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Welcome to the December 2025 edition of The Digest by SEAMEO VOCTECH!

This issue highlights the Centre's key initiatives from July to December 2025, featuring regional and international efforts to advance TVET across ASEAN and beyond, alongside selected internal programmes and staff engagements. We hope this edition offers valuable insights into our programmes and partnerships, and wish you a pleasant and enriching read.

Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah Minister of Education and SEAMEO Council President with esteemed delegation from Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam and officials from SEAMEO VOCTECH during the courtesy visit

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MESSAGE FROM CENTRE DIRECTOR



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

On behalf of the SEAMEO VOC TECH, we extend our best wishes for the New Year.

Entering 2026, a year of great potential, allows us to reflect with pride on the considerable progress and productive outcomes our Centre realised in the latter part of the preceding year.

For SEAMEO VOC TECH, the latter half of the 2025 was marked by robust collaborations and meaningful achievements.

We successfully convened key governance and research forums, bringing together regional leaders and private-sector experts to shape the future of TVET.

Our training programmes continued to attract a strong regional and international presence, while a series of strategic forums fostered vital dialogue on emerging trends.

Throughout this period, we remained dedicated to enhancing our regional digital platform, ensuring it serves as a dynamic hub for knowledge and expertise.

These accomplishments were made possible through the unwavering support of our community; governments, SEAMEO centres, and private stakeholders.

As we step into the new year, we are energised to continue our mission of advancing and sharing excellence in TVET across Southeast Asia.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to bringing you more TVET developments and fostering deeper collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,

Haji Norjemee Jenek

SEAMEO VOC TECH
Centre Director



Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam and SEAMEO Council President, with senior officials, ambassadors, centre directors at the opening ceremony

3-4 July 2025 - SEAMEO VOCTECH proudly hosted the SEAMEO Centres Policy Research Network (CPRN) Summit for the second time in Brunei Darussalam.

This event marked the centre's second and final instalment as host under the SEAMEO-wide arrangement, where a different member centre is selected to host the summit twice consecutively every two years.

Under the theme “Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future: Inclusive Collaboration and Innovation in Education, Science, and Culture,” the summit convened over 180 policymakers, researchers, and education leaders from SEAMEO member states and international partner countries.

The summit was inaugurated by Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Mohd Salleh, Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam and SEAMEO Council President, with senior officials, ambassadors, and centre directors in attendance.

The agenda featured pioneering keynote addresses from global thought leaders, including Mr. Andreas Schleicher (OECD), who analysed SEAMEO education systems using



using PISA 2022 data and advocated for reforms to improve learning productivity; Mr. Tony McAleavy (Education Development Trust, UK) on metacognition and learning strategies; Dr. Eva Maria C. Cutiongco-de La Paz (Philippines' National Institutes of Health) on linking health sciences with education reform; and Dr. Margarita Pavlova (UNEVOC) on frameworks for green TVET and environmental sustainability.

Over two days, delegates engaged in parallel research sessions, panel discussions, and a policy dialogue session which drew the participation of Yang Mulia Pg Dr. Iskandar Pg Petra, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Corporate), Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam as one of the panelists.



Participants at the CPRN Summit 2025

EQUIPPING EDUCATORS WITH DIGITAL AND AI SKILLS



Participants from the ICT-Empowered 21st Century Skills for TVET training programme with SV Management and Forum speakers

26 July 2025 – SEAMEO VOTTECH successfully concluded its Hybrid Regional Training Programme on "ICT-Empowered 21st Century Skills for TVET", strengthening the digital teaching capabilities of educators across Southeast Asia.

Held in two phases: online from 24-26 June 2025 and onsite at the SEAMEO VOTTECH Centre in Brunei Darussalam from 21-26 July 2025, the intensive eight-day programme brought together 19 educators and officials from all 11 SEAMEO member countries and key institutions in Brunei, including UNISSA, Politeknik Brunei, and IBTE.

