



Regional TVET-Conference in Viet Nam

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Melia Hotel

TVET Quality Breakthrough

Concept Note

Background

A competent and qualified workforce is needed for further economic and social development in the countries of the ASEAN Community. Moreover, ASEAN countries face new regional challenges, e.g. with the establishment of a joint regional labour market by 2015. In this context, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) plays an important role and is accordingly high on the political agenda.

Viet Nam, like other countries in the region, is in the process of reforming its TVET system to meet the demands of the labour market and society in the national and regional context. Hence, the country's main strategic goal: to achieve a TVET quality breakthrough in the context of ASEAN integration.

How to increase the quality and demand-orientation of TVET in the context of ASEAN regional integration is the central focus of this Regional TVET Conference to be held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, on the 10th and 11th of October 2012. The conference is jointly organized by the **Vietnamese Ministry of Labor, Invalids, and Social Affairs (MoLISA)** and the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**. TVET was confirmed as a top priority for Vietnamese-German Development Cooperation by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the Vietnamese-German strategic partnership agreement of October 2011. The conference reflects the importance of TVET for German Development Cooperation across the region.

Conference Topics

The conference will address topics highly relevant for increasing TVET quality in the regional context. The core topic of discussion will be **Occupational Standards** – developing and setting outcome based TVET standards in the context of ASEAN integration.

Further topics of discussion will be:

- **Cooperation with the Business Sector** – improving practice- and demand-orientation of TVET
- **Teachers for TVET** – building competencies of TVET teachers and trainers to fulfil their key role in providing high-quality demand oriented TVET
- **Financing of TVET** – ensuring the sustainability of TVET financing

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Objectives and Benefits

Key objectives of the conference are to:

- 1. Share and learn from good practice experiences**
- 2. Stimulate enhanced regional TVET networking**
- 3. Formulate recommendations for raising the quality and demand orientation of TVET**

As lessons learnt and recommendations of this conference are fed back into TVET reform processes in ASEAN countries, TVET systems will be further improved. Societies as well as the business sectors will benefit from these improvements. Enhanced regional TVET networking will facilitate continuous exchange on experiences and lessons learned. This will help ASEAN countries to successfully tackle challenges arising throughout their TVET reforms.

Approach

In order to achieve its objectives, the Regional TVET Conference will provide a discussion forum towards feasible solutions for raising the quality and demand orientation of TVET. It brings together high-ranking policymakers, TVET experts and business sector representatives from Viet Nam and other ASEAN countries, selected international resource persons from ASEAN countries and from Germany, other bilateral and multilateral donors, and the research community.

With a view to the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015 and to achieving national development goals, these participants will share experiences, good practices and lessons learned on how to increase TVET quality for meeting the demands from the business sector and from society. Particular focus will be on sharing of national experiences of Vietnam and of other ASEAN countries. An integral part of the exchange will also be specific experiences gained through Germany's many years of development cooperation with countries in the ASEAN region on enhancing the quality of TVET systems and making them more responsive to the needs and requirements of the business sector as well as society.

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