

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN TVET FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN KATHMANDU, NEPAL



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Dear Readers,

CPSC ends the year 2018 with numerous achievements that further strengthened its position as a trusted, effective organization for TVET development in the region.

For a period of October to December, we have successfully organized two international conferences in Nepal and India pertaining to the role of TVET in Socio-Economic Transformation and Quality and Sustainable TVET, respectively. I have met with the respected Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Nepal, H.E. Ishwor Pokherel, during the international conference in Kathmandu and had the opportunity to inform him regarding CPSC and its role in the event. CPSC also facilitated the signing of the Kathmandu Declaration 2018 that verbalizes the need for a commitment to further introduce TVET innovations to address 20th century challenges.

We are grateful for the experts' and administrators involvement and cooperation in these events, with some coming not only from our member countries but from countries as far as Ecuador and Mexico.

The Regional Programs which were organized simultaneously with these events generated relevant country-based papers that in turn, provided additional academic resources to CPSC's stakeholders. This is also a way to document the lessons, ideas and innovations presented by the participants of these programs.

In addition to these activities, In-Country Programs held in Nepal and Thailand imparted new techniques in handling strategic planning and TVET image-building, respectively. We are optimistic that through these activities, we are able to contribute significantly to the development of TVET institutions in these aforementioned countries.

This period also highlighted the study visits of Nepalese and Bhutanese TVET personnel not only within the Philippines but also in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. These programs continue to affirm CPSC's reputation as an effective network partner that is capable of linking organizations with other regional institutions despite its reliance on online means for coordination and logistical arrangements.

It has also been another busy period for APACC as it oversaw four onsite visits in Malaysia and the Philippines, an Accreditors' Refresher Training and a meeting of the Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA) in Songkhla, Thailand. These are necessary to continue APACC's drive towards involving more institutions towards an effective mechanism for institutional accreditation.

These are just part of a very fruitful last three months of 2018 and we look forward now to the continuation of our programs and services in the coming months.

As we are commemorating a global celebration of Christmas, we wish that you have meaningful celebrations with your family and loved ones wherever you are in the world. We in CPSC will continue to be proactive in meeting not only our targets, but the high expectations of our community, which includes you, our dear reader.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramhari Lamichhane'.

Ramhari Lamichhane, PhD

Director General

CPSC ATTENDS 46TH CCM IN HANOI, VIETNAM

The Colombo Plan Staff College participated in the 46th Colombo Plan Consultative Committee Meeting (CCM) hosted by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Hanoi from October 29 to 31, 2018. More than 60 delegates representing the 26 member countries of the Colombo Plan, observers and international organizations gathered for the highest review and policy making biennial event of the cooperation.



The Colombo Plan Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Dr. Phan Kieu Thu addressing the delegates of the 46th CCM Opening Ceremony



46th CCM Chairperson H.E. Mr. Le Hoai Trung along with the delegates from 26 Member Countries

The official meeting began with an opening ceremony on October 30, 2018, which had Mr. Dao Ngoc Dung, Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA), Vietnam as the Chief Guest. Along with him and the Colombo Plan Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Dr. Phan Kieu Thu on the presidential table are the Chairperson of the 46th CCM H.E. Mr. Le Hoai Trung, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam; Colombo Plan Council President H.E. Mr. Mohamed Hussain Shareef, Ambassador of Maldives to Sri Lanka; and the Chairperson of the 45th CCM H.E. Yogesh Punja, High Commissioner of Fiji to India.

The meeting continued with the Country Report of Vietnam, which was focused on the country's best practices in women empowerment and gender equality. The Secretary General proceeded with the presentation of the Colombo Plan's accomplishments in the past two years and was followed by the reports of CP's major programs, which include the Drug Advisory Programme, Gender Affairs Programme and the Long-Term Scholarship Program.

On behalf of the CPSC Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Executive Secretary Mr. Bryan Noel Lazaro presented the Staff College's Biennial Report, covering fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. For the period under report, CPSC was able to organize 78 programs benefiting 5,710 stakeholders.

Aside from the comments and suggestions gathered from the outputs of three regional group parallel sessions on the last day regarding the different programs and way forward for the Colombo Plan, the 46th CCM also adopted CPSC's Biennial Report. The Council President also encouraged all member countries of the Colombo Plan to consider activating or reactivating their memberships to CPSC. The members also accepted the Government of Sri Lanka's proposal to host the 47th CCM in Colombo in 2020.



CPSC Executive Secretary, Mr. Bryan Lazaro, presenting the CPSC Biennial Report

Technological and societal developments and growing concerns about climate change, environmental degradation and scarcity of resources. Because of the importance and urgency of these concerns, the topic of TVET for Socio-Economic Transformation was selected as the theme for the Regional Program (RP) organized jointly by the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), Manila the Diploma Engineers Association, Nepal (DEAN) and the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT), Nepal. It was held from October 1-3, 2018 at the Hotel Marsyangdi in Thamel, Kathmandu, Nepal.



Dr. Pramod Shrestha (center) orienting the participants about the program arrangements.



Participants visiting the Balaju Technical College.

REGIONAL PROGRAM IN NEPAL EMPHASIZES THE ROLE OF TVET IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

The event was attended by 23 officials, administrators and TVET experts from Bhutan, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand, as well as representatives from the Institute of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh (IDEB) and Diploma Engineers Association of Nepal (DEAN).

The lectures and presentations of the speakers were designed for the participants to identify appropriate approaches and techniques for TVET systems and outlined the processes and tools to be used in achieving socio-economic transformation. It is also

expected that they will be able to develop appropriate strategies and framework to address TVET socio-economic transformation issues. An understanding of the concept of entrepreneurship and leadership in TVET is also expected through the development of a suitable action-based Plan for TVET Pathways for socio-economic transformation.

In addition to the classroom lectures, a study visit to the Balaju Technical School in Kathmandu was also included to provide an example of the operations of an actual TVET institution.