The programme was facilitated by a team of SEAMEO VOTTECH experts: Dr. Ikhwan Jambak, IT Specialist and programme coordinator; Ms. Noohayati Cynthia Abdullah, Curriculum Development/Teacher Education Specialist; and Mr. Ariffin Yusof, IT Manager. Together, they guided participants through the 21st Century Learning Design (21CLD) framework and other practical tools to enhance lesson design and digital integration for TVET educators.



Speakers at the "ICT & AI in Brunei Education" Forum

The programme highlight was the Forum on ICT & AI in Brunei Education, featuring local experts who explored digital innovation, ethical AI implementation, and strategies for tech-enhanced TVET.

Speakers of the Forum on **"ICT & AI in Brunei Education"**

- Mr. Muhd Syafiq Hj Abu Bakar, Department of Educators Management, Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam
- Mr. Abdul Walid bin Misli, Education Technology Centre
- Dr. Khairul bin Haji Jait, KUPU-SB
- Moderated by Dr. Ikhwan Jambak

Participants also took part in an educational visit to Sekolah Menengah Lambak Kiri, to observe the Smart Classroom and Green Initiatives integration in action. The visit was further enriched by a knowledge-sharing insights on Brunei's approaches to digital education transformation by experts from the Centre for Technology Enhanced Learning (CTEL).

The closing ceremony was officiated by Yang Mulia Pg. Dr. Mohammad Iskandar bin Pg. Hj. Petra, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy & Corporate) at Brunei's Ministry of Education, where certificates were awarded to all participants.

FUTURE READY TEACHING WITH GENERATIVE AI



Group photo of the “Generative AI for TVET Educators” training programme participants with their certificates

22 November 2025 – The Centre successfully equipped 23 TVET educators across 11 SEAMEO member countries and the Republic of China with skills on Generative AI training held in two phases: online from 4-6 November 2025 and onsite at the SEAMEO VOTTECH Centre in Brunei Darussalam from 17-22 November 2025.

The training was designed in alignment with UNESCO standards and ASEAN’s Digital Masterplan 2025, the training combined hands-on practice with leading AI platforms with the development of practical resources like AI-assisted lesson plans and institutional integration blueprints.

Facilitated by Dr. Ikhwan Jambak of SEAMEO VOTTECH and Mr. Muhd Syafiq Hj Abu Bakar from Brunei’s Ministry of Education, the curriculum focused on the responsible deployment of AI across teaching, curriculum design, and administration.

A key programme highlight was the forum on “Safeguarding Academic Integrity in the Generative AI Era,” moderated by Dr. Hartini binti Haji Mashod. The forum featured a panel of local experts including representatives from

the Ministry of Education, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, and the Authority for Information Communications Technology Industry (AITI), the session tackled critical issues such as ethical AI use, data protection, and maintaining academic integrity.



Panelists of the forum on Generative AI

Speakers of the Forum on

“Safeguarding Academic Integrity in the Generative AI Era: From Risk to Responsible Practice”

- Mr. Muhd Syafiq Hj Abu Bakar Department of Educators Management, Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam
- Dr. Hjh Syamimi Hj Md Ariff Lim, PhD, Educational Technology Specialist, Universiti Brunei Darussalam
- Ms. Farah Atiyah binti Hj Zainal Abidin, Personal Data Protection Expert, AITI
- Moderated by Dr. Hartini Mashod.

Participants also gained first-hand policy insights during an educational visit to AITI and enjoyed a cultural immersion tour, strengthening regional bonds.

The programme closed with a ceremony officiated by Yang Mulia Dr. Chin Wei Keh, Deputy Permanent Secretary (Higher Education), where certificates were awarded to all participants, marking the successful conclusion of the programme.

CLOSING THE GAP IN AGRI-FOOD SECTOR



(L) MOE and SV representatives together with His Excellency Mr. Heng Sour, Minister of Labour and Vocational and Training, Cambodia; (R) Launching of the research study at the workshop



Phnom Penh, 16–17 September 2025 - The Closing the Gap Workshop 2025: Pathways to Practical Skills Development and Workforce Readiness was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, co-organised by the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MLVT) Cambodia and the EU-ASEAN SCOPE-HE Programme, implemented by Nuffic and DAAD.

