

Minutes of Discussion for Further Arrangements

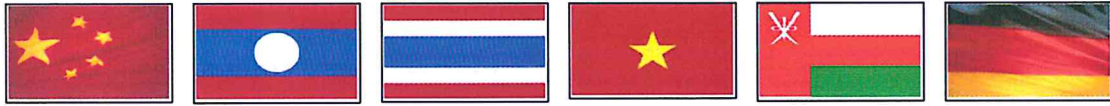
Regional Co-operation Forum

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) South East Asia

Founding Participants: PR China - Lao PDR - Kingdom of Thailand - SR Vietnam

Special Guest: Sultanate of Oman

Initial Supporter: FR Germany



Concluding the first regional co-operation forum held on March 13 and 14, 2008 the parties involved, i. e. founding participants, special guest, and initial supporter have achieved interim results and decided to strive for the following further arrangements which are submitted to the consent of their delegating head organizations.

General purpose

The parties of this forum envisage to establish and maintain a platform of co-operation in vocational education and training thus finding individual interests of contribution and participation with regard to the generation of synergies of co-operation within a time perspective until August 2010.

Intentions

In this way the participants intend

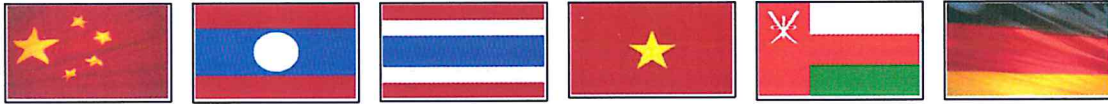
- to contribute to a sustainable installation and improvement of relevant vocational education and training systems
- to mutually support the development of a country specific approach to a sustainable system of vocational education and training with regard to the labour market and work processes
- to carry out joint research about effective and efficient models of co-operative training with private employers
- to organize common research and to develop special models of interaction with regard to training and internship of teachers, trainers, and tutors

Furthermore, the participants agreed upon to collaborate on the following topics:

- establishment and maintenance of quality management systems on TVET
- development and dissemination of modules of web-based e-learning and blended-learning approaches in TVET for teachers
- identification and introduction of occupational standards and testing methods

The foundation participants consented to transfer the lead role of regional co-ordination and administration to the Institute of Vocational Instructor Education.

The participants approved to set up a steering committee within the next six months related to communication and co-ordination between the delegating institutions in all countries. This measure ensures the determination and consideration of interests and contributions fostering an intensive exchange of information, data, and communication between all co-operating institutions.



The steering committee consists of five partner institutions:

- Institute of Vocational Instructor Education, Tongji University - IBB
- Faculty of Engineering, National University of Laos - NUOL
- Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi – RMUTT
- Burapha University Chonburi - BUU
- Selected universities from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are still to be nominated

Based on these Minutes of Discussion the participants consider fulfillment of the following indicators measure of successful achievement of this international co-operation network.

Tentative indicators

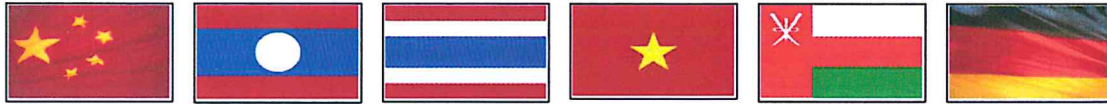
The following indicators are subject of discussion for the next constituting meeting:

- Installation of a steering committee and commencement of its operations within the next six months
- Within the next two years at least three official orders will have been placed by public institutions and private organisations residing in South East Asia with regard to consulting services in TVET. The minimum financial volume of each order is 10.000 EUR (ten thousand Euro).
- Four conferences respectively comprehensive technical meetings will be arranged under the leading auspices of the Institute of Vocational Instructor Education up to August 2010.
These meetings will concentrate on regional specific conversion experience and co-operation in vocational training and further education.
Research co-operation will be edited in relevant sources of publication in China and abroad.
- Activities in further education related to co-operative training and to TVET in general will be performed in favour of at least 150 specialists, researchers, multiplying individuals and organisations as well as qualified students in vocational training originating from three or more countries.
Half of the participants should be women.
- The international network of co-operation in TVET is set until August 2008 and is well functioning by August 2009



Further activities

1. The participants will analyse the results of this meeting and start advisory processes within their delegating organisations. They will inform the Institute of Vocational Instructor Education about their findings and decisions.
2. The constituting and signing of the co-operation agreement shall take place until the end of August 2008.
3. A fact finding mission in Thailand for all interested parties is scheduled before the constitutional meeting.
4. A detailed work plan will be established at the next conference.




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