The program was supervised by a tripartite committee headed by Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director

General; Mr. Pushpa Raman Wagle, CTEVT Member Secretary and Engr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, President of DEAN. Local arrangements were facilitated by Prof. Pramod B. Shrestha, PhD, the Former Professor & Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University. He was assisted by the local coordinators: Mr. Tek Bahadur Malla, Director of the CTEVT Technical Division and Engr. Jibran Ghimire, General Secretary of DEAN. Ms. Casey Alvarez, CPSC Human Resources Officer, accompanied the delegation as the CPSC staff assigned to the program.

Quality and Sustainable TVET

Discussed at This Year's Regional Program and International Conference in Chennai, India



The Colombo Plan Staff College and the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR) gathered regional representatives and participants during the Regional Program and International Conference on Skills in TVET for Sustainability held from October 8-12, 2018 at the NITTTR Campus in Chennai.

The Regional Program, with a theme on Quality and Sustainable TVET, was organized for the TVET stakeholders in member countries to further develop the capability in TVET to face the continued challenges in the global era and to look into the quality improvement on TVET. It also aims to inform the participants regarding the strategies towards the improvement of TVET in the region, taking into account the challenges that countries face in reforming and realigning their existing TVET systems into a more sustainable approach.

In attendance are 14 directors, administrators and heads of institutions from Fiji, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The program was supervised jointly by the Director General of CPSC, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and the Director of NITTTR-Chennai, Prof. Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda. Program arrangements and resources were provided by Dr. G. Kulanthaivel, the former faculty consultant of Colombo Plan Staff College and currently the Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering in NITTTR-Chennai. Additional program resources were provided by Prof. Dr. D. Brahadeeswaran, the Former Professor and Head of the Department of Policy Planning & Educational Research, NITTTR-Chennai. Ms. Juanita Empuerto, CPSC's Procurement Assistant, also attended the event to assist with the program preparations.

As a part of their classroom interactions, the participants were able to visit the SRM Institute of Science and Technology. They were oriented with the innovations employed by the institution in terms of maintaining a quality and sustainable TVET. The delegates were welcomed by the Director of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Ph.D. who also facilitated the tour of the campus premises.

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SPECIAL IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM IN NEPAL

Trains TVET Administrators on Strategic Planning for Management Excellence

A total of 48 participants coming from the different parts of Nepal gathered at the premises of the Training Institute for Technical Instruction (TITI) in Kathmandu for a five-day special in-country program and training on Strategic Planning for Management Excellence from October 24-28, 2018. The program was organized in collaboration with the Council of Technical Vocational Training (CTEVT).

The program elaborated on strategic management as a process for setting both long-term and short-term strategic directions for the organization. The central thrust was to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage since strategic management is the process of 'strategic decision making'. It is expected that by learning the process of strategic planning and management, a systematic way of carrying the interrelated activities is undertaken to obtain desired goals and objectives of particular institutions.

Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, a former CTEVT member secretary and the present Director General of CPSC, was the program coordinator and supervisor, along with Mr. Pushpa Raman Wagle, the present CTEVT member secretary. Mr. Anoj Bhattarai, the Director of Technical Division of CTEVT, acted as the local coordinator while Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria, the Research, Information and Publications Officer of the Colombo Plan Staff College, acted as a Resource Person of the program.

The opening ceremony of the program was graced by some of the high officials of CTEVT such as the Secretary



The officials of the Special ICP Program during the lighting of the "Panas": Mr. Anoj Bhattarai (Director of Technical Division, CTEVT and Local Coordinator), Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (CPSC Director General), Mr. Khaga Raj Baral (Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology), Mr. Kul Bahadur Basnet (CTEVT Vice Chairperson) and Mr. Pushpa Raman Wagle (CTEVT Member Secretary)

of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Khaga Raj Baral and Vice Chairperson of CTEVT Dr. Kul Bahadur Basnet. In their opening speeches, the officials mentioned that the strategic planning exercise and skills is imperative to all 45 constituent schools of CTEVT and is an important component in ensuring the implementation of an effective TVET for the future. They also encouraged that the participants will place planning at the top of their agenda for it is said that "If you are not driving in the proper row the destination is not sure".

The five-day event focused on the crafting of the vision, mission, goals, objectives, strategies and institutional development plans, which will be used as inputs by the participants in creating a strategic plan for their institutions. Overall, the program was well-received and was recognized for being a timely initiative of CPSC to improve the implementation of Nepal's TVET system.





The participants of the program with Ms. Therese Lee (center) after the presentation of their marketing strategy plan.



The program coordinator, Ms. Therese Lee, receiving a token of appreciation from Dr. Prachakhom Chantharachit, OVEC Deputy Secretary General.

Branding of TVET Programs through Quality and Image Building

Discussed at the In-Country Program and National Seminar in Songkhla, Thailand

The current challenges in the employment and training sector shows that there is a need to enhance the good image of TVET programs, TVET Schools and Institutions and as whole to communicate the positive effect of TVET to the young people's employment and the parent's investment.

This is the major aim of this year's In-Country Program and National Seminar in the Kingdom of Thailand, which was held from November 26-30, 2018 at the Songkhla Vocational College, Songkhla Province, Thailand. This was participated by 55 administrators, teachers and TVET personnel coming from 23 institutions from all over the country.

Overall supervision was facilitated by Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General and Dr. Suthep Chittayawong, the Secretary General of the Office of the Vocational Education Commission (OVEC). Ms. Therese Tan-Lee, CPSC's Faculty Specialist, was

the overall program coordinator and resource person and she was assisted by the local counterpart in Thailand, Dr. Pongchit Chitapong, the Director of External and Outreach Section of OVEC, as his capacity as the local coordinator. During the opening ceremony, some notable guests attended including the Deputy Secretary General of Vocational Education Commission, Dr. Prachakhom Chantharachit and the Deputy Governor of Songkhla Province, Mr. Satchapak Kan.