The workshop served as a key platform to strengthen collaboration between governments, TVET institutions, and the private sector across ASEAN.

The workshop's discussions were informed by the SEAMEO VOTTECH-led research "Study on the Employability of Vocational Graduates in the Agri-Food Sector in ASEAN", which provided the foundational evidence for the event.

As the second in a series of four regional workshops, the session focused on translating research findings into actionable solutions to address skills gaps, particularly in green and



Cambodia SV Governing Board Member, Mr. Tann Sambath (L) with SV representatives

digital skills, and improve workforce readiness.

Participants concluded the workshop with renewed commitments to foster partnerships and inclusive skills development, providing key inputs for the 2025 EU-ASEAN Policy Dialogue and the 2026 Closing the Gap Workshop.

Discussions focused on shaping an Asian vocational education cooperation model and deepening industry links in key sectors like agriculture, automotive, and healthcare.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

2025 CHINA-ASEAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING



Deputy Director Admin with the delegation

China, 25 July 2025 - The Centre strengthened regional cooperation through its participation in the 2025 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Federation Annual Meeting, a cornerstone event of the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week. The Centre was represented by Pg Sufri Pg Ali, Deputy Director of Administration, who engaged in dialogues under the theme “Building a China-ASEAN Vocational Education Community.”



Pg Sufri Pg Ali delivering a speech

The discussions centred on building an Asian TVET cooperation model and strengthening industry-education links in key sectors like agriculture, automotive, and medical services. Key outcomes were the launch of the China-ASEAN Agricultural VET Integration Community and the Lao National VET Level 5 Standard Project.



Dr Paryono with Honourable Jose “Kiko” B. Benitez and Mr. David B. Bungallon

TESDA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP & COURTESY VISIT FROM THE HON. PRESIDENT JOSE “KIKO” BENITEZ

9 September 2025 - Deputy Director Professional Affairs and Research Specialist Dr. Paryono delivered a keynote on “Accelerating Digital Transformation in TVET” at the TESDA Leadership Workshop in Manila and presented the Centre’s Digital Strategy during a session on heutagogy and personalised learning.



Dr Paryono during his keynote at the workshop

The visit featured a courtesy call with TESDA Secretary-Director General and SEAMEO VETECH Governing Board Member from the Philippines, the Honourable Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, together with Executive Director of TESDA-NITESD, Mr. David B. Bungallon.

ASEAN TVET CONFERENCE

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 13–14 August 2025 -

Deputy Director of Professional Affairs and Research Specialist, Dr. Paryono represented the Centre at the ASEAN TVET Conference (ATVET) in August at the World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur hosted by HRD Corp Malaysia, ILO, ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia.

Dr Paryono contributed as both panelist and moderator in the prestigious event. With the theme "Advancing Digital and Green Transformations through an Inclusive and Future-Ready TVET System" the conference gathered policymakers, industry leaders, institutions, and international organisations to address issues, share best practices and explore strategies for all matters related to TVET.

LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT: GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE COACHING FOR TVET PERSONNEL IN ASEAN

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25-29 August 2025 -

The Centre was represented at the Design Thinking Bootcamp on "Gender Transformative Coaching for TVET Personnel in ASEAN", led by the SEAMEO Secretariat and GIZ-RECOTwin, and facilitated by the Design Thinkers Academy.

The delegation included HR Manager Ms. Halimahtun Saadiah, TVET Specialist Dr. Jaya Priah Kasinathan, and Acting Knowledge Management Manager Ms. Aiman Bazilah.

The five-day bootcamp was the culmination of



Dr. Paryono at the ASEAN TVET Conference



SV representatives with other SEAMEO Centres at Lighthouse Project workshop

months of online coaching. It brought together personnel from four SEAMEO Centres to develop practical design thinking skills focused on addressing gender and diversity inclusion (GDI) challenges within TVET. Participants engaged in hands-on training aimed at creating actionable, sustainable solutions for their institutions.

