LaoPDR
Presentation of Country Report:
The trends and issues of Recognition of Foreign Degrees and challenges to ratifying the convention

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Preface

• Higher education plays a very significant and important role in human resources development and that of the country’s socio-economic development

• In order to enable the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) to graduate from the ranks of the least developed countries by 2020 and to build the basic human and physical infrastructure for the shift to industrialization and modernity
Higher Education Master Plan

• Higher Education Master Plan 2010 – 2020, which presents the vision, mission, programs, targets and goals pertaining to strategic options
• Building, improving and expanding higher education;
• Higher education reforms;
• Development of teachers and administrators in higher education;
• Quality assurance in higher education;
• Promotion and development of research;
• Improving management information systems (MIS);
• Governance and management in higher education.
National Curriculum Standards

• Associate Degree Programs
• Bachelor’s Degree Programs
• Master’s Degree Programs
• Doctoral Degree Programs
• Associate Degree (Continuing Programs)
• Bachelor’s Degree (Continuing Programs)
• Graduate Diploma Programs
• Specialization Level I Programs
• Specialization Level II Programs
Student Abroad

• 32 varieties countries with number of more than 4000 people including of more than 1700 women students.
• last year about 800 people, mostly of them were Master’s degree more than 300 people and Bachelor’s degree around about 300 people, the rest were PhD’s degree, Associate Degree and Diploma.
Recognition of Qualifications

• Higher Education (DHE) under the Ministry of Education and Sports is responsible to recognize students who graduated from overseas with the signature of the Director General (DG)
• Ministerial Agreement of Recognition of Foreign Qualifications.
• Directory of Internal and External Certificate, Diploma and Degree.
• The need of document to submit to the Department of Higher Education there is:
  • Letter of Applications;
  • Original Diploma;
• 3 Copy of Diploma with signature and stamps of concerned authority where applicants have been working for;
• Certificate of living signed by Head of Village;
• Curriculum Vitae signed by Head of Village or concerned authority where applicants have been working for;
• Photo with the size of 3x4 cm within 3 months using.
Issues and challenges

• Rule and Regulations about recognition of foreign qualifications need to be improved
• with diversified documents of recognitions but same standards practically, due to the National Education Strategic Reform;
• Unclear and not enough information directly that have written at the Diplomas and Degrees at all levels;
• Problems with incompletely people with unsuccessful course but apply for acceptation;
• Could not reach to the demands of graduated people
• Etc.
Progress has been made in ratifying the revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention

• National Curriculum Standards for 9 Degrees as saying above;
• Minimum Standards for Higher Education Quality Assurance;
• the Draft of Prime Minister’s Decree for Higher Education and Vocational Technical Education and Training Management;
• On going for Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education Service
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