During the 5-day program and workshop, the participants were able to verbalize and analyze the problems regarding the poor image and unattractiveness

of TVET as a whole and provide possible way forward. In addition, they prepared a marketing plan for enhancing image of TVET programs based on the output of Workshop 1 and integrate the 7Ps of Marketing, as well as the BCM (Brand Concept Management) Plan and the C4D Strategy Plan for Image Building.

In addition to the classroom lectures, study visits to several local companies like the Chevron Thailand Exploration and Production, Ltd and Chotiawat Manufacturing Co., Ltd., both located in nearby city of Hat Yai, was visited by the participants in the hopes of understanding the industry's perspective on image building.

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Acting Prime Minister, High Government Officials, Grace the International Conference on Innovations in TVET for Socio-Economic Development in Nepal

H.E. Ishwor Pokhrel, the Acting Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Nepal, is the chief guest in the International Conference on Innovations in TVET for Socio-Economic Development held from October 4-5, 2018 at the Hotel Yak and Yeti in Kathmandu.

The two-day, high-profile event brought a total of 500 stakeholders of TVET such as policy makers, international organizations and institutions, administrators, educators, industry representatives, experts, advocates, professionals and enthusiasts on a common platform to discuss and exchange viewpoints on trends and innovations in TVET to effect transformation of the countries' economies and societies. In addition, the participants of the Regional Program on Role of TVET in Socio-Economic Transformation, which was also held before with the conference, was also complete in attendance.

H.E. Pokhrel was invited along with some high officials of the Nepalese education sector namely Mr. Giriraj Mani Pokhrel, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Kul Bahadur Basnet, Vice Chairman of the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT), Nepal, and high officials from the organizers: Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), Diploma Engineers Association of Nepal (DEAN) and CTEVT.

The conference aimed to provide a platform for discussions and sharing of innovations, best practices, initiatives and successful models in TVET targeted to create contributions in the socio-economic development of the countries in the region. They also expected to establish links for national, regional, and international TVET initiatives that will further enhance quality assurance through accreditation; as well as to set a venue for establishing, and strengthening industry-institute linkages, networks and partnerships. They also shared awareness and deeper understanding on global

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Mr. Pradeep Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal (center) receiving recognition from Dr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, the President of DEAN (center left) and Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, Director General of CPSC (center right)

BHUTAN'S DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION TAPS CPSC FOR CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS AND TVET VISIT TO SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

The Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan, in taking viable efforts to uplift the quality of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in their country, tapped the expertise and linkages of CPSC in spearheading a series of consultative meetings and study visits to CPSC member countries. High officials from the Department of Technical Education (DTE), Ministry of Labor and Human Resources (MoHLR) held meetings with TVET institutions in three (3) CPSC member countries, namely, Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand from November 7 to 15, 2018.

The consultative meetings primarily aimed to provide exposure on the best TVET practices and including new trends and innovations in TVET of the four countries mentioned and ultimately apply those as appropriate for the Bhutan setting.

Headed by Mr. Sangay Dorji, Chief Program Officer, DTE along with the following officials: Ms. Deki Wangmo, Senior Program Officer/Program Manager, Ms. Yeshey Choden, Deputy Program Chief Officer/Project Engineer, Ms. Thaye Choden Dorji, Program Officer/Project Engineer and Ms. Sonam Wangmo, Principal, Technical Training Institute, Thimphu participated in the said mission to the countries.

The first leg of the meeting and visit commenced on November 7 – 9, 2018 with ITE Education Services and Nanyang Polytechnic in Singapore. It started with a meeting with ITE Education Services (ITEES), a subsidiary of the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) which aims to promote ITE's expertise in TVET.

The meeting was followed by a campus tour in ITE College West and Nanyang Polytechnic. ITE College West offers various courses such as business, engineering, electronics, aerospace and marine technology. On the other hand, Nanyang Polytechnic offers various courses such as Business Management, Health and Medicine and Engineering.

The second leg of the meeting was held in Malaysia on November 10 – 12, 2018 coordinated by the German-Malaysian Institute (GMI). A brief sharing about GMI was conducted by Mr. Ngan Cheng Hwa, Deputy Managing Director. GMI is a hub for advanced skills which aims to promote TVET using blended technology using lifelong learning.

The meetings and visits proved to be fruitful to the delegation with the insights and best practices they gained and intention to carry out and adopt within Bhutan's TVET systems.

The 8-day activity commenced in Thailand on November 13 – 15, 2018. The final leg of their meetings was held in Thai –

German Institute, a joint initiative by Thailand and Germany which aims to be an effective training center to promote advanced manufacturing technology in Thailand.



From left to right: Mr. Sangay Dorji (Chief Program Officer), Ms. Deki Wangmo (Sr. Program Officer/Project Manager), Ms. Thaye Choden Dorji (Program Officer/Project Engineer), Ms. Yeshey Choden (Deputy Chief Program Officer/Project Engineer) and Ms. Sonam Wangmo (Principal, Technical Training Institute, Thimphu)



Visit to Thai – German Institute

ENSSURE PROJECT MANAGERS AND STAKEHOLDERS FROM NEPAL EMBARK ON AN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND SOCIO-CULTURAL EXPOSURE TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) hosted eight officers from the ENSSURE (Enhance Skills for Sustainable and Rewarding Employment) Project in Nepal for a 5-day Apprenticeship Training and Socio-Cultural Exposure Trip from November 25-December 1, 2018. The program was supervised by the Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and coordinated by the Projects and Consultancy Division Officer, Ms. Arlene Cruz.

The visit was organized to enable the participants to observe and learn about TVET in the Philippines and the methods that private and public TVET institutions employ in handling their operations, especially relating to apprenticeship and on-the-job training, and how they facilitate system of workers' further training.

In addition, the training enabled them to observe and assess the critical areas of work-based learning in the Philippines; gain insights on and learn about the tripartite work process (industry, implementing agency, and apprentices) in apprenticeship model; and identify best practices in work-based learning and adapt these practices in the context of Nepal.