The programme concluded with final project pitches and a certificate ceremony, equipping participants with tools to apply gender-transformative approaches and foster greater equity and inclusion across the region's TVET systems.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

ASEAN GREEN JOBS FORUM 2025

27-28 August (Putrajaya, Malaysia) - SEAMEO VOCTECH was represented at the ASEAN Green Jobs Forum 2025, “AI, Digitalisation and Green Jobs: Future-Proofing Skills and Talents for ASEAN”.

Hosted by Malaysia’s Ministry of Human Resources as part of its ASEAN Chairmanship, with support from the ASEAN Secretariat and the Government of Australia.

The forum provided a key platform for high-level dialogue on inclusive and sustainable growth.

The Centre’s delegation consisted of Dr. Ikhwan, IT Specialist, who contributed as a panellist on “AI-Powered Workforce Training for a Green Economy,” alongside Ms. Noor Cynthia Abdullah, Teacher Education Specialist, and Ms. Tinah Marzuki, Acting Training and Professional Development Manager.

2025 CHINA (GUANGXI)-ASEAN CONFERENCE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Nanning, China, 15-19 September 2025 - Centre Director Mr. Haji Norjemee and IT Manager Mr. Ariffin Yusof represented SEAMEO VOCTECH at the 2025 China (Guangxi)-ASEAN Conference on Vocational Education Cooperation and Development.

During the event, Mr. Haji Norjemee delivered a keynote address and provided opening remarks for Parallel Session 3: “AI-Driven



SV representatives: Dr. Ikhwan, Ms. Noor Cynthia and Ms. Tinah Marzuki at the ASEAN Green Jobs Forum



Mr Haji Norjemee with Mr Lu Chun Yang and members of the China National E-Commerce Vocational Education and Teaching Steering Committee

Talent Development for E-Commerce Innovation.”

A key highlight was a productive meeting with Mr. Lu Chun Yang, Executive Deputy Director of the China National E-Commerce Vocational Education and Teaching Steering Committee, who conveyed strong interest in collaborative e-commerce learning projects.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

UNESCO CHAIR CONFERENCE AND SIGNING CEREMONY OF STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION

Hong Kong, 26–27 September 2025 - Centre Director Mr. Haji Norjemee and Deputy Director of Professional Affairs and Research Specialist, Dr. Paryono, participated in the UNESCO Chair Conference on Sustainability, Technology and Education hosted by The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK).

The conference, themed “Building Empathetic and Sustainable Futures,” brought together UNESCO Chairs, UNEVOC Centres, and partners to explore how AI, digitalisation, and TVET can drive sustainability and inclusion. Keynotes and panels focused on AI’s role in balancing scale,

GLOBAL TVET FORUM 2025: TOWARDS A GLOBAL TVET AGENDA

Berlin, Germany, 28–30 October 2025 - UNESCO-UNEVOC, in collaboration with the German Federal Ministry for Education and key international partners, convened the Global TVET Forum 2025, “Towards a Global TVET Agenda,” bringing together over 300 experts to align on the future of skills development at the midpoint of the UNESCO TVET Strategy (2022–2029).

Attended by Deputy Director of Professional Affairs and Research Specialist, Dr. Paryono, the discussions highlighted global priorities including AI, green and digital transitions, lifelong learning, and strengthening TVET, with calls for greater policy coherence, data harmonisation, and collaboration to elevate

quality, and personalisation, promoting whole-institution sustainability, and driving industry-linked TVET transformation.



Centre Director and Deputy Director Professional Affairs at the Signing Ceremony

A key highlight was the signing of a Statement of Collaboration between UNESCO-UNEVOC (Hong Kong) and SEAMEO VOTTECH, strengthening joint efforts in digital and green transitions, research exchange, and capacity building across ASEAN.



Group Photo during the Global TVET Forum

TVET worldwide. The Forum launched several key initiatives, such as the Global Awards for Innovation in TVET and new editions of the UNEVOC Leadership Programme.

