ASEM LLL Conference "Lifelong Learning: e-Learning and Workplace Learning"
20-22 July 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

Sponsored by the Thai Ministries of Education and Labour, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Asia-Europe Foundation, the conference was organised by Thai Cyber University, the Thai Commission on Higher Education and the ASEM LLL Hub.

The two-day ASEM LLL conference with special focus on e-learning and workplace learning was opened by the Thai Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Korbsak Sabhavasu, followed by welcoming remarks from the Thai Education and Labour Ministers.

The event brought together 350 professors and young academics, adult educators and government officials from a wide variety of relevant organisations in Thailand and 50 representatives and researchers from a further 20 ASEM member countries. Indeed, the conference provided a forum for sharing research findings, regional experiences and developments in legislative, financial and organisational frameworks for promoting and supporting e-learning and workplace learning in the two regions’ countries.

16 presentations at the conference addressed trends and issues with respect to the ways in which existing infrastructures in diverse socio-cultural and geopolitical contexts may hinder or facilitate the development of e-learning and workplace learning.

Scholars from the ASEM LLL Hub Research Network on Workplace Learning focused on contextualising and recontextualising different forms of knowledge as people move between different sites of learning and practice (UK), the ways in which learning takes place in different phases of working life (Czech Republic) and facilitating organisational innovation through human resource practices (PR China). Those from the ASEM LLL Hub Research Network on e-Learning paid attention to new cooperation models for e-learning (Estonia, Japan, Korea); the contribution of social networks to e-learning; national and global sharing of e-learning resources (Japan, Portugal); quality assurance and standards in e-learning (Germany, Japan); and cultural factors in e-learning in Asia and Europe (Korea).

The conference also contributed to strengthening links between research and policy making in the Asian region, which feed into future strategies for enhancing the implementation of lifelong learning initiatives with respect to their e-learning and workplace learning dimensions.

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