

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

ASEM Lifelong Learning Conference

“Increasing Opportunities and Removing Obstacles to 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 to 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 to 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 initiate the establishment of national institutes for lifelong learning within and/or between the two regions.

4. Times 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 organizations.
- 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)

0830 - 0900 Registration of the participants

0900 - 0910 Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Tran Ba Viet Dung, Director General of the International Cooperation Department, MOET, Vietnam.

0915 - 0930 Opening address

Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thien Nhan - Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of MOET of Vietnam

0930 - 0945 Opening address

H.E. Mr. Bertel Haarder - Minister of Education of Denmark

0945 - 1000 Opening address

H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan - 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 with the Deputy Prime Minister and the Ministers)

- 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”**
Director General of the Department of Continuing Education, MOET Vietnam
- 1200 - 1330 Conference lunch 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: “Bilateral, Regional and Inter-regional Cooperation in Lifelong Learning”- EU Perspective**
Ms. H el ene Clark, Director at the European Commission's Directorate General of Education and Culture.
- 1500 - 1530 Coffee/Tea break
- 1530 - 1600 **Presentation 5: “Bilateral, Regional and Inter-regional Cooperation in Lifelong Learning”- ASEAN Perspective**
Prof. Supachai Yavaprabhas, Director, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)
- 1600 - 1630 **Presentation 6: Access to Quality Lifelong Learning, a 21st Century Higher Education Solution for Developing Economies**
Sir John Daniel, the Commonwealth of Learning.
- 1630 -1730 **Panel discussion on “Lifelong Learning in Vietnam”**
Vietnam’s Minister of Education, ASEM LLL Hub chairman, Ministry of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs and president of a large Vietnamese company
- 1900 - 2130 Dinner hosted by the Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Education and Training of Vietnam

Friday 30th October, 2009 (Day 2)

Two Parallel Workshops

- 0900 - 1030 **Workshop 1: Initiatives, Trends and Policies for Lifelong Learning**
Moderator: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Hung, Deputy Director General, MOET Vietnam
20 min. presentations 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”**

Ms. 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”
Prof .S. Y. Shah, Director, international Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education

Rapporteur: Que Anh Dang, Academic Officer, ASEM LLL Hub Secretariat

0900 - 1030 **Workshop 2: Initiatives, Trends and Policies for Lifelong Learning**

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

20 min. presentations 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”
President of Hanoi Open University.

Presentation 2C: “Thailand’s Experience and Lessons Learned from the Lifelong Learning Conference on e-Learning and Workplace Learning, Bangkok July 2009”

Dr. Sumate Yamnoon, Secretary General of the Commission on Higher Education, Thai Ministry of Education.

Rapporteur: Prof. 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 Concluding remarks and action plan.
By MOET Vietnam

1200 - 1330 Conference Farewell Lunch

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).

All related information is available at: www.moet.gov.vn and www.dpu.dk/asem

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.

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