It reinforced that skills are the "new global currency" and underscored the need for inclusive partnerships and advocacy to position TVET as a driver of equity, sustainability, and development.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

AI IN EDUCATION FOR FUTURE-READY WORKFORCE

Quezon City, Philippines, 11-12 December 2025 - SEAMEO VOTTECH Deputy Director (Administration), Pg Md Sufri Pg Ali, participated in the “AI in Education for Future-Ready Workforce: A Policy Framework Development Workshop for Southeast Asia”, organised by SEAMEO INNOTECH.

The two-day workshop convened representatives from the Ministries of Education of the 11 ASEAN Member States, SEAMEO Centres, and partners to co-create a draft regional policy framework for responsible and inclusive AI in education and skills systems, grounded in Southeast Asian contexts, languages, and diverse learning environments.

THE 3RD GUMI EDUCATION FORUM: GLOBAL IN GYEONGBUK

Gumi, South Korea, 17-18 December 2025 - The 3rd Gumi Education Forum: Global in Gyeongbuk was held in Gumi, South Korea, on 17-18 December 2025, co-organised by Kyungwoon University and the SEAMEO Secretariat.

Under the theme “Empowering Educational Leaders for Human-Centered Digital Transformation,” the forum explored how digital technology and AI can enhance, not replace human-centric learning.

Representing SEAMEO VOTTECH, Dr. Jaya Priah Kasinathan, Leadership and Management Specialist, delivered a presentation on behalf of the



(Top) Pg Sufri Pg Ali with SEAMEO Innotech Centre Director, Dr. ; Majah-Leah V. Ravago; (Bottom) Group photo of the workshop attendees

As a panellist during the roundtable session, SV shared a TVET perspective on practical classroom and training centre implementation, with emphasis on teacher capability development, assessment integrity, learner protection, and industry relevance in applying generative AI tools.



Dr. Jaya Priah delivering her speech

Centre Director, titled “Leading the Future: Digital Transformation in Higher Education & TVET.

The session contributed to the forum’s focus on building leadership capacity for sustainable and people-focused digital transitions in education across the region.

ANNUAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING



Guest of Honour Yang Mulia Puan Dr. Rusmini, with SEAMEO Secretariat Ex-Officio Mr. John Carlo Pineda Fernando and SEAMEO Governing Board Members and representatives and Centre Director

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 15-17 October 2025 -

The Centre officially commenced its 36th Governing Board Meeting with an opening ceremony officiated by Yang Mulia Puan Dr. Rusmini binti Ku Ahmad, Deputy Director-General of Education in Policy and Curriculum Sector, Ministry of Education Malaysia. The event was held on 15 October 2025 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Among the distinguished attendees were Mr. John Carlo Pineda Fernando (SEAMEO Secretariat Ex-Officio), Dr. Ang Kiam Wee (SV Vice-Chairman), Mr. Haji Norjemee bin Jenek (SV Centre Director), together with the Centre's Governing Board Members and representatives from SEAMEO member countries, regional partners and Ministry of Education Malaysia representatives.



Yang Mulia Puan Dr. Rusmini and SEAMEO Secretariat Ex-Officio Mr. John Carlo Pineda Fernando delivering their welcoming remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the 36th SEAMEO VOTTECH Governing Board Meeting

TVET CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSITIONS



Mr. Hiromichi Katayama, UNESCO Jakarta Programme Specialist presenting at the TVET Conference; SV Centre Director presenting token of appreciation to conference Keynote Speaker Dr. Margarita Pavlova



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (16 October 2025) - In conjunction with its 36th Governing Board Meeting, SEAMEO VOCTECH, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Malaysia, successfully hosted a Regional TVET Conference on 16 October, themed "Digital and Green Transitions: Building an Inclusive TVET Ecosystem for Southeast Asia."

The conference showcased keynotes and perspectives on the impact of digitalisation and green practices on TVET, delivered by all 11 Governing Board Members alongside experts from GIZ-RECOTwin, UNESCO Jakarta, Labtech International, and universities in Malaysia and China.

