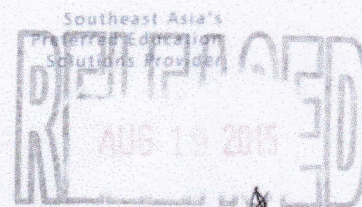




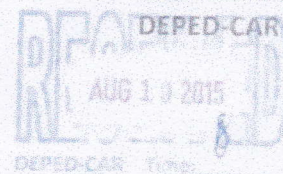
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REGIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

July 22, 2015



Dr. Ellen B. Donato  
Regional Director  
Department of Education CAR  
Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet



Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr. Donato,

SEAMEO INNOTECH 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference  
*A Better Future for Every Learner in Southeast Asia*  
SEAMEO INNOTECH, Quezon City ♦ December 8 to 9, 2015

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO INNOTECH) is convening the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the theme: *A Better Future for Every Learner in Southeast Asia* on December 8 to 9, 2015 at the SEAMEO INNOTECH in Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

The biennial International Conference serves as a platform for exchanging ideas, networking and sharing good practices among education stakeholders. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Conference focuses on young people, bringing them together in dialogue with policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders to shape the region's education agenda beyond 2015.

The intensive conversations are expected to yield innovative and practical inputs for the post-2015 agenda for education in the region. The views and sentiments of the youth nuanced by the experienced and pragmatic thoughts of experienced educators are expected to come together present their ideas to the leaders of SEAMEO.

In this regard, we hope to invite staff and youth representatives from DepEd CAR to the Conference. Enclosed, for your perusal, are the Conference Concept Note and other relevant documents which would find resonance in the DepEd CAR's broad mission of preparing the youth for productive and engaged citizenship in the future. Their views would be invaluable inputs to the envisaged Conference output document.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention; we look forward to hearing the voice of DepEd CAR in the Conference.

Very truly yours,

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## CONCEPT NOTE

### *A Better Future for Every Learner in Southeast Asia*

### The 14<sup>TH</sup> SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference

08 to 09 December 2015

#### Background and Purpose

SEAMEO INNOTECH has the mandate to generate new technologies and innovative solutions to develop the full potential of the peoples of Southeast Asia. Every two years, the Centre convenes an international conference to bring together new ideas, diverse perspectives and experiences garnered by education stakeholders in the region and beyond. The Conference serves as a platform for focused conversations on key issues on education and development. It serves as a way for the Centre to promote its knowledge products and solutions. The Conference seeks to surface fresh insights, emerging theories and effective practices to enrich the research and innovation agenda of the Centre. The IC also highlights the SEAMEO INNOTECH brand of service through its innovative and engaging learning experiences for participants.

The 14th SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference will move away from the traditional gathering of educators. The two-day future-oriented forum will also include youth leaders to encourage collaboration between educators and learners and expand their networks.

The youth-oriented focus for the 14<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference is inspired, in part, by the global discourse on setting an agenda for development and education. The young are the principal stakeholders in the emergent education and learning landscape. It is essential for their voice to be heard by the policy-makers amid competing interests and concerns. This is best articulated by the former UNESCO Director of Basic Education and DepEd Undersecretary, Dr. Victor Ordonez (2008), when, citing Mark Peasely, he had described the emerging reality where

"students think differently from us... they develop hypertext minds...they leap around... their cognitive structures are parallel, not sequential." They do homework with i-pod earphones on, watching a television screen that often has a running subscript, pop-ups and side bars of information. And they seem to absorb it all. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of urban students play video games (becoming an industry that has outgrown formal schooling), but only 37 % of their teachers have even tried one.

How do we close the divide between technological native learners; and the technology immigrant educators? Ushering in Centre's 9th Five Year Development Plan, the IC/14 is expected to give the Centre an opportunity to promote the programs even as the specific projects and activities may be refined by taking into account the views of the learners and youth leaders. These issues, among others, shall be explored through the two-day intensive dialogue with a view towards giving voice to the young people's views on how to shape the future of education in the region.



