

**Follow-up Meeting of
the 2nd ASEM Ministers Meeting on Education**

ASEM Lifelong Learning Conference
“Increasing Opportunities and Removing Obstacles for Lifelong Learning”
29-30 October 2009, Nha Trang City, Vietnam

1. Organisers

The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) Vietnam cordially invites colleagues to the ASEM Conference on *“Increasing Opportunities and Removing Obstacles for Lifelong Learning”* co-organized and sponsored by the MOET Vietnam, the Danish Ministry of Education and in cooperation with the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning, the Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2. Conference Theme

The ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub Advisory Board Meeting in Beijing 2008 and the recent ASEM Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM EMM2) in Hanoi, May 2009 acknowledged that lifelong learning provides a solid framework for sustainable human resource development, which generates economic growth, social welfare and enables individuals to pursue stimulating learning opportunities at all stages of their lives. Therefore, it deserves specific attention for intensified cooperation among the ASEM countries.

Representatives from member countries, however, suggested that in order to strengthen the coordination and development of lifelong learning in both regions, it is important to have a clearer definition and common understanding of the scope and activities of lifelong learning.

Against this background, Vietnam identifies the theme *“Increasing Opportunities and Removing Obstacles for Lifelong Learning”* for the coming conference.

3. Objectives

This Conference will provide a forum for sharing understanding of the scope and activities of lifelong learning with focus on “increasing opportunities and removing obstacles to lifelong learning”.

- To share the latest research findings, ideas and developments in legislative, financial and organizational frameworks for promoting and supporting lifelong learning in the two regions;
- To identify main obstacles to lifelong learning regarding psychological, socio-cultural, economic, geopolitical and legislative contexts, which hinder the development of lifelong learning in the two regions and explore ASEM experience and solutions to remove such obstacles to increase opportunities for lifelong learning.
- To strengthen linkages between researchers and policy makers and educational

institutions of the two regions.

- To explore bilateral and multilateral cooperation initiatives to assist developing members to advance and enhance the implementation of lifelong learning initiatives, including the initiative to establish a network of national institutes for lifelong learning within and/or between the two regions.

4. Dates and Venue

The ASEM Lifelong Learning Conference will be held on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October, 2009 at Sunrise Nha Trang Beach Hotel and the Yasaka Nha Trang Hotel, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam.

5. Participants

- The MOET Vietnam would like to invite two delegates from each ASEM member country and some related international organisations.
- 50 Vietnamese delegates.

6. Tentative Programme

Wednesday 28 October

Arrival of delegates

1800 - 2100 Informal dinner for participants at the Yasaka Nhatrang Hotel restaurant.

Thursday 29 October (Day 1- Grand Function, 1st Floor, Yasaka Nhatrang Hotel)

0830 - 0900 Registration of the participants

0900 - 0910 Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Tran Ba Viet Dung, Director General of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), Vietnam.

0915 - 0930 Opening address

By H.E. Dr. Nguyen Thi Nghia - Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Vietnam

0930 - 0945 Opening address

Senior Advisor, Joern Skovsgaard, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Bertel Haarder - Minister of Education, Denmark

0945 - 1000 Opening address

By H.E. Mr. Dam Huu Dac- Standing Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam

1000 - 1015 Remarks

Mr. Arne Carlsen - Chairman of the ASEM LLL Hub

1015 - 1030 Remarks

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh - Deputy Executive Director of Asia-Europe Foundation

1030 - 1100 Coffee/Tea break (Group photo session)

- 1100 - 1130 **Presentation 1: “Lifelong Learning: the Defining Issues, Initiatives and their Impacts on Socio-economic Development of a Country”**
Mr. Arne Carlsen, Chairman of the ASEM LLL Hub
- 1130 - 1200 **Presentation 2: “Vietnam’s Perspective on Lifelong Learning”**
Mr. Nguyen Cong Hinh, Director General of the Department of Continuing Education, MOET, Vietnam
- 1200 - 1330 **Conference lunch at Babelone Restaurant hosted by MOET, Vietnam**
- 1330 -1415 **Presentation 3: “Psychological, Socio-cultural, Economic, Geopolitical and Legislative Contexts that hinder the development of lifelong learning in the two regions”**
Professor Peter Jarvis, University of Surrey, UK.
- 1415 - 1500 **Presentation 4: “Qualifications Systems to Promote Lifelong Learning; the Case of Recognition of Non-formal and Informal Learning”**
Dr. Patrick Werquin, Senior Analyst, CERI, OECD Directorate for Education
- 1500 - 1530 Coffee/Tea break
- 1530 -1600 **Presentation 5: “Bilateral, Regional and Inter-regional Cooperation in Lifelong Learning”- EU Perspective**
Ms. Anouk van Neck, Team Leader, Social Sector, Delegation of the European Commission to Vietnam
- 1550 - 1630 **Presentation 6: “Bilateral, Regional and Inter-regional Cooperation in Lifelong Learning”- ASEAN Perspective**
Professor Supachai Yavaprabhas, Director, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO)
- 1630 -1700 **Panel discussion on “Lifelong Learning in Vietnam”**
Vietnam’s Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Nguyen Thi Nghia; ASEM LLL Hub Chairman, Mr Arne Carlsen; Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs, Mr Dam Huu Dac.
- 1900 - 2130 **Dinner hosted by the Deputy Minister MOET, Vietnam at Imperial Huong Viet Restaurant, Sunrise Hotel.**