The conference also served as a valuable platform for policymakers, educators, and industry partners to exchange knowledge and strengthen collaboration.

It aimed to deepen understanding of digital and green transitions in TVET, spotlight innovative and inclusive approaches, and reinforce partnerships across governments, institutions, and industry stakeholders.

Discussions centred on adapting TVET through innovation, upskilling educators, and aligning



Dr. Paryono delivering the Wrap Up of the TVET Conference

Keynote Speakers of the Regional TVET Conference: **"Digital and Green Transitions: Building an Inclusive TVET Ecosystem for Southeast Asia"**.

- Dr Margarita Pavlova, Visiting Professor, University Tun, Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM), Malaysia
- Prof. Dr. Adzlan bin Mohd Zain, Professor, Faculty of Computing, University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), Malaysia

training with industry needs in the green and digital economy.

The GBM and TVET Conference concluded with a cultural and educational visit to Malaysia's Craft Complex and ERT Setapak Vocational College, promoting networking and showcasing local TVET excellence.

COURTESY VISIT FROM SEAMEO COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah, Minister of Education and SEAMEO Council President with esteemed delegation from Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam and officials from SEAMEO VOCTECH during the courtesy visit

Bandar Seri Begawan, 13 December 2025 –

Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah binti Haji Md Salleh, Minister of Education, Brunei Darussalam, paid an official visit to the TVET Regional Centre, SEAMEO VOCTECH.

The visit, conducted in her capacity as SEAMEO Council President for the term 2025-2027 reflects the role's official mandate to strengthen regional cooperation among SEAMEO Member Countries.

As part of this SEAMEO mandate, Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah undertakes courtesy calls and official visits to SEAMEO Regional Centres and Networks, reinforcing partnerships and advancing shared goals in education and human resource development across Southeast Asia.

Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah was welcomed by SEAMEO VOCTECH Centre Director, Mr. Haji Norjemee Jenek upon her visit.

In attendance at the event, were Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam (for Core Education), and the SEAMEO High Official to Brunei, Dr. Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati, Deputy Permanent Secretary (for Higher Education), Dr. Chin Wei Keh, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary for Policy and Corporate, Dr Hajah Lilly Suzana binti Haji Shamsu, SV Governing Board Chairman, Dr Haji Mohd Zamri bin Haji Sabli and senior officials of the ministry, joined by the Centre's management, specialists, officers and staff.



Dr. Hartini Mashod presenting the Centre's Research Activities highlights.

SEAMEO COUNCIL PRESIDENT VISIT



Ms. Tinah Marzuki presenting on the Centre's Training and Professional Development Achievements

During the visit, Her Excellency and accompanying distinguished delegation received presentations on the Centre's key achievements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. These accomplishments include the successful delivery of 33 training programmes and one regional forum, alongside significant research outputs such as, "The Employability of Vocational Graduates in the Agri-Food Sector in ASEAN", under the EU-ASEAN SCOPE-HE Programme, "The Smart Education Readiness Index", and the ongoing "Green Education Readiness Index".



Ms. Nursyuhaidah Ahmad presenting SEAMEO VOCTECH's milestones to the SEAMEO Council President

The presentations also underscored the Centre's role as host of the TVET regional knowledge hub SEA-VET.net, supported by its strategic partner, GIZ-RECOTwin.

As the Centre charts its course for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, it outlined a series of strategic initiatives including four highly relevant forums already successfully held in the latter half of 2025. These comprise the Centre's Policy Research Network (CPRN) Summit 2025, along with fora and a conference addressing the integration of artificial intelligence in education and advancing digital and green transitions.



Ms. Bazilah Alihan presenting on the SEA-VET.net's achievements



Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah, during the tree planting ceremony.

To commemorate this significant occasion, a tree planting ceremony was held at the SEAMEO VOCTECH Regional Centre, marking the official visit of Yang Berhormat Datin Seri Setia Dr. Hajah Romaizah. The ceremony was witnessed by senior officials from the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam, and the SEAMEO Secretariat.