During their five-day stay in the Philippines, they were able to visit some key industries in the field of apprenticeship including the central office of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Don Bosco Technical Institute, Hotel H2O, Emilio Aguinaldo College, Dilates Training Center, Toyota Motors Philippines Corporation, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Enderun Colleges. They visited some of the tourist sites in Manila, including Intramuros and Rizal Park, as well as some of the beautiful beaches in the nearby province of Batangas.



Visit to Don Bosco Technical Institute in Makati City



Visit to Hotel H2O in Manila



Visit to Toyota Motor Philippines in Laguna

CPSC CONDUCTS 2ND BATCH OF CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES, BHUTAN

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) facilitated the meetings of 11 officials from the Department of Technical Education (DTE), Ministry of Labour and Human Resources (MoLHR) Kingdom of Bhutan in 3 (three) CPSC member countries, namely, Philippines, Malaysia and Thailand from December 15 – 25, 2018. The delegation was led by Mr. Norbu Wangchuk, Director of Department of Technical Education under the Ministry of Labor and Human Resources, Bhutan.

The consultative meetings primarily aimed to understand the Dual Training Program (DTP) and to learn more about the Quality Assurance System for DTP practiced by the above-mentioned countries and to be able to apply those as appropriate for the Bhutan setting.

The first leg of the meeting commenced in Cebu, Philippines on December 16 – 17, 2018 with AFOS Foundation for Entrepreneurial Development Cooperation and invited presenters from Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) and TESDA Provincial Office.

The second leg of the meeting was conducted in Malaysia on December 20 – 21, 2018 in partnership with German – Malaysian Institute (GMI). A brief sharing about GMI was conducted and was followed by a tour of facilities around the various departments of the institution.

After the tour of facilities, Mr. Kumaran Nair of Malaysian Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented a brief background about the German Dual Training Program which was followed by an overview of the Malaysia perspective on Dual Training Program which was conducted by Mr. Roslan Salim, Department of Skills Development, Ministry of Human Resources.



With the delegates from Bhutan, AFOS-CCCI, CITE and TESDA Cebu



Visit to German – Malaysian Institute

The meeting in Malaysia ended with a visit to FORMTECH Engineering, an international joint venture focused on producing medical gloves. Present during the visit were Mr. Valluvan Peramuthu, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Gayathri AP Solan, HR Executive.

The meetings concluded in Thailand on December 22 – 24, 2018 in which they visited Quick Coat Products, Don Muang Technical College and Prukha Factory. Present during the meeting in Don Muang Technical College was Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General and Mr. Pongsatorn Pimpanit, Director, Quality Assurance Section, Bureau of Vocational Education Standards and Qualification, Office of the Vocational Education Commission (OVEC).

Overall, the meetings in the 3 countries ended in a positive note and involved institutions are looking forward for future collaborations

In his capacity as CPSC's Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane was invited to present a paper entitled "CPSC and Education for Sustainable Development" at the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program on "Industrial Technology Education" held in Chubu University, Nagoya, Japan from November 20-21, 2018.

The aforementioned event was a six-week program organized by the Chubu University from 2nd week of October until the 3rd week of November 2018 to promote industrial technology education in developing countries. It gathered policy-making officials from TVET authorities and ministries in various nations and exposed them to the Japanese education system, focusing on TVET.

CPSC Participates in the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program on "Industrial Technology Education" in Nagoya, Japan

Dr. Lamichhane's presentation highlighted CPSC's efforts in promoting TVET for sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region. It also strengthened its image and network to other countries and potential partners.

During his stay in the country, he was also able to meet Prof. Hidetoshi Miyakawa from the College of Contemporary Education of Chubu University. He was also able to renew his appointment as CPSC's liaison officer in Japan.



Confirming the renewal of Dr. Hidetoshi Miyakawa (left) as CPSC's liaison officer in Japan.



Dr. Lamichhane discussing his presentation to the panel



January



February



March



May



April



September



August



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CPSC Strengthens Ties with PAITE, Signs MoU for Future Collaboration



Dr. Lamichhane (left) with PAITE representatives during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties.

The CPSC Director General, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, was in Legazpi City, Province of Albay, Philippines to attend the 8th National Congress of the Philippine Association of Industrial and Technology Educators (PAITE), Inc. held from November 26 to 28, 2018.

In the event, he presented a paper on "Asia-Pacific Quality Assurance for Industrial and Technology Education" which promoted the services of the Asia-Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) as a viable third-party accreditor for TVET institutions in the region.

The highlight of his attendance was a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the

organizers. Valid for three years, the MoU strengthens the link between the two parties in exploring possibilities for linkages and other collaborative activities that will benefit both organizations and their stakeholders.

Organized annually, this year's National Congress aimed to: (1) strengthen industrial and technology education through industrial partnership and international collaboration; (2) strengthen awareness on the possible response efforts towards global standards; (3) streamline the concepts of internationalization in education in the curriculum; and (4) craft and propose possible topics to enrich the curriculum in line with internationalization.

CPSC's Director General Participates at TESDA's National Congress of CTECs in Davao City, Philippines



Dr. Lamichhane receiving his certificate (right) presented by Mr. Elmer K. Talavera, the Executive Director of the National Institute for Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD)

In his capacity as the Director General of CPSC, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane was in Davao City to attend TESDA's National Congress of Community Training and Employment Coordinators (CTECs). The event was held at the Grand Regal Hotel on December 10-14, 2018.

A total of 79 CTECs coming from the different regions of the Philippines attended the National Congress to validate the draft Competency Standards (CS) of CTECs, gather inputs for the development of Competency Assessment Tools (CATs) for the CTEC CS, conduct mapping of CTEC networks, and formulate strategies for community training and employment coordination. The CTECs are focal persons from Local Government Units (LGUs) trained by TESDA to plan, organize, manage and monitor community-based training and enterprise development programs at the community level.

