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**OECD Southeast Asia Regional Policy Network on Education and Skills
and
GIZ Regional Cooperation Programme to Improve the Training of TVET
Personnel (RECOTVET)**

“The role of the private sector in skills development and employment”

**8th annual expert meeting of the initiative on Employment and Skills Strategies
in Southeast Asia (ESSSA) and
4th Regional Policy Dialogue on TVET**

**11-12 October, 2016
Cebu, Philippines**

AGENDA

Tuesday 11 October 2016

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sylvain Giguere, Head of Division, OECD LEED Programme • Dr. Nils Geissler, Programme Director, GIZ/RECOVET, Vietnam • Mr. Kelly Bird, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, Asia Development Bank • Undersecretary Dominador R. Say, Department of Labor and Employment
09:30	Group photo/ media interviews
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee/tea break
10:00-12:00	<p>Session I: The role of training levies in financing the expansion of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Southeast Asia</p> <p>Chair: Australia</p> <p><i>Objective: This session will examine the potential of training levies as a means to broaden the financing base for skills development in Southeast Asia. The session aims to draw relevant conclusions for policy on the use of levies in the region, highlighting examples of levy schemes within, and outside, Southeast Asia that can inform the future improvement of levy systems.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Fordham, OECD • Anil Verma, University of Toronto, Canada • Rony Ambrose Gobilee, Human Resource Development Fund, Malaysia

12:00-13:30	Lunch break Feria (all day buffet dining)
13:30-15:30	<p>Session II: Engaging employers in skills development and utilisation at the local level</p> <p>Chair: Philippines</p> <p><i>Objective: This session will seek to identify good practices for employer engagement in the areas of both developing and utilising skills, including designing effective partnerships with the employment service and TVET system. The session will highlight programme case studies that have demonstrated success in engaging employers, including how best to reach SMEs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Barr, OECD • Dr. Numyoot Songthanapitak, Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna (RMUTL), Thailand • Affero Ismail, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia • Mr Kelly Bird, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
15:30- 16:00	Coffee/Tea break
16:00- 17:30	<p>Session III: Shaping Framework Conditions for Private Sector Engagement</p> <p>Chair: Australia</p> <p><i>Objective: In this session participants will elaborate on opportunities and challenges for public authorities to create favourable framework conditions for private-sector engagement in TVET Delivery. Specifically looking at opportunities to institutionalize the cooperation between private and public stakeholders in the integration of learning and working at the workplace, e.g. through the common definition of occupational standards and coordinated forms of assessment.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Felicidad Zurbano, TESDA, Philippines • Mr. Scott Neil, Department of Education and Training, Australia • Mr. Mohamad Yacoob, Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia • Mr. Ha Sang Jin, HRD Korea
19:00- 21:00	<p>Welcome Dinner hosted by DOLE</p> <p><i>Chateau de Busay Inn and Restaurant – This is nestled on the Top Hills of Busay, Cebu City with a breathtaking view of lush green mountains and the Cebu cityscape. The Chateau is a 30-minute ascent from the metropolis.</i></p>
Wednesday 12 October 2016	
09:00-9:15	<p>Overview of second day</p> <p><i>Objective: Welcome participants back to the second day of the meeting and provide a brief overview of breakout sessions.</i></p>
09:15-11:00	<p>Session IV: Break- out sessions</p> <p><i>Participants are invited to attend one of the two following break-out sessions.</i></p> <p><i>Group 1 (Niña Ballroom): Effective job matching strategies and how best for employment</i></p>

	<p><i>services to engage with employers. This session will encourage a dialogue on how employment services can engage the private sector in helping to match individuals with job opportunities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Sinclair, National Employment Services Association, Australia (moderation) • Mr. Sourisack Souphanthong, Department of Skills Development and Employment, Laos PDR • Mr. Somean Kuoch, National Employment Agency, Cambodia • Ruth Rodriguez, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines <p><i>Group 2 (San Martin Function Room): Competence development for in-company trainers to support the labour-market orientation of TVET. This session will encourage a dialogue on how companies can put in place effective and accessible training programmes for workers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abigail Lanceta, Assistant Director, Education, Youth & Sport Division, ASEAN (moderation) • Tonny Pongoh, Deputy Director, Polytechnic Manufacture ASTRA Indonesia • Siriporn Parvikam, Senior Programme Officer, GIZ-RECOTVET, Thailand
11:00-11:20	Coffee/Tea break
11:20-12:00	<p>Session V: Report back on breakout sessions</p> <p>Co-chairs: Philippines and Australia</p> <p><i>Objective: This session will enable delegates to report back and summarise key issues that were discussed during the breakout sessions.</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Future directions</p> <p>Objective: This session will focus on the future research agenda of the network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Neil, Department of Education, Australia
12:15 – 12:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sylvain Giguere, Head of Division, OECD LEED Programme • Dr. Nils Geissler, Programme Director, GIZ/RECOVET, Vietnam • Mr. Kelly Bird, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, Asia Development Bank • Undersecretary Dominador R. Say, Department of Labor and Employment
12:45-13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 18:00	<p>Cultural tour</p> <p>Delegates are welcome to join a Cebu City Tour, which will include the Heritage Monument, Magellan’s Cross, Basilica del Santo Niño, and Fort de San Pedro.</p> <p>Following the city tour, visits to local employers will be organized, including Kenneth Cobonpue Furnitures and San Miguel Brewery .</p>