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'Making skills development work for the future': Asia-Pacific conference

High level ministerial meeting to focus on how technical and vocational education and training (TVET) can be harnessed to respond to 21st Century challenges in the region

WHAT: Asia-Pacific Conference on Education and Training (ACET)

WHEN: 3-5 August 2015

Welcoming Remarks: 3 August, 8:30-9:00 am (registration begins at 8:00 am)

WHERE: Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

http://www.berjayahotel.com/kualalumpur/

WHO: UNESCO will host this high-level ministerial conference in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Malaysia.

Malaysian Minister of Education, Tan Sri Muhyiddin, Yassin will deliver the keynote address, and will be joined by other ministers overseeing education and training in Asia-Pacific, as well as representatives from:

- Multilateral organizations
- The private sector
- Unions
- Youth organisations
- Researchers and members of academia
- UNESCO-UNEVOC Network Members in the Asia-Pacific region.

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EVENT DETAILS: From demographic shifts to environmental concerns and the rapid pace of globalisation, 21st Century challenges demand 21st Century solutions – and improved technical and vocational education and training (TVET) plays a vital role in responding to these challenges. Indeed, skills development needs a fundamental transformation to respond to the need for a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable development in Asia-Pacific, goals at the heart of the post-2015 development agenda.

Which actions need to be taken for this transformation to happen were debated in 2012 at the Third International Congress on TVET in Shanghai. The Kuala Lumpur conference will assess the progress made since then and serve as a platform for experience-sharing from within and outside Asia-Pacific.
The conference will focus on three key areas:

- TVET for sustainable growth
- Partnerships as the way forward in skills development
- ICT-supported innovative pedagogies for inclusive, quality education and training

Among the main topics to be discussed are:

- Where are the jobs in Asia-Pacific?
- Which skills are needed for existing and emerging jobs?
- How to bridge the gap?
- How to strengthen partnerships and coordination?
- Discussion on the future direction of education and training in light of the post-2015 development agenda

For more, please visit: http://www.unescobkk.org/education/tvet/asia-pacific-conference-on-education-and-training/?utm_source=twitterfeedtarget%25252525253D_blank