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6th UNESCO-APEID MEETING ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

Designing a Relevant and Innovative Entrepreneurship Education: Towards Mutual Recognition of Qualifications in ASEAN, East and South Asia

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*UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok, Thailand
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In cooperation with

*University of Santo Tomas, Philippines
Office of the Mayor, The Quezon City Government*

Concept Note

The UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education in Bangkok, Thailand, established the UNESCO Entrepreneurship Education Network (EE-Net) in 2012 to enhance entrepreneurship education in the Asia-Pacific region. With an interest in a broad range of issues including an ecosystem to support entrepreneurship education, sustainable businesses and job generation through entrepreneurship, the EE-Net aims to create change in the education landscape to contribute to a vibrant and prosperous region.

The development and promotion of entrepreneurship education among the younger members of society today is attracting substantial attention in many countries. Seen to be an effective approach for economic growth, entrepreneurship – embodying creativity and innovativeness among other attributes – is rallying calls for greater commitment and investment from both the public and private sectors to increase the capacities of stakeholders in education to nurture young entrepreneurs.

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The Sustainable Development Goal 4 or Education 2030 Agenda – *ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all* – has set a specific target for entrepreneurship: 1

Target 4.4: By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.

Meeting this target will require the collaboration of all actors, including UNESCO EE-Net members. Existing models for collaboration such as the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2 promoting the free flow of goods, investment, and human capital, including skilled labor through mutual recognition of professional qualifications, are good sources to identify areas for joint efforts to strengthen and implement human resource development for the 21st century. In fact, collaboration among ASEAN Member States, and between ASEAN and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, is ever more crucial given the extent of globalization in an increasingly interconnected world.

For the past 5 years, UNESCO EE-Net meetings provided rich information of best practices and lessons learned in response to calls for more relevant and effective entrepreneurship programmes at the tertiary level. There is high interest in creating a flexible and enriched entrepreneurship education curriculum that will be useful for ASEAN and other sub-regions in Asia and the Pacific, indicating that the time is right to discuss the “future of things” through a novel cross-border entrepreneurship education curriculum.

Co-organized by UNESCO Bangkok Office, the Commission on Higher Education and Miriam College of the Philippines, and in cooperation with the University of Santo Tomas and the Office of the Mayor of the Quezon City Government, the 6th UNESCO-APEID EE-Net meeting aims to respond to this call for a common framework for entrepreneurship curricula and programs in the region. This is an ambitious goal but its achievement will multiply opportunities for harmonizing entrepreneurship education that is contextualized and aligned with national goals. Such an achievement will also help to empower the citizens of ASEAN and other Asia-Pacific countries to respond to global demands and contribute constructively to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The theme of this meeting, *Designing a Relevant and Innovative Entrepreneurship Education: Towards Mutual Recognition of Qualifications in ASEAN, East and South Asia*, sets the stage for an “Action Year” where clear outcomes, continuity and future sustainability will be of prime importance. The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Define a model of an “Entrepreneurship Program and Curriculum” within the domain of a ***Mutually Recognized Qualification/Agreement*** (MRQ/A) for ASEAN, East and South Asia as sub-regions in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve the SDG 4-Education Agenda 2030, covering the following areas:
 - Curriculum standards, qualifications, foundation discipline, program outcomes, assessment;
 - Pedagogy, methodologies, approaches, materials;
 - Capacity building on professional training, education and development programs for educators, trainers and students;
 - Entrepreneurship research and assessment;
 - Emerging hybrids or specializations in the areas of social, youth, women, technology or creative industry entrepreneurs; and
 - Ecosystem of enabling centers or facilities from private or government initiatives.

¹ UNESCO, 2015. Incheon Declaration. World Education Forum, Incheon, Republic of Korea. <http://en.unesco.org/world-education-forum-2015/incheon-declaration>; UN, 2016. The Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

² ASEAN Secretariat, 2015, ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025. <http://www.asean.org/storage/images/2015/November/aec-page/AEC-Blueprint-2025-FINAL.pdf>.

- Develop specific, achievable and realistic factors and action plans in each of these six areas as important foundation input to the MRQ/A for ASEAN, East and South Asia;
- Establish a network or consortium for sharing, exchange and collaboration of ideas and expertise to support the *Mutual Recognition of Qualifications and Standards for ASEAN, East, and South Asia* at the tertiary education level.

Participants

About 100 participants composed of policy makers, educators, entrepreneurs, professionals, and youth representatives, experts as resource persons from the Asia-Pacific region are expected to attend the meeting. The participants will be selected based on their commitment and contribution to the 6th UNESCO-APEID meeting's common vision and long-term goals.

The organizers in the Philippines will cover local costs – 4 nights' accommodation checking in on October 22 and checking out on October 26, 2017) and meals during the meeting. All participants have to cover their own travel costs and miscellaneous expenses.

Since space is limited, those interested in attending the meeting must submit an [Application form](#) by **Friday, August 18, 2017**.

Applicants from the Philippines should submit their applications to the following address:

UNESCO EE Net Philippine Chapter – Miriam College
 College of Business, Entrepreneurship, Accountancy
 Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, Quezon City, 1108
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 Email: unescoenetphilippines2017mc@gmail.com

Applicants from other countries should submit their applications to:

EE-Net Secretariat
 UNESCO Bangkok
 Thailand
 Email: eenet@unesco.org
 EE-Net Portal: <http://www.unesco-eeenet.org/>

Selected participants will be notified by the organizers by Friday, August 28, 2017.

Venues

- Novotel Quezon City (tbc)
- Miriam College, Quezon City Philippines: SMT Lecture Halls/Innovation Center
- University of Santo Tomas, College of Commerce and Business Administration – Entrepreneurship Department

Tentative Schedule

Dates	Event Description	Venue
Sunday 22 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arrival and check into hotel	Novotel Quezon City (tbc)
Monday 23 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Day 1 ProgramWelcome Night hosted by the Commission on Higher Education	Miriam College
Tuesday 24 October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Day 2 ProgramCultural Night and Dinner	University of Santo Tomas
Wednesday 25 October 2017	Morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quezon City Cultural Visit/TripLunch hosted by Quezon City Government Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closing Sessions and End of Meeting	Morning Quezon City Government, Office of the Mayor, Hon. Mayor Herbert Bautista Afternoon Miriam College
Thursday 26 October 2017	By 12:00 noon <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check out/Departure	

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