### **Prospective Participants**

This Conference will focus on the youth and their reflections on improving the quality of education in the region. Amidst the various fora engaging different stakeholders to shape a successor agenda to the Education for All (EFA) goals and action program forged in Jomtien (1990) and Dakar (2000), the voice of the youth – those who will eventually take up leadership roles and responsibilities – is an essential ingredient.

As part of engaging the youth, we will be harnessing the dominating influence of social media and technology popular in youth culture today.

Complementing the voice of the youth would be the participation of education and development leaders in the region, promising nuanced and innovative approaches to fulfilling the EFA goals articulated in the global discourse. Southeast Asia's demographics indicate that it is a region peopled by the young, and most SEA societies are getting younger.

### **Conference Design and Methodology**

Applying Open Space Technology as the principal conference methodology, the participants – comprising mainly of youth delegates – will have the opportunity to converse on issues they are passionate about. The methodology creates the space in which crucial and diverse viewpoints, issues and ideas are raised, deliberated and questioned. Underpinning it is the fundamental respect for individuals and the belief that everyone in the discussion has something to contribute that needs to be heard. The Conference, tapping into the collective wisdom of the participants, will carry forward action points about future possibilities of learning and education in the region.

It will culminate in a collective planning process to come up with a Southeast Asian young people's education agenda. In the final session of the Conference, this Education Agenda will be presented to Senior Officials of the Ministries of Education in Southeast Asia for their response and action.

While primarily an opportunity for youth-led thought-leadership, the Conference will also allow opportunities for educators and other stakeholders engaged in youth development initiatives to identify innovative strategies and approaches to support an inclusive youth education agenda for the region.

### **Conference Activities**

Aside from the participatory nature of the development of the Conference program, other associated events are envisaged to be organized in association with the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference. These associated events may be developed with the participation of the partners and co-organizers.

The broad Conference design will feature the following:

- Keynote presentations by eminent invited speakers (to be presented live, real-time tele presentations, or pre-recorded messages) articulating the perspectives from the young
- Poster presentations on specific issues and special interests
- Focused group discussion and conversations



- Exhibition of knowledge products and tools; and
- Continuing networking sessions among others

## **Partnerships**

To ensure broad participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference, the efforts at promoting the IC/14 would focus on the strategic partnerships established and nurtured by the Centre engaging stakeholders groups and institutions. Support of various partners will be sought to enable participation of the ordinary teachers, education workers and students who may not have the institutional support.

Private corporations, international organizations, foundations and bilateral development agencies, among others, will be tapped to support youth leaders. The promotion and marketing activities for the Conference also spring from the over-all partnership strategy, whereby institutional support from partners will be the anchor intervention. Face to face and intensive presentations and promotions will be done with key institutions, including the Ministries of Education, international organizations, mass media institutions, and other key partners.

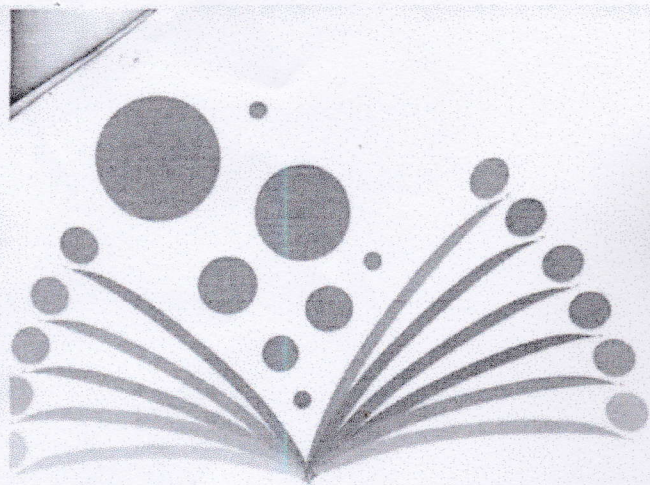
Most of the youth are online and connected, even those outside the education systems. Social media can be an effective tool to reach our audience and participants but can also be a great platform for our partners and sponsors to get their messages across through us. Social media can also help promote the conference through the social media channels of our partners and sponsors, thus exponentially widening our reach.

