

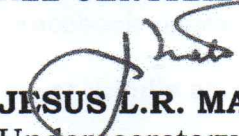



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MEMORANDUM

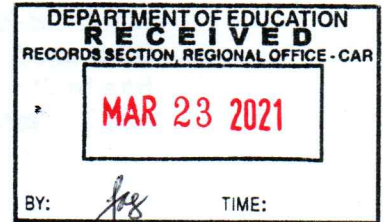
FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL

THRU : 
JESUS L.R. MATEO
Undersecretary for Planning, Human Resources and
Organizational Development

FROM : 
MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
Director IV

SUBJECT : **Invitation to the 2021 ASEAN-SEAMEO Webinar Series**
Session 2

DATE : 18 March 2021



The International Cooperation Office (ICO) is conducting the **2021 ASEAN and SEAMEO Month Webinar Series**. The webinar series will be held once a month from February to November 2021. Following Brunei Darussalam's theme for its ASEAN Chairmanship this 2021, *We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper*, the webinar series will feature relevant issues and sharing of policy responses related to COVID-19 from the Southeast Asian region to provide the policymakers and stakeholders with a platform to engage with one another.

Anchored on the ASEAN Declaration on Culture of Prevention (CoP), Development of the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025, and the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas, the 2nd session of the series will have the theme **"Impacts of the New Normal on Mental Wellbeing: A Discussion with Teachers and Learners."** The back-to-back webinar will be conducted on **24 and 25 March 2021 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Manila time)**.

This particular session aims to highlight the mental health issues that have been experienced during the shift to online and/or blended learning. The ICO wishes to provide a platform for policymakers, teachers, learners, and parents to present their perspectives and come up with recommendations that will help the education sector promote mental health initiatives.

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To register for the event, kindly access the links:




Day 1: <https://tinyurl.com/yja72w68>

Day 2: <https://tinyurl.com/yzbzs8f>

Please note that all minors who are interested to join our upcoming webinars are highly encouraged to consult with their parent/guardian first before registering.

Kindly find concept note, program of activities, and webinar poster for easy reference. For further coordination on the matter, your staff may contact the International Cooperation Office through email at ico@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

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Attachments:

Concept Note

Program of Activities

Webinar Poster



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2021 ASEAN-SEAMEO Webinar Series

*Session 2: Impacts of the New Normal on Mental Wellbeing
A Discussion with Teachers and Learners*

March 24, 2021 | 14:00 – 16:00 GMT +8
via StreamYard and Facebook Live

Program of Activities

14:00 – 14:10	Opening Formalities Philippine National Anthem ASEAN Anthem SEAMEO Colors Prayer
14:10 – 14:20	Opening Message Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio (<i>tbc</i>) Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction, Department of Education
14:20 – 14:30	Regional Initiatives on Addressing Mental Health Issues <i>Keynote Speech</i> H.E. Kung Phoak Deputy Secretary General for ASCC, ASEAN Secretariat
14:30 – 14:40	ASEAN Chair's Initiatives on Mental Health Cooperation in Education <i>Keynote Speech</i> Dr. Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati binti Haji Tajuddin (<i>tbc</i>) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education SOM-ED Brunei
14:40 – 15:05	Impacts of the New Normal on the Mental Health of Teachers <i>Sharing of Experience, Challenges, and Best Practices</i> Assoc. Prof. Vongduen Osay Deputy Director General, Department of Teacher Education Ministry of Education and Sports Lao PDR Mr. Mark Airon P. Creus Principal, Juliano C. Brosas Elementary School

	<p>Division of General Trias City Philippines</p>
15:05 – 15:30	<p>Addressing Mental Health Issues in the New Normal <i>Sharing of Initiatives and Policy Responses</i></p> <p>Ms. Jenelle Babb Regional Advisor on Education for Health and Wellbeing UNESCO Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Dr. Sandra B. Tempongko Deputy Coordinator, SEAMEO TROPMED Network</p> <p>Ms. Ronilda Co (tbc) Director IV, DepEd Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service</p>
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Photo Opportunity</p> <p>Open Forum: Policy Recommendations/Strengthening Support to Mental Health Initiatives in Basic Education</p> <p>Moderator: Angelito R. Cortez, Jr., RGC Supervising Education Program Specialist, DepEd BLD-SID</p> <p>Awarding of Virtual Certificates to the Speakers</p>
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Closing Message</p> <p>Engr. Alain Del B. Pascua Undersecretary for Administration, Department of Education</p>



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March 25, 2021 | 14:00 – 16:00 GMT +8
via StreamYard and Facebook Live

Program of Activities

14:00 – 14:15	Opening Formalities Philippine National Anthem ASEAN Anthem SEAMEO Colors Prayer
14:15 – 14:25	Opening Message Ms. G.H. S. Ambat (<i>tbc</i>) Assistant Secretary for ALS, Department of Education
14:25 – 14:35	Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Blended Learning on the Mental Health of Learners <i>Keynote Speech</i> Dr. Ma. Corazon C. Dumlao (<i>tbc</i>) Chief Health Program Officer, BLSS – School Health Division
14:35 – 14:50	Addressing Physical and Mental Stress in the New Normal Dr. Clarissa F. Delariarte, RGC, RPsy (<i>tbc</i>) Associate Professor, De La Salle University Ms. Cristine Alcala (<i>tbc</i>) Life Coach, Keys School Manila
14:50 – 15:25	Shared Responsibility among Learners, Parents, and Teachers <i>Sharing of Experience, Challenges, and Best Practices</i> Invited Students SDO Quezon City and Region 10 Invited Parent Teacher Nanay from Region 5 Ms. Ena R. Tamayo Teacher, Kalayaan High School

