



SEAMEO JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS 2022

Investing on Lifelong Education For The Future of Southeast Asians

CONCEPT NOTE

1. Background

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, governments from various countries have had to impose a complete closure of all educational institutions and turn to home-based learning. The transformation from traditional classrooms to digital education has become an inevitable part of the comprehensive precautionary measures all around the world. Southeast Asia, which is so far home to over a million COVID-19 cases, was no exception. Students of Southeast Asian countries found themselves, overnight, with no option but remote education through the available digital tools.

The unforeseen move to virtual learning due to COVID-19 touched upon real problems in the Southeast Asian states' communication systems. Now that students are no longer offered physical communication with their teachers, the governmental educational authorities are obligated to provide accessible alternatives to contain the crisis and avoid further implications. During this journey, governments should get over the following hurdling road bumps.

Initiating more substantial efforts for lifelong learning helps to withstand the concept of never stopping learning throughout the lifetime. It's about being curious, eager to understand the world around us and reinventing our set of skills based on where we want to get next. Since education is a critical component of a country's human capital which helps economies to move up the value chain beyond manual tasks processes, investing in lifelong education could certainly promote longer-term investment in education.

2. Host Organisation

SEAMEO Secretariat, Bangkok, Thailand

3. Objectives

The objectives of the SEAMEO Journal Publications are as follows:

- a) To provide a platform for SEAMEO Ministries of Education/Higher Education and SEAMEO Regional Centres and Network to share plans that will contribute towards the vision for lifelong education in the Southeast Asia;
- b) To identify learning new skills which can open up new opportunities and possibilities that may develop an interest in an area which has never explored before; and
- c) To explore the concept of investing in lifelong education that could increase the potential educational projects throughout Southeast Asia.

4. Theme

The theme is “Investing on Lifelong Education For The Future of Southeast Asians”

5. Expected Outputs

- A collection of best practices to increase awareness of investing in lifelong education;
- Identify the methods to address the needs of gaining way forward in life long education;
- An assemble of recognition of lifelong learning and non-traditional qualifications in education; and
- Recognise various strategies to uplift the prospects of having broader range of skills to compete in the labor market.

6. Tentative Schedule

Tentative dates	Tentative Schedule
1 September 2022	Initiation of Article Submission
15 September 2022	Initial Notice of Acceptance or Rejection
1 October 2022	Article Submission Deadline
10 October 2022	Initial Review Article Acceptance
15 October 2022	Final Review of Article Acceptance
*31 October 2022	Final Notice of Acceptance or Rejection
*TBA	Revised Article Submission for Publication

7. Participants

The participants shall include the following:

- a) Ministries of Education/Higher Education of 11 SEAMEO Member Countries; and
- b) SEAMEO Regional Centres and Network
- c) Teachers/ Lecturers/ Educators

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