## **Conference Aims and Objectives**

The 14th SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference aligns to the SEAMEO INNOTECH purpose of promoting, identifying and helping solve common problems as well as anticipate education development needs in the region. The Center likewise assists SEAMEO Member States in identifying solutions to education concerns in individual countries. The two-day forum is envisaged to give the opportunity for young people and education policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders to come together in dialogue and together shape the education development agenda for the region.

At the end of the two-day conversation, innovative and practical inputs for the development agenda for education in the region, bringing together the views and sentiments of the youth and nuanced by the experienced and pragmatic thoughts of mature educators is expected to emerge. These inputs for the education agenda would be presented to the SEAMEO High Officials and Council of Ministers as inputs towards elaborating the region's education agenda.





# SEAMEO INNOTECH 2015 IC

*A better future for every  
learner in Southeast Asia*

December 8-9 | Metro Manila, PH

## Registration Form

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Gender:

Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Contact No.:

Email:

Company/Organization:

Position:

Country:

Citizenship:

Religion:

Dietary Requirements:

### REGISTRATION FEE

Youth participants: (15-24 Years Old)

☐ Early Bird Rate: USD 150.00 ☐ Regular Rate: USD 200.00

Leaders and Stakeholders: (Above 24 Years Old)

☐ Early Bird Rate: USD 200.00 ☐ Regular Rate: USD 250.00

### PAYMENTS

You may pay online or by bank transfer:

Philippine Peso

Account Name:

SEAMEO INNOTECH

Account Number:

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US Dollars

Account Name:

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Bank Account No:

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Bank:

Bank Address:

Bank of the Philippine Islands  
West Triangle Branch, Quezon Avenue,  
Quezon City, Philippines 1587  
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Swift Code:

You will receive an auto response shortly after you submitted the details of your registration. Once your payment is processed, you will get a receipt confirming your registration.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference secretariat could arrange your accommodation reservation at the following hotels. Payment will be charged to your personal account.

☐ SEAMEO INNOTECH International House

<http://www.seameo-innotech.org/innotech/facilities.htm>

De Luxe Room (Single/Twin Occupancy) Php2,300.00

Breakfast is not included in the package. You may go to SEAMEO INNOTECH cafeteria or UP Ayala Technohub, an establishment which is just a walking distance away from the Center, for your breakfast.

☐ Microtel by Windham UP Technohub

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☐ 1 Queen Bed Suite – PhP 4,487.17

☐ 2 Queen Beds Room – PhP 3,141.03

Period of stay: From ..... To .....

If you wish to share room with another participant, please write the name below:

*\*Note: The prevailing US Dollar-Php Peso exchange rate shall apply.*

Please fill out the form and email back to us  
Or send fax to +632 928 7913.



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## Ground Rules and Reminders

The 14<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference is a youth-oriented gathering open to participants aged 15 years and above. SEAMEO INNOTECH, as the conference organizer, affirms its belief in the young leaders of the region who are imbued strength of character, discipline and a more outward looking world view. Participants are thus expected to practice and internalize some of the Center's core values that emphasize respect for diversity, inclusiveness, and a sincere desire to learn from and share with other participants.

With that in mind, following are some reminders on what is expected of participants in SEAMEO INNOTECH learning sessions in order to ensure a safe, pleasant and non-threatening learning environment that is conducive to productive reflection and meaningful discussion:

