International Conference
“Quality Education amidst Socio-Economic and Technological Change: Perspectives & Direction”

15-16 September 2009
Venue: The National Institute for Development of Teachers, Faculty Staff and Educational Personnel (NIDTEP), Nakhon Pathom Province, Thailand.

1. Rationale

Education lays the foundations for economic, social and political development of a country. It provides the key to alleviating poverty, enhancing human security and building longer term resilience in the face of global change. In the 2008 Mid Decade Assessment on Education For All (EFA) many countries were able to report success in terms of increasing access to education. This has lead to a shift in focus towards quality oriented improvements. Regional integration is crucial to the enhancement of educational quality mobilize to increase competitiveness and reap the benefit of globalization.

Quality education is dynamic. It takes into account local and national needs while still being responsive to global trends and innovations. It is characterized by flexible forms of delivery and adaptability in terms of content. It identifies and builds the necessary knowledge and skills among learners that will lead to a widening of opportunities and career paths. Strong educational leadership and high levels of competency among teachers are an essential element in the quality equation.

In this regard, the National Institute for Development of Teachers, Faculty Staff and Educational Personnel (NIDTEP), in partnership with the Bureau of International Cooperation, the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thailand, in collaboration with the SEAMEO Secretariat, are hosting a two-day international conference focusing on quality education. The conference, entitled, “Quality Education amidst Socio-Economic and Technological Change: Perspectives & Direction”, serves as a forum where educational personnel, in particular school administrators, can share practical experiences and consider progress made in educational management, capacity building among educational personnel, building a knowledge society, and instructional innovations.

The event takes place from 15 to 16 September 2009 at the NIDTEP, Nakorn Pathom, Thailand.

2. Objectives

1. To serve as a forum to exchange knowledge and research findings to build a shared vision for educational development
2. To identify opportunities for joint academic research and cooperation
3. To establish a network for educational personnel to improve educational management among participating countries
3. **Expected Outcomes**

1. A network of educational personnel and school administrators will be established and strengthened
2. Cooperation on educational quality development by educational personnel and ministerial officers will be enhanced
3. Joint research projects on development of educational quality will be promoted
4. Case studies presented by individual speakers and lesson learned during the conference will be compiled in the conference proceeding

4. **Target Group**

The conference targets approximately 300 participants including: education administrators, project managers, representatives from national, regional and international government agencies and institutions, education related organizations and professional bodies.

5. **Theme and Sub-Themes**

**Theme:** Quality Education for All Amidst Socio-Economic and Technological Change

**Sub-themes:**

1. Educational leadership
   - Change Management
2. Effective Approaches to Teaching and Learning
   This issue concerns the use of educational technology and its integration in classroom teaching and teacher training. It also looks at ways to include teaching disadvantaged or unreached groups of students, and teaching students of culturally diverse background.
3. Professional Development for Teachers
4. Quality Assurance in Education

6. **Call for Papers**

Individuals from the identified target groups are cordially invited to attend and present 20-minute case studies based on action research identifying which of the sub-themes is being addressed. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 25 August 2009. All abstracts, written in English and not exceeding 250 words, should be submitted as an e-mail attachment to natchakarn@hotmail.com, and phim_ot@yahoo.com, and kanittha_ha@yahoo.com

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7. **Registration**

   Please complete the information in the Reply Form and the Paper Submission Form from the conference website: www.nidtep.go.th/conference.

8. **Accommodation**

   Rose Garden Riverside Hotel is one hour drive from Bangkok. Located in the heart of Nakorn Pathom, it is close to the famous tourist attractions, such as Pra Pathom Chedi – the large pagoda housing Buddha’s relics – and the bustling Don Wai Riverside Market. The hotel is only a short trip to the conference venue. For further information on the accommodation, please visit www.nidtep.go.th/conference.
# Conference Schedule

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At the National Institute for Development of Teachers, Faculty Staffs and Educational Personnel (NIDTEP),  
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**Application Form**

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**Types of Accommodation (Please select one)**

- Single ........................................... room (s)
- Twin ........................................... room (s)

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**For speakers only**

**Flight Details**

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**Please fill in this form by 25 August 2009 and send it back to:**

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**Paper Submission Form**

1. Title of Presentation

2. Author

3. Organization/Department/Affiliate Name and Contacts

4. Abstract *(Not exceeding 250 words)*

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