During the opening ceremony, Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña, TESDA Director General, mentioned the importance of partnership and the significance of close coordination between TESDA and LGUs

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CPSC and IRPC Technological College, Thailand Sign MOU in OVEC

The Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC) and IRPC Technological College (IRPCT), Thailand sealed their intention for partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on December 24, 2018 at the Office of Vocational Education Commission (OVEC), Ministry of Education (MoE), Thailand. CPSC was represented by the Director General Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane and Managing Director Dr. Photiwat Paopongchuang represented IRPCT.

The OVEC Secretary General Dr. Suthep Chittayawong graciously chaired the event. In his Congratulatory Speech, he considered having five out of five APACC (Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission) gold awarded institutions a huge uplift in the quality of TVET education in Thailand. APACC is the accreditation arm of CPSC.

IRPCT is considered as one of the leading private technical colleges in Thailand that is directly affiliated with one of its major petrochemical and industrial companies, the PTT group. It is one of the model institutions in

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MoU Signing Ceremony of CPSC and IRPC at the Office of Vocational Education Office in Bangkok, Thailand.

APACC President Visits Concepcion Vocational School



Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (4th from right), Dr. Brajesh Panth (center), and other guests with CVS Team headed by Dr. Alvin Yturralde (5th from right)

The President of the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, along with Dr. Brajesh Panth, Technical Advisor (Education) of Asian Development Bank (ADB), and other officials, visited the Concepcion Vocational School (CVS) on December 27, 2018.

They were received by CVS Team, headed by the Vocational School Administrator Dr. Alvin Yturralde, for briefing and campus tour.

CVS, located in Concepcion, Tarlac, is the third institution accredited by APACC in the Philippines. The institution first received an award in 2009. CVS was established under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and commenced operation on July 16, 1995, to develop skilled, self-reliant and productive Filipino workforce by offering competency-based courses in the field of agriculture, food, and other technology livelihood programs.

Prime Polytechnic PIS Malaysia Pursues to Maintain Quality Mark, Submits for APACC Reaccreditation



The APACC team checks, asks questions and validates documents presented by PIS during the visit.

The Politeknik Ibrahim Sultan (PIS), a premier polytechnic institution in Malaysia continues its quest to maintain its quality mark and certification by the Asia Pacific Accreditation Certification Commission (APACC). On its second cycle, after its last accreditation for 2014-2015, it submits to another on site visit and audit from October 16-18, 2018. The APACC for this onsite visit is team composed of Ms. Therese Lee, APACC Team Leader; Ms. Khansawat Hinthaw, APACC Team Member and Ms. Arlene Cruz, APACC Support Staff Member.

In a show of full support to the significant endeavor of PIS was the country's Ministry of Education with its delegation going through the process of the on-site visit. The delegation from the Ministry was led by Ts. HJ. Mohamad Amin Bin Hamat, Deputy Director General (Governance), Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE) along with other officials.

PIS led by their top management Puan Hajah Rashida Binti Mustapa, Director, En Norizam Bin Sekak, Deputy Director, (Academic) and En Noor Azmi Bin Haji Asmawi, Deputy Director (Academic Support) along with varied committees per APACC Criterion, welcomed the APACC team during its opening ceremonies. They also presented updates and highlighted improvements and actions taken per recommendations from the last APACC visit.

The polytechnic's vision is "to be the leading-edge TVET institution in Malaysia" and has 19 programs with current enrollment of 2,429 students.

In a demonstration of its expanding reach to include more institutions not only from polytechnics but from other types of learning entities as well, CPSC and APACC was able to successfully conduct its first onsite visit to a MARA (Majlis Amanah Rakyat) institute at the MARA Japan Industrial Institute in Beranang, Selangor, Malaysia. The APACC team for this onsite visit was composed of Dr. Chithral Ambawatte (team leader); Dr. Marjorie Mendenilla (team member) and Ms. Julifer Madeja (APACC Staff).



The APACC Team pays courtesy visit to MARA Director General. From L-R. Mohd Nizam Bin Ali, Deputy Director II (Strategic Planning & Research of TVET MARA), Azmin Bin Ariffin, Deputy Director I (Education of TVET MARA), Hajan Zarinah Binti Idrus, Director (MJII), Ms. Julifer Madeja, APACC Support Staff, Engr. Marjorie Mendenilla, APACC Team Member, Dr. H. Chithral Ambawatte, APACC Team Leader, YBhg. Dato' Azhar bin Abdul Manaf, Director General (MARA), YBhg. Dato' Zulfikri Bin Osman, Deputy Director-General (Entrepreneurship of MARA) and Mr. Mahzan Bin Teh, Director (MARA Technical and Vocational Division). APACC Accreditors during the tour of the facilities, document inspections and interviews

APACC visits MARA Japan Industrial Institute (MJII), the first ever on-site visit of an institution under MARA, Malaysia

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Currently, MARA has a total of 343 education centres in the country, including MJII, and a total of 114,016

students admitted. Details of MARA's organization was explained to the APACC team during their courtesy visit to its office in Kuala Lumpur on October 23, 2018.

On October 24, 2018, MJII on-site visit proper started. The MJII Director Dr. Zarinah Binti Idrus, presented their accomplishments in the field of electronic engineering. The on-site visit activity was fully supported by the teaching and non-teaching staff, and students of MJII with the active cooperation of MARA TVET Officials led by Mr. Azmin Bin Ariffin, Deputy Director I, Education of TVET MARA and Mr. Mohd Nizam Bin Ali, Deputy Director II, Strategic Planning & Research of TVET MARA.

During the exit meeting, the team leader Dr. H. Chithral Ambawatte, presented the highlights of the on-site visit, including the qualitative results detailing the commendations, affirmations, and recommendations. The National Coordinator for Accreditation in Malaysia and Director, Curriculum Development Division of Department of Polytechnic and Community College Education (DPCCE), Ministry of Education, Malaysia Pn. Noor Aidi Binti Nadzri was also present to show support to MJII management.

