PROMOTING
LIFELONG LEARNING
FOR ALL

Recommendations
From Seminar on Lifelong Learning Policy Frameworks
in ASEAN Countries
Connecting the Dots...

National Policy Frameworks on LLL (Hanoi, Jan 2013)

Learning Cities Descriptors (Jeju, June 2013)

CLCs and NQFs (Bangkok June 2013)
Seminar on National Policy Frameworks for Lifelong Learning in ASEAN countries (Hanoi, 10-11 Jan., 2013)
ASEAN: 10 members
Land area 4.46 million km², three per cent of the world’s total land area
Population approx. 600 million people, 9% world population
In the last decade, the ASEAN members have made considerable progress in social and economic development

Combined GDP 2 trillion USD / 8th largest economy
Critical Development Challenges

Disparities in access to quality education
Uneven progress in reducing poverty
Environmental problems
3 Pillars for Regional Cooperation

One Vision, One Identity, One Community

Security Cooperation
Socio-cultural Integration
Economic Integration

Regional Cooperation
4 priority educational efforts

1. Promoting awareness of ASEAN among member states’ citizens, particularly youth;
2. Strengthening ASEAN’s identity through education;
3. Building human resources in the field of education in ASEAN member states; and
4. Strengthening ASEAN’s university network.
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(1) Building a harmonious ASEAN Community

requires all citizens of ASEAN countries to be lifelong learners, and all agencies to become providers of lifelong learning opportunities.
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(2) By adopting Lifelong Learning for All as a master concept for education and training...

first-class national education systems can be planned, expanded and transformed to cater to people’s learning and development needs, and to provide them with learning opportunities in all settings and modalities (formal, non-formal and informal) at every stage of their lives (infants, children, adolescents and adults).
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(3) Applying the concept of Lifelong Learning for All can help to build synergies between government policies in different sectors, in particular, education, employment, health, culture and welfare.
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(1) Lifelong Learning for All

contributes to social cohesion, fosters a more equitable society, harnesses cultural diversity, enhances well-being, and ensures sustainable development and prosperity.
Therefore the following recommendations were proposed:
On policy and legislation

1. To develop national policy or legislation to promote lifelong learning for all as integral to national social and economic development and as a key component in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals;

2. To establish national coordination mechanisms by involving all related government departments, the private sector, civil society, development partners and other stakeholders;

3. To design and implement monitoring mechanisms to measure and report on progress, achievements and lesson learned, and to facilitate evidence-based policy developments;
4. To increase financial resources in compliance with legislation and policy to promote lifelong learning for all and allocate an equitable share of investment across sub-sectors of education and training;

5. To develop mechanisms to mobilise additional funding and other resources from the public and private sectors, social organisations and individuals;
On provision of learning opportunities and enhancement of quality

6. To expand the provision of rich and diversified learning opportunities;
7. To create learner-friendly environments that meet the learning needs of all, giving special attention to disadvantaged and marginalised groups to achieve gender equality and social inclusion;
8. To take concrete measures to make education structures, curricula and teaching-learning practices more oriented to lifelong learning;
9. To enhance the use of ICTs and the development of multilingual open learning resources;
On awareness-raising:

10. To promote common understanding of the concepts of lifelong learning for all and the learning society through open discussion and consultation between all sectors;

11. To regenerate public awareness of the values of education and learning as keys to development, prosperity, harmony and happiness;
On regional collaboration:

12. To develop an ASEAN policy framework on lifelong learning for all;

13. To set up an ASEAN lifelong learning fund to support innovative initiatives promoting lifelong learning for all in ASEAN countries;

14. To strengthen collaboration on research and capacity building to promote lifelong learning for all;

15. To promote the recognition, validation and accreditation of the outcomes of all forms of learning, leading eventually to an ASEAN Lifelong Learning Qualification Framework.
Thank You