COURTESY VISITS

During the latter half of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Centre received several courtesy visits from various organisations. These visits provided opportunities for the organisations to present their mandates and core services, engage in dialogue with SEAMEO VOTTECH, and explore avenues for potential collaboration.



12 August 2025 - Educational Visit from China University Students in collaboration with Go Study Global Education, PR China



25 August 2025 - Courtesy visit from Guangxi Economic and Trade Vocational Institute (GXETVI), China, led by its Vice President Professor Lin Zhen



26 August 2025 - Courtesy visit from Puan Dr. Nadianatra from CENTEXS, Head for Lawas and Bintulu campus



17 September 2025 - Educational visit from Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (PSA)



25 September 2025 - Educational visit from Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Philippines



9 October 2025 - Visit from VEX Robotics

BUILDING A STRONGER SEA-VET.NET FOR REGIONAL TVET EXCELLENCE

4-5 November 2025 - As part of efforts to strengthen SEA-VET.net as Southeast Asia's leading TVET knowledge platform, SEAMEO VOCTECH, supported by GIZ-RECOTwin, engaged two consultants and conducted a hybrid workshop to advance its development.

The consultants, Mr. Konrad de Bortoli and Ms. Valentina Gehrig, focused on advancing the platform and developing a Quality Assurance Framework for its e-learning component, respectively.

Mr. de Bortoli shared findings from interviews with the Centre's partners, including Governing Board Members, to assess the platform's impact and areas for improvement.

The e-learning component drew on internal assessments from the Centre's integrated training courses in SEA-VET Learning platform while collaborative use with partners was explored to expand its reach.



The SEA-VET team from SEAMEO VOCTECH presenting on the status overview of the website



(Top) Group photo of SEAMEO VOCTECH and GIZ-RECOTWIN personnel with consultants; (Middle) Centre Director delivering his speech; (Bottom) Mr. Konrad facilitating the workshop

Following the workshop, the Centre will turn the discussions and ideas into concrete actions to ensure the platform's sustainability. With the Quality Assurance Framework currently being finalised, these efforts aim to maintain SEA-VET.net as a robust and reliable regional TVET resource in Southeast Asia.

FOSTERING TEAM SPIRIT AND WELLNESS

The Centre places strong emphasis on work-life balance, organising internal activities and participating in nationwide events throughout the year. These initiatives foster a supportive, cohesive community, strengthen staff camaraderie, and enhance the Centre's national visibility.

MOE TEACHERS' DAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

26 September 2025 - The Centre took part in the Ministry of Education's Bowling Tournament as part of the 35th Teachers' Day Celebration, aimed to foster friendly competition and promote a spirit of harmony and collaboration between staff members and ministries.

WEEKLY ACITVITIES

The Centre through the Work-Life Balance Committee regularly organises weekly staff activities, including badminton sessions, clean-up programmes, and mental health talks, to promote well-being and teamwork.



SV cleaning campaign and badminton session



(Above) SV personnel at the Ministry of Education National Bowling Tournament 2025; (Below) SV staff attending a Mental-Health seminar



CENTRE CONCLUDES 2025 WITH END OF YEAR RETREAT



27 December 2025 - To conclude the year on a joyful note, the Centre hosted a retreat at Bintudoh Resort, Tutong. Staff enjoyed a relaxing day filled with games, including a fun riddle challenge on Brunei's local fruits, as well as shared meals and leisure time together. The event served as a meaningful way to celebrate a year of hard work and achievements while strengthening bonds within the Centre community.



Photos from the SV Retreat at Bintudoh Resort



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SEAMEO VOC TECH extends its sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam, the SEAMEO Secretariat, and all our longstanding and new partners for your unwavering support and collaboration throughout 2025.

Your commitment has been instrumental in enabling the Centre to achieve key milestones and make meaningful progress in advancing TVET across the region.

As we look ahead in 2026, we value our continued collaboration and remain steadfast in our mission to serve and strengthen TVET in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Thank you for being valued partners in this journey.

With Gratitude,

SEAMEO VOC TECH