Results of the on-site visit activity will be communicated to MJII after the deliberation of the APACC Board.

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Simeon Suan Vocational and Technical College aims to be the First APACC Accredited Institution in Mindoro

After a long wait, Simeon Suan Vocational and Technical College (SSVTC) starts their journey for APACC accreditation through the On-Site Visit (OSV) conducted from November 12-13, 2018 at their campus in Bansud, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. With the plans and preparations starting as early as 2008, the OSV is much anticipated by the entire college.

The visit commenced with an opening program graced by SSVTC's School Administrator Mr. Antonio Calibod, together with the APACC Team composed of Dr. Raul Muyong (Team Leader), Ms. Teresa Pabalan-Ang (Team Member), and Mr. Jan Michael Marasigan (Support Staff). Present as well during the visit inaugural are some of the key officials and staff of the institution.

A tour of the facility ensued prior to the interview proper of the visit. Focal persons accompanied the APACC Team, while the faculty and student trainees willingly answered some inquiries the audit team gave. Intensive information gathering and validation followed, covering all 7 certification criteria. Mr. Edwin T. Andoyo, TESDA Region IV-B's OIC Regional Director, paid a visit to meet the APACC team and observe the audit.

The 2-day visit concluded with an exit meeting wherein Dr. Muyong relayed the findings of the APACC team to the SSVTC officers and staff. Once certification is granted, SSVTC will be the third APACC accredited TESDA institution in the MIMAROPA (Mindoro-Marinduque-Romblon-Palawan) region after Puerto Princesa School of Arts and Trades (PPSAT) and Romblon National Institute of Technology (RNIT), and the first in the entire Mindoro province.

SSVTC was first established as a high school on August 9, 1969 as Pag-asa Barrio High School. It was eventually converted into SSVTC under Republic Act No. 4281 on July 25, 1994 upon realizing the need of the Mindoreños for another vocational school, especially in the southcentral area of Oriental Mindoro. Guided by their slogan "Sa SSVTC, ikaw ang priority" ("Here in SSVTC, you are our priority"), the college's aims to be an institution championing education for sustainable development towards raising the socio-economic status of Mindoreños by providing relevant, high-quality, and green TVET.



Dr. Raul Muyong, APACC OSV Team Leader, explains some of the salient points in the APACC criteria during the interview at the SSVTC's APACC Room

Kolej Kemahiran Tinggi MARA (KKTm) Kuantan, a vocational college under the supervision of the Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), was visited by the APACC team on November 13-15, 2018. The institution, which is located in the city of Kuantan, State of Pahang, East Malaysia, was one of the 343 educational centers under MARA in the country and a premier institution that centers on Kuantan's economic niche area, which is manufacturing.

The APACC team for this visit was composed of Dr. Paiboon Saiyawongs, the Team Leader and currently the APACC Special Officer for the Kingdom of Thailand; Mr. Tek Bahadur Malla, the Team Member and Director of the Council of the Technical Vocational Education and Training (CTEVT), Nepal; and Mr. Rae Emmanuel Echaveria, the APACC Support Staff and the Research, Publications and Information Officer.

They were welcomed by the KKTm Kuantan officials led by Tn. Mohd Hazlen bin Ramli, the Acting Director and Deputy Director of Academic Affairs and Pn.

Roziah binti Osman, Deputy Director of Services and Student Affairs. They were supported by notable officials from the MARA HQ namely Mr. Azmin Bin Ariffin, Deputy Director I, Education of TVET MARA; Mr. Mohd Nizam Bin Ali, Deputy Director II, Strategic Planning & Research of TVET MARA and Mr. Jaafar Sidek bin Mohd Ani, Assistant Director for information and Research, Vocational and Technical Division, MARA.

Established in 2007, KKTm Kuantan formally started its operations in 2008 and was spread in a land area of 100 acres. It currently offers Diplomas in Manufacturing Engineering in five areas namely: Automotive Manufacturing, Manufacturing Design, Industrial Automation and Robotics, Technology and Process and Quality and Productivity. Their vision is "to be an outstanding and trustworthy organization in upholding a nation's pride" and their mission is to "shape a holistic TVET human capital with entrepreneurial values". A total of 773 students were enrolled for this academic year, with 83 teaching and 101 non-teaching staff currently at the employ of the institution.

KKTm Kuantan Showcases the **Best** of its **Institution** during APACC's Onsite Visit



The accreditors of this year's visit to KKTm composed of Dr. Paiboon and Dr. Tek Malla touring some of the institution's industry-grade facilities.



Officers and staff of KKTm Kuantan with the APACC Team (center)

The Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) recently revised its accreditation instrument for the purpose of eliminating ambiguity and incorporating the process of PDCA (Plan Do Check Act) in all seven criteria. APACC keeps on looking for ways to improve its processes, thus, review and revision of these processes were likewise completed.

Due to the above, APACC invited Accreditors and notable personalities from India, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand to attend the first International Accreditors' Refresher Training held on December 4 – 5, 2018 at the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Sixteen participants composed of TVET Ministries' and Educational Institutions' Heads and Officials, and other professionals attended the training.

The APACC President, Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, supervised the training and discussed the rationale and overview of updates on APACC instrument and procedures, the desirable characteristics of APACC Accreditors, as well as the rules in the conduct of on-site visits.

In order to practice their newly-acquired skills, the participants were tasked to formulate sample questions per sub-indicator which will guide them during on-site visit interviews. A mock audit was also facilitated to depict the actual set-up during institutional evaluation, keeping in view the do's and don'ts in conducting on-site visits.

The training was the first of several refresher trainings for APACC Accreditors. The next training is slated on the first quarter of 2019 in partnership with another CPSC member country.

Sixteen Accreditors Attend First Refresher Training on APACC Instrument and Procedures



Group Task on Formulating Questions



Mock Audit



Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General and APACC President (seated, center) acted as Supervisor and Resource Person; Ms. Therese Lee, CPSC Faculty Specialist (seated, 2nd from right) was the Program Coordinator and Resource Person along with Dr. Romulita Alto, CPSC Project-Based Faculty Consultant and Research Consultant of the Technological Institute of the Philippines (seated, 2nd from left). High level participants include the Former Director General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Philippines, Ms. Irene Isaac (seated, 3rd from right).

Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA) Meets for the Third Time in Songkhla, Thailand to Discuss Areas for Collaboration



The Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA) was established to promote cooperation and strengthen regional ties among APACC accredited institutions. Following the meeting held in Port Dickson, Malaysia in December 2016, the Third AAA Meeting was held on December 20 – 21, 2018 at Songkhla Vocational College (SVC), Songkhla, Thailand. The event was hosted by the Office of Vocational Education Commission (OVEC), Thailand and was fully supported by the SVC team.

A total of 52 representatives of APACC accredited institutions, National Coordinators for Accreditation, Special Officers, and representatives of Ministries handling technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in India, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand attended the meeting and discussed modalities for collaboration.

As the first AAA meeting hosted by the government of Thailand, several key officials from Thailand attended the opening program to address the meeting attendees. Mr. Pinyo Chanthawong, Songkhla Provincial Officer welcomed the guests to the City of Songkhla. Special Remarks were delivered by the APACC President Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, OVEC Project Management Consultant Dr. Siripan Choomnoom,

and Deputy Director (Academic) of Politeknik Ungku Omar (Chairperson of AAA from December 2016 – December 2018) Mr. Muhammad Zubir bin Mohd Hanifah. Apart from the above, 15 heads and officials of various educational institutions in Thailand graced the opening ceremony to witness the milestone event.

The discussion commenced in the afternoon where the members shared information about their respective institutions and possible ways and means of collaboration with other institutions. Discussion on improvement of APACC processes and concrete way forward such as joint conduct of conference in 2019, student exchange, and joint research, was also facilitated.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SKILLS IN TVET FOR SUSTAINABILITY OPENED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGE OF TVET INFORMATION

One of the salient developments in the field of TVET is that many countries have placed TVET in the mainstream of education. This entails the need for extending cooperation and support in education and skill development among the developed and developing countries including development partners and professional organizations for sustainable development. With this aim, NITTTR – Chennai and CPSC also organized the International Conference on “Skills in TVET for Sustainability” on 11th and 12th October 2018. The two-day conference was attended by 140 participants from different schools, institutions and businesses based in Chennai.

In addition to the program officials and guests at the Regional Program, the conference was graced by Prof Dr. Allam Appa Rao, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, NITTTR-Chennai who delivered the Program’s Inaugural Address. Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane, CPSC Director General,



Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane providing the address to the conference as the Guest of Honor.



The program officials during the opening ceremony of the International Conference (Left to Right): Prof.Dr. Kulanthaivel (Program Coordinator and Former CPSC Faculty Consultant), Dr. Sudhindra Nath Panda (Director, NITTTR-Chennai), Dr. Ramhari Lamichhane (CPSC Director General) and Prof. Dr. Allam Appa Rao (Chairman of the Board of Governors, NITTTR)

was the Guest of Honor of the Conference. Speakers from Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mauritius, Mexico and Namibia were also in attendance aside from the 14 participants of the Regional Program. They presented country papers and case studies that further highlighted the progress of TVET innovations in their respective countries.

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National Seminar Aims to Provide Platforms to Communicate TVET's benefits to the Stakeholders

To further solicit inputs and ideas from the stakeholders, a national seminar entitled the “Image of TVET in the Perspective of Stakeholders” targets to recognize the expectations of the potential students of TVET Institute prior attending the program and respond from the industries’ needs and requirements in the capacity development and training of the skilled workforce.

The outputs generated by the seminar will be used as inputs in developing marketing, image building, branding and C4D strategy plan of the TVET Institutes in Thailand. They are expected to come up with a relevant communication for development strategy plan to ensure the longer term effect in building positive image of TVET Institutes. Overall, a total of 120 participants attended the national seminar.

Representatives from the industries namely Mr. Rungroj Tuntivechapikul, the Vice President of Corporate HR at Betagro Group and Mr. Athivith Toemlap, Head of the Sustainable Educational Development at Minor International Business Group, were tapped as local resource persons for this seminar and shared the industry’s perspective on TVET image building.



trends and initiatives for TVET competitiveness. At the end of the conference, they were able to contribute to the conference by coming up with plans and policy views relevant to the learnings gained from the conference.

In addition to the key speeches, four major technical sessions was also included namely: (1) innovations in TVET, (2) quality assurance in TVET, (3) industry-institute partnership in TVET, (4) Vocational Skills Training (VST), (5) Initiatives for Socio-Economic Development and (6) Global Initiatives in TVET for Competitiveness. Regional program participants were also given speaking opportunities to further elaborate the situation of TVET in their respective countries.

Towards the end of the event, a common agreement entitled the “Kathmandu Declaration for Sustainable and Quality TVET” was adopted.

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ASEAN in developing the competencies and skills of the graduates in preparing them for a career in heavy industry.

The MOU, which is valid for three (3) years, serves as an agreement between CPSC and IRPCT to cooperate in exploring the potential for joint activities in education and training, identifying opportunities for training staff members in customized training program arrangements on need basis, skills development training programs, accreditation training and accreditation and certification of institutions, training of accreditors, cross training or exchange of faculty and staff, and sharing of facilities and human resources.

CPSC COMMEMORATES 45 YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION THROUGH TVET

CPSC has achieved another milestone as it reached its 45 years since its founding on December 5, 2018. An intimate gathering was organized on the same day to commemorate the event. Notable persons such as APACC Accreditors' Refresher Training participants, Governing Board representatives, and partners attended the momentous occasion alongside present faculty members and staff.