Friday 30th October, 2009 (Day 2)

Two Parallel Workshops

- 0900 - 1030 **Workshop 1: Initiatives, Trends and Policies for Lifelong Learning**
Venue: Summit Room, 1st floor, Yasaka Nha Trang Hotel

Moderator: Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung, Deputy Director General, MOET Vietnam
20 min. per presentation to provide key inputs for discussion.

Presentation 1A: “Financing Lifelong Learning in Denmark”

Mr. Joern Skovsgaard, Senior Advisor, Danish Ministry of Education

Presentation 1B: “Research and Policy Development in Lifelong Learning in China”

Dr. Rui Wang, Director of academic research Division, Committee of Lifelong Education research, Chinese Society of Educational Development Strategy, Ministry of Education, China.

Presentation 1C: “Lifelong Learning and Virtual University in India”

Professor S. Y. Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education

Presentation 1D: “Obstacles to Lifelong Learning in Vietnam and some Suggested Solutions”

Professor Pham Do Nhat Tien, Educational Sector Group in Vietnam

Rapporteur: Que Anh Dang, Head of the ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat

0900 - 1030 **Workshop 2: Initiatives, Trends and Policies for Lifelong Learning**
Venue: Grand Function, 1st Floor, Yasaka Nha Trang Hotel

Moderator: Mr. Arne Carlsen - Chairman of the ASEM LLL Hub

20 min. per presentation to provide key inputs for discussion.

Presentation 2A: “Implementation of Lifelong Learning Strategies in Korea”

Mr In Joo Park, President of Korean National Institute of Lifelong Learning

Presentation 2B: “Lifelong Learning and the Open University System in Vietnam”

Professor Pham Minh Viet, President of Hanoi Open University

Presentation 2C: “Thailand’s Experience and Lessons Learned from the Lifelong Learning Conference on e-Learning and Workplace Learning”

Dr. Thapanee Thammetar, Director of Thailand Cyber University Project, the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand

Presentation 2D: “Issues and Challenges of Non-Formal Education in Indonesia to Implementing Lifelong Learning for Adults”

Dr. Dr. Hurip Danu Ismadi, Deputy Director of Equivalency, Directorate General of Non formal and Informal, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia.

Rapporteur: Dr. Nguyen Loc, Deputy Director General, MOET, Vietnam

1030 - 1100 Coffee break

1100 - 1130 Round-up session, chaired by Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung, Deputy Director General, MOET, Vietnam
Reports on Parallel Sessions by the two Rapporteurs

1130 - 1200 Key statements and action plan.
By Dr. Nguyen Loc, Deputy Director General, MOET, Vietnam

1200 - 1330 [Conference Farewell Lunch at Babelone Restaurant, hosted the Danish Ministry of Education](#)

1400 - 1730 Nha Trang City Tour

7. Call for Papers

The MOET Vietnam is very pleased to invite all ASEM LLL reseachers/speakers making contribution to the Conference through a presentation. Presentations should focus on the workshop topic and each lasts 20 minutes, followed by 10 minute discussion (except for presentation 3 and 4 with broader theme).

Please send an abstract by 18 September (400 words, font arial 11, double space with the author's full contact details) and full paper by 2 October to Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, MOET Vietnam at nnhung@moet.edu.vn and Mr. Arne Carlsen, Chairman of the ASEM LLL Hub at asemLLL@dpu.dk. Interested contributors are requested to contact asemLLL@dpu.dk for the editorial style guidelines for full papers.

8. Contact addresses

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