1. SEAMEO INNOTECH maintains a drug-free and tobacco-free environment in keeping with Philippine Laws and city ordinances. Use of illegal drugs and drinking alcoholic beverage, including drunken or unruly behaviour are not permitted during sessions. Smoking is not allowed inside the SEAMEO INNOTECH grounds. Bringing in illegal substances into the country is a criminal offense.
2. Conference participants staying in the SEAMEO INNOTECH International House are expected to abide by the house rules. Delegates staying in other hotels are likewise expected to follow set rules for hotel guests.
3. Conference participants who are below 18 years old are encouraged to come in the company of a responsible adult who will be part of the delegation or team. A waiver or undertaking by the parent, guardian or a responsible official of the Ministry of Education may be required in case the participant is below 18 years old.
4. By registering in the Conference, the participants, particularly those below 18 years old, likewise give permission to SEAMEO INNOTECH for the use of their photos, uploaded comments, observations, Tweets and similar statements in the Conference's website and social media sites.
5. While everyone is encouraged to dress in comfortable clothes, all participants must likewise respect ethnic, cultural and religious sensibilities of other participants and thus attend the sessions in appropriate attire.
6. As the Conference organizers, the management and staff of SEAMEO INNOTECH have the duty to inform and seek advice from the despatching office or Ministry of Education and the delegate's Embassy/Mission in Manila in case of problems or issues about a delegate's behaviour.
7. Recognizing that participants may be passionate about certain issues and subjects, all are encouraged to respect differences in opinion and refrain from use of prejudicial and derogatory language.



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## Participant's Undertaking

Recognizing that SEAMEO INNOTECH strives to create a pleasant and safe atmosphere for all participants of the 14<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference, participants are expected to act and behave in keeping with the norms of an international gathering, animating the ideals of respect for diversity, inclusion and a common desire to learn and build the foundations of a shared future.

In this context as a participant of a SEAMEO INNOTECH learning event,  
I hereby undertake to:

- Recognize the peculiarities and demands of hosting delegates coming from a wide spectrum nationalities and countries, ethnicity, culture, religious beliefs, political and ideological persuasions, gender and representing specific sectors and interests;
- In keeping with SEAMEO INNOTECH rules, follow Philippine laws and local ordinances, particularly those against substance abuse, illegal drugs, smoking in public forums and similar rules set by the organizers;
- In being with participants who are below 18 years old, abide by the rules and expected behaviour of SEAMEO INNOTECH participants, characterized by respectful and responsible behavior during Conference sessions and especially outside the conference venue.

Having made this undertaking, I likewise give permission to SEAMEO INNOTECH to use and share my photos shared through social media, including comments and observations made, Tweets and similar material and statements made in the course of my participation. It is understood that use by SEAMEO INNOTECH of above-mentioned materials shall be subject to its internal rules and standards and used solely for educational, non-commercial purposes. Personal data submitted and recorded by SEAMEO INNOTECH shall not be disclosed to any third party.

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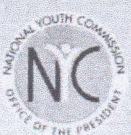


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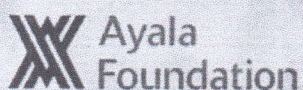
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At the end of the two-day forum, we hope to surface innovative and practical inputs to the education development agenda. These recommendations should bring together the passion and sentiments of the youth nuanced by the experience and expertise of seasoned education professionals. The youth's post-2015 education agenda would be presented to the high officials and ministers of education of Southeast Asia.

True to the Southeast Asian ways, these reflections will take place in a friendly, inclusive, and above all, fun manner.

## PROGRAM

Day 1: 08 December	Day 2: 09 December
08:00 — Opening Ceremony	08:30 — Morning News
10:00 — Opening the Circle and Agenda Making	10:00 — Future of Learning: Conversation Session 4
10:30 — Future of Learning: Conversation Session 1	11:00 — Future of Learning: Conversation Session 5
12:00 — Lunch	12:30 — Lunch
13:30 — Future of Learning: Conversation Session 2	14:00 — Drafting the Youth Education Agenda
15:00 — Poster Presentations at the Main Lobby	15:30 — Presentation of the Education Youth Agenda to High Officials
15:30 — Future of Learning: Conversation Session 3	16:30 — Closing the Circle
17:00 — Evening News	
18:30 — The Future Rocks! A Fellowship Dinner	

Pack your bags with special items that you can sell to other participants at the Silent Auction. This can be any product from your country that can showcase its uniqueness and specialty. Please provide a short description of the item you will bring.

You may also bring special food or beverage items from your country that you would want to share with others. This will be added to our snack table.