

Concept Note and Programme

World Teachers' Day is celebrated around the world on the 5th of October. It is also known by some as International Teachers' Day. The event was established in 1994, and it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the status of teachers*.

One and a half years into the COVID-19 crisis, World Teachers' Day 2021 will focus on the support teachers need to fully contribute to the recovery process. This year, the theme of the World Teachers' Day is '**Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery**'.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed significant challenges for teachers and led to enormous pressure on teachers. Teachers have to adapt and adopt to new alternative ways of teaching strategies/methods, while ensuring the decent learning outcomes of their students. The educational disruptions and school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have confirmed the crucial role of teachers in maintaining learning continuity, but also in sustaining the very dynamics of households, families and communities.

To celebrate the values of teachers on the World Teachers' Day during this pandemic, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) in collaboration with UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok), International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF) of France, and UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) of Russia will organise a SEAMEO-UNESCO-TTF-IITE Experts Forum and SEAMEO WTD e-Festival: Celebrating World Teachers' Day 2021 under the theme of the 2021 World Teachers' Day: 'Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery', on Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 10.00 – 12.00 hrs (GMT+7, BKK Time).

^{*} https://www.twinkl.com.ng/event/world-teachers-day-2021

A. WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Good practices on teacher-related policies on COVID-19 recovery
- Current issues of teachers, and institutional strategies for resilience-building in the post-COVID world
- Zero-investment innovative and practical ideas for successful recovery, resiliencebuilding, and reimagining education in the post-pandemic world from the outstanding video clips shared by teachers from Southeast Asia.

B. CO-ORGANISERS

- Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)
- UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok)
- International Teacher Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF), France
- UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, Russia (UNESCO IITE), Russia

C. SCHEDULE

Date: World Teacher's Day, Tuesday 5 October 2021 Time: 10.00 -12.00 hrs (GMT+7, BKK Time)

D. PARTICIPANTS

The SEAMEO-UNESCO-TTF-IITE Experts Forum & SEAMEO WTD e-Festival: Celebrating World Teachers' Day 2021 is offered for free via the SEAMEO Secretariat YouTube Live Channel.

We would like to welcome:

- Presidents, Directors, Principals
- Teacher Heads, Managers
- Teachers/ Lecturers from schools, TVET institutions, and universities.
- Educators, Researchers and Practitioners
- Students: TVET and University Students, Pre-Service Teacher Students

The **e-Certificate of Participation** will be provided to the participants who fill-up the "Certificate Validation Form" of which details will appear at the end of the event.

E. PRE-REGISTRATION

To participate in the session, the pre-registration is required using the following link or QR Code. The deadline of registration is on **Sunday 3 October 2021.**

https://link.seameo.org/WTDReg/20211005



F. TENTATIVE AGENDA:

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Time (GMT+7, BKK	Tentative Agenda
Time)	
9.45	Check in
10.00-10.05	 Welcome Message Dr Ethel Agnes Valenzuela, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat
10.05-10.15	Opening Message
	 Mr Shigeru Aoyagi, Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok) Representative, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
10.15-10.30	World Teachers' Day 2021 Messages
	 H E Dr Leonor Magtolis Briones (TBC) Secretary of Education and Vice President of SEAMEO Council Department of Education, Philippines
	 Dr Carlos Vargas Tamez (TBC) Chief of Section for Teacher Development, Head of the Secretariat of the International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030 (TTF), UNESCO Headquarters France
	 2020 Global Teacher (Varkey) Prize Winner Mr Ranjitsinh Disale (TBC) Zilla Parishad Primary School, India
10.30-10.50	Session I: Panel Presentations: 'Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery'
	 Dr Tao Zhan (TBC) Director, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE), Russia
	 Mr Anand Singh (TBC) Chief Regional Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific Education International
	1 Teacher Representative or Teacher Education Expert from a Member State of UNESCO and SEAMEO in the Asia-Pacific
	Moderator: Dr Wang Libing, Chief of the Section for Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Bangkok
10.50-11.00	Coffee Break (SEAMEO UNESCO-GPE-SEAMEO DTeEM Video)

11:00-11.50	Session II: SEAMEO WTD e-Festival of Innovative Teaching 'Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery'
	 Introduction of SEAMEO WTD e-Festival By Dr Kritsachai Somsaman, Deputy Director for Communication and Communication, SEAMEO Secretariat
	 Presentation of outstanding video clips on zero-investment innovative and practical ideas for successful recovery and resilience building from Southeast Asian teachers
11:50-12:00	Closing Message by the Director, SEAMEO Secretariat

To Join the YouTube Live Session https://link.seameo.org/WTD/20211005



G. FOR INQUIRIES

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