ACET 2015: Kuala Lumpur Declaration On TVET Transformation Endorsed

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) – History was made at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Education and Training (ACET) 2015 here today, with the acceptance of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration.

The declaration, themed 'Quality Education and Skills Development for Sustainable Future' is aimed at ensuring further transformation of Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) in the region.

It also became the first TVET document in the region and a hub of reference among Asia-Pacific countries.

The declaration was endorsed by Higher Education Deputy Minister Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching here today, in conjunction with the close of ACET 2015.

It contains eight components or recommendations drafted after two days of discussion among education ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from Asia Pacific.

It recommends that governments and other TVET stakeholders in UNESCO's member states in the Asia Pacific region consider implementing the eight actions in response to the challenges identified during ACET.

The recommendations are to enhance the TVET quality and its relevance to the changing needs of the world of work; ensure inclusive and equitable TVET; expand lifelong learning opportunities through TVET; and integrate greening skills for sustainable development in TVET programmes;

Adapt qualifications systems to facilitate learning/career pathways; strengthen governance and increase investment in TVET; leverage the potential of Information and Communication Technology for TVET; and foster regional integration and labour mobility.

The declaration was read by UNESCO's Youth, Literacy and Skills Development section chief, Borhene Chakroun and was handed to UNESCO Bangkok director, Gwang-Jo Kim.

The declaration will be finalised within two weeks.

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