Started as a specialized agency of the Colombo Plan in 1973, the Colombo Plan Staff College was born when 26 member countries recognized the need for a regional training center to improve technical education and training. CPSC presently continues to cooperate with the Colombo Plan in pursuing its purpose and functions to promote technical cooperation and transfer of technology despite its autonomy. It has been hosted by Singapore from 1973 until 1987 and the Philippines from 1987 until present.

For 45 years, it has benefitted thousands of TVET administrators from its current network of 16 member countries, arranging countless training programs, conferences and venues for dialogue through the years. It has also launched and continues to operate APACC to ensure the maintenance of high-quality TVET in the region through the encouragement of high-functioning TVET institutions and the establishment of regional standards for institutional accreditation.



CPSC Celebrates YEAR END 2018

As a way to bring the holiday spirit to CPSC's premises and to happily celebrate the end of a successful year, the CPSC family conducted its annual year end party on December 18, 2018.

Birthday celebrants from October to December were feted before the actual celebration began. Several group games, raffle draws and a fulfilling feast was partaken by the CPSC family. To wrap up the event, a traditional exchange of gifts was done in a different but enjoyable manner. At the end, it reflects the high spirits and camaraderie that the CPSC family prides itself of.



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to strengthen the awareness of local communities on TESDA's programs and services.

During the event, Dr. Lamichhane presented a paper on the relevance of TVET in social development vis-à-vis Industry 4.0. He also introduced CPSC to participating CTECs and offered its training services to them as another option to those currently being offered by TESDA. He also met with key officials of TESDA including their Director General, Dr. Isidro Lapeña; Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta, and Executive Director of National Institute for Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD), Mr. Elmer K. Talavera. They discussed common concerns on TVET implementation and updates in the Philippines. Visits to various sights in Davao City and nearby cities of Digos and Panabo were also part of the activities.

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MJII was established in June 2008 with a total land area of 22 acres. The institution aims to shape a holistic TVET human capital with entrepreneurial values. It envisions to be an outstanding and trustworthy organization in upholding the nation's pride.



NEW PUBLICATION: TRANSFORMING TVET IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FOR THE FUTURE: INNOVATIONS AND IDEAS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This valued publication is a product of the collective efforts, thoughts and ideas of CPSC country agencies and representatives who participated in the Regional Program on TVET for Socio-Economic Transformation and International and Conference on Innovations in TVET for Socio-Economic Development, held from October 1-3, 2018 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The compilation of country papers and presentations aims to serve as a reference material to the policy makers, academics, professionals and practitioners in their pursuits to understand the innovations in TVET for the region's holistic development.

It is a work that was made possible through the efforts of the participants and experts from Bhutan, China Ecuador, Fiji, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand as well as from organizations such as the Colombo Plan Staff College, Diploma Engineers Association of Nepal (DEAN), Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) and the Asian Development Bank.

The publication highlights the rapid technological innovations and modernization that brings intensified competitions in the market economy. In this regard, the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system has to realize its significant role in the socio-economic development of developing countries to catch up with this fast rising globalization. To meet the demands of the increasing socio-economic divide brought about by globalization it is imperative

that TEVT take up the challenge to weave innovations on their part to fully be able to contribute to socio-economic transformation of developing countries, thereby proving its catalyst impact in the economies in the region.

Topics included in this chapter revolved around employability through technopreneurship in TVET; quality assurance in TVET; industry-institute partnership; vocational skills training initiatives for socio-economic development; global initiatives for TVET competitiveness; among many others.

The publication also includes the complete text of the 2018 Kathmandu Declaration. A product of the collective efforts from the stakeholders that attended the International Conference, the Kathmandu Declaration paves the way for "echoing the need for immediate and tangible action from policymakers, educators, technologists, professionals, TVET practitioners and Technical Training Providers (TTPs) to strengthen and promote the role of Technical Education and Training and Vocational Training (TVET) in contributing to the advancement of the socio-economic status of their respective countries, regions and the world as a whole".

It was an excellent practice to manage a three days training and International Conference on TVET for Socio-economic Development. On this stunning/beautiful occasion I congratulate to Prof Ram Hari (DG, CPSC), Mr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, President (DEAN); Mr. Purshpa Raman Wagle (Member Secretary) CT&VT, Prof Pramod Shreshtha and their team for the conduct of training and conference successfully. Apart from this, I also recognize the valuable contribution of all other participants



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I, being a mere TVET guest/participant was provided the opportunity to have led a great team, It was truly an inspiring and rewarding experience for me. It had provided me with much confidence and wonderful feeling in my journey to TVET innovations in maritime industry. Our workshop output will soon be translated into a full paper for possible presentation and /or publication in the next TVET conference and we look forward to that



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It was great honor for me having an opportunity to participate the program. I have learned various things during the session and wish to attain such types of vital programs in future with hearty commitment for devoted and active appearance.



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The honor is mine. Thank you for always considering me as a relevant partner of APACC and CPSC to assist in accrediting and certifying institutions for quality assurance. As I said during the training, I will always try my best to find time to work with you in CPSC.



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It was a pleasure to join with CPSC to support this event. It was a very good event and I think all took away something new with them. The presentations were good and the information varied. I thank you too for your support as well as your positive and innovative attitude. I too look forward to future activities and events that we can do together.



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I would like to thank you, including CPSC (Manila), DEAN and CTNET Nepal for giving us the wonderful opportunity to attend the Regional Workshop and International Seminar on TVET for Socio-Economic Development. It has enriched us and therefore I must confidently say that what ever we have learnt, we will recommend to our Ministry for the necessary implementation. While in my institute, I will brief our staff on the knowledge and experience that I have gained and will implement on immediate basis. We would therefore would like to avail such opportunity in the near future



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I am thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to learn more about APACC accreditation process. Let us continue to work together for the betterment of TVET system. I thank the entire team of CPSC & APACC for their love and support.



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I had a wonderful experience during the recently concluded meeting of Association of APACC Accreditees (AAA) last December 20-21, 2018. We are looking forward for possible partnerships with other member agencies particularly to promote Faculty and Student Exchange. I am grateful that we are now a member of this Association.



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