	Division of Pasay
15:25 – 15:45	Photo Opportunity Open Forum: How to Cope with Mental and Physical Stress Due to Blended Learning Moderator: Mr. Lito A. Palomar (tbc) Director III, DepEd Bureau of Learning Delivery
15:45 – 15:50	Awarding of Virtual Certificates to the Speakers
15:50 – 16:00	Closing Message Ms. Alma Ruby Torio (tbc) Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Instruction, Department of Education



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2021 ASEAN AND SEAMEO WEBINAR SERIES

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The International Cooperation Office (ICO) is anchored on the goal of enhancing the institutional capacity of the Department of Education in developing, coordinating, managing, and consequently, fulfilling international commitments of the country. The office is also mandated to serve as the clearing house for all international transactions within the Department of Education and to strengthen the ties of the Department to its international partners, including bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

As the Philippine representative to ASEAN education sector and SEAMEO, the Department of Education serves as the main focal point for regional initiatives related to education. Thus, it is part of ICO's mandate to facilitate cooperation between the Department and its partner agencies and organizations.

ASEAN Declaration on Declaration on Culture of Prevention

The ASEAN leaders adopted the Declaration on Culture of Prevention (CoP) for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society at the 31st ASEAN Summit on 13 November 2017. The Culture of Prevention Agenda aims to promote and embed a culture of preventive mindset at all levels to address the root causes of social issues including violence, environmental degradation and quality of life. One of the lead sectoral bodies of the six (6) thrusts of the CoP is the Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), in partnership with the Senior Officials Responsible for Information (SOMRI). Specifically, SOM-ED and SOMRI lead the implementation of Thrust 6 on promoting a culture supporting the values of moderation.

Development of the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025

The ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025 is currently being reviewed by SOM-ED to ensure that relevant education issues and concerns in ASEAN are addressed by the new Work Plan. One of the priorities of the Philippines, as SOM-ED Chair, is to promote enhanced regional cooperation on all levels of education, including basic education, higher education, and TVET. Especially in this time of pandemic, it is of utmost importance that policy reforms and regional efforts are responsive to the demands of society and inclusive to all sectors of society.

SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is a regional intergovernmental organization, established in 1965, that promotes regional cooperation in education, science and culture in the region.

SEAMEO aims to improve people's lives in the Southeast Asian region through quality and equity in education, preventive health education, culture and tradition, information and communication technology, languages, poverty alleviation and agriculture and natural resources.

The organization, with its 26 regional centres and network, anchors its projects and programmes on the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas (2015-2035). In this time of uncertainty and crisis, these priority areas served as the foundation for SEAMEO's policy responses and recommendations for its members. True to its mandate, SEAMEO has provided innovative assistance to its members in the form of online training, online discussions, and policy recommendations during the pandemic.

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Webinar Topic	Target Month
Back-to-Back ASEAN and SEAMEO Kick-off Webinar: Promoting Cyber Safety in Basic Education	February 2021
Impacts of the New Normal on Mental Wellbeing: A Discussion with Teachers and Learners	March 2021
Promoting TVET in ASEAN	April 2021
ASEAN Higher Education Mobility in the New Normal	May 2021
Early Childhood Care and Special Education in the New Normal	June 2021
Road to a Better Normal: Building Back Better after the COVID-19 Pandemic	July 2021
Addressing Barriers to Inclusion and Ensuring Resiliency in Times of Crisis	August 2021
Celebrating a Future-Ready HRD in ASEAN	September 2021
Adopting a 21st Century Curriculum	October 2021
Revitalizing Teacher Education: A Short Lecture Series	November 2021

Objectives of the Webinar Series

The webinar series aims to promote ASEAN and SEAMEO awareness and responsiveness within the education sector and its stakeholders. Specifically, the webinars aim:

- a. To introduce the International Cooperation Office, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the SEAMEO Secretariat;
- b. To provide a platform for DepEd policymakers and stakeholders to discuss important issues in education;
- c. To promote ASEAN and SEAMEO regional initiatives in education, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

- d. To gather recommendations for policy reform and enhanced regional cooperation in basic education, higher education, and TVET.

Target Speakers

In order to achieve the above mentioned objectives, the webinar series will invite resource speakers who are experts on the proposed webinar topics. With the help of the ASEAN Secretariat and the SEAMEO Secretariat, the organizers will be inviting speakers from the following organizations as well:

- a. Department of Education;
- b. Commission on Higher Education;
- c. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
- d. Ministries of Education in Southeast Asia;
- e. SEAMEO Regional Centres and Network;
- f. ASEAN Partner Institutions; and
- g. Other experts.

Target Participants

The webinar series is expected to benefit the following audience:

- a. DepEd Central Office officials and personnel;
- b. DepEd Regional Offices/Field Offices;
 - Regional Director - (Region I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, NCR, BARMM)
 - All other interested teaching and non-teaching personnel in the regional and field offices
- c. Teaching and non-teaching personnel in Southeast Asian Ministries of Education;
- d. Filipino learners and their parents; and
- e. All interested stakeholders.

Webinar Platform

The webinar series will be hosted via Zoom/Streamyard and will be broadcasted on Facebook live via the DepEd PH and DepEd-International Cooperation Office Facebook pages.