this training programme, has been designed to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills in identifying relevant competencies that would meet the needs of the 21st century workplace and workforce, particularly on the competency identification process and the integration of these competencies into the TVET Curriculum.

The Centre Director expressed his great appreciation to SV Governing Board Member from Vietnam, Dr. Bui Trung Thanh, and SV Desk Officers from TESDA-Philippines for their support and presence at the ceremony, via virtual mode.



Training of Trainers Certification Programme

08 February 2021 | SEAMEO VOCTECH



Group photo of SV management and participants

The training programme saw 11 participants from private training providers in Brunei Darussalam, being introduced to the necessary skills set all competent trainers would require in order to effectively deliver and facilitate their respective courses.

The training programme explored the various topics of competency-based training, training needs assessment, introduction of training, preparation for training, implementation of training, evaluation of training and lastly, preparation and delivery of training outputs through micro-teaching/training.



Certificate presentation to one of the participant

Training of Trainers Certification Programme

15 June 2021
SEAMEO VOCTECH

The 5-day training programme saw 13 participants from the Energy Sector training organisations and private agencies introduced to the knowledge and skills to effectively deliver course and make them competent trainers.

The training programme explored the various topics of competency-based training, training needs assessment, introduction of training, preparation for training, implementation of training, evaluation of training and lastly, preparation and delivery of training outputs through micro-teaching/training.



Certificate presentation to one of the participant



During an individual presentation by one of the participants

Welcoming New Staff to SEAMEO VOCTECH and SEA-VET.Net Team

	NAME/POSITION	DATE JOINED
	MR PENGIRAN MOHD SUFRI BIN PENGIRAN ALI Deputy Director of Administration	19 May 2021
	MS NOORFITRIAH HAFIZAH BINTI MOHD HASSAN Graphic Designer of SEA-VET.Net	01 April 2021

Farewell Celebration for Former SV Officers and Staff

12 June 2021 | Gadong

Staff News



The SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre welcomes the new Centre Director, Mr Alias Haji Abu Bakar, effective on 01 October 2020. A general assembly to welcome the new Director was held on 05 October 2020 at Seri Kerna Hall, SEAMEO VOCTECH. The event began with speech by the Centre Director and ended with question and answer session with management and staff.

The Centre is delighted to have Alias Haji Abu Bakar as our new Centre Director. His remarkable skills will be a great addition to our team and the organization. A big congratulations on your new role and on behalf on management and staff of SEAMEO VOCTECH, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and good wishes. We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with you.

next EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND SEAMEO EVENTS JULY TO DECEMBER 2021

Training Programmes	Date
Virtual RTP on Leadership Training Workshop	6-13 July 2021
Virtual CTP for Don Bosco	11-15 October 2021

Centre Events	Date
CSR Data Donation	02 October 2021
32nd SV GB Meeting back to back with E-Forum	27-28 October 2021

SEAMEO Events	Date
44th SEAMEO High Official Meeting	30 October 2021

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