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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendent
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INVITATION FOR DEPED OFFICIALS TO THE 16TH SEAMEO
INNOTECH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1. In reference to the key initiatives of the Philippines' Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council Presidency's 777 Flagship Programs, specifically Flagship Program 7, the SEAMEO Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology (INNOTECH), in collaboration with the Department of Education (DepEd), will be hosting the **16th International Conference**, titled “**AI in Education:Unlocking Potential through Accessible and Equitable Learning**” which will be held on May 16, 2025, at The Manila Hotel, Metro Manila.

2. The conference will bring together education ministers, policymakers, industry leaders, and experts to tackle emerging challenges and opportunities in education. It will also highlight an exclusive policy session with Southeast Asian Ministers of Education, offering a vital platform for shaping a Regional Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Integration.

3. DepEd Officials are requested to confirm attendance through this registration form: bit.ly/SEAMEOINNOTECH16THIC and/- or RSVP through ico@deped.gov.ph, with a copy furnished to Ms. Paula Manuel (paulajanelle.manuel@deped.gov.ph).

4. For immediate dissemination and appropriate action.


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Encl.: None

Reference: None

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

TO : **Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Directors
Bureau and Service Directors**

FROM : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FOR DEPED OFFICIALS TO THE 16TH SEAMEO
INNOTECH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

DATE : May 02, 2025

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Attached to this letter are the Concept Note and Program of the event for your reference.

For clarification and further coordination, Your Honor's staff may reach us via the email addresses provided above.

SEAMEO INNOTECH – 16th International Conference**C O N C E P T N O T E**

I. Background

The SEAMEO INNOTECH International Conference (IC) has been a premier platform for educational innovation and collaboration in Southeast Asia since 1986. This biennial event gathers policymakers, educators, researchers, and industry leaders to address pressing educational challenges. The 16th IC will explore the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, focusing on its potential to enhance teaching, learning, and management while ensuring equity, ethics, and sustainability.

In collaboration with the Philippine Department of Education (DepEd), the conference will convene key stakeholders to drive the responsible integration of AI in education, shaping future-ready learning systems across Southeast Asia.

II. Conference Objectives:

The 16th International Conference aims to:

- Showcase AI-driven educational innovations that inform policy and practice.
- Provide actionable insights and policy recommendations for ethical AI adoption.
- Strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration among government, academia, industry, and civil society.
- Launch the AI-Integrated Education Framework, guiding AI implementation across the region.

III. Conference Goals

The conference will play a vital role in shaping AI-driven education by fostering strategic discussions and collaboration. It will:

- Facilitate high-level engagement with regional and international leaders to drive AI policy and innovation.
- Convene a diverse and influential audience of educators, policymakers, and AI experts to promote cross-sectoral dialogue.
- Advance AI adoption in education by refining policies and frameworks that ensure ethical, inclusive, and scalable implementation.
- Promote sustainable AI integration by aligning strategies with long-term educational development and digital transformation goals.

IV. Conference Details and Target Participants

The conference will gather **300–400 participants**, including:

- Government leaders from Southeast Asia's Ministries of Education.
- Representatives from SEAMEO Centres, UN agencies, and development organizations.
- Education and research institutions focused on AI in learning.
- Industry leaders, startups, and innovators in AI-driven education.

V. Key Program Highlights:

- Keynote Address – A visionary speech by the Philippine President or SEAMEC President, highlighting AI's transformative role in education.
- Policy Session – A high-level dialogue on AI policies for education in Southeast Asia, shaping regulatory and governance frameworks.
- Plenary Sessions:
 - *AI in Education: Policy & Innovation* – Exploring policy, governance, and technology for global learning equity.
 - *AI in Education: Collaborative Innovation* – Strategies for inclusive, scalable AI-driven learning.
 - *Southeast Asia's Call to Action* – A regional commitment to AI integration for future-ready education.
- Breakout Sessions – In-depth discussions on AI integration, offering practical insights.

- Special Breakout Sessions:
 - *SEAMEC President's 777 Flagship Program* – A platform for policy alignment and collaboration on AI-driven education reforms.
 - *E-CAIR Session* – Showcasing AI tools supporting DepEd's 5-Point Reform Agenda to enhance teaching, learning, and administration.
- Poster Session – Exhibits from SEAMEO INNOTECH, DepEd, and partners on AI-driven educational innovations.

VI. Regional AI Framework Development and Workshop

A key highlight of the conference is the Southeast Asian Framework for AI Integration in Education, which will serve as a structured guide for AI adoption in the region's education systems. The framework will outline policies and strategies to ensure AI is implemented ethically, equitably, and sustainably. It will address key areas such as digital accessibility, teacher capacity-building, governance, and AI-enhanced learning, providing a clear roadmap for policymakers and educational institutions to follow. This initiative aims to foster an education system that leverages AI to improve learning outcomes while ensuring that all students, regardless of background, benefit from technological advancements.

VII. Optional Day Tour

An optional day tour will be arranged for foreign delegates to experience Manila's cultural and historical landmarks. Participation costs may be covered by sponsoring organizations or paid individually by attendees.

VIII. Miscellaneous

SEAMEO INNOTECH remains committed to inclusivity by sponsoring participants from Cambodia, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, and Lao PDR. This initiative ensures their active engagement in policy discussions, reinforcing regional cooperation and equitable access to educational advancements.

This conference serves as a call to action, uniting stakeholders to harness AI responsibly for the future of education in Southeast Asia.

“AI in Education: Unlocking Potential Through Accessible and Equitable Learning”

P R O G R A M M E

M O R N I N G		
8:00–9:00	REGISTRATION	
9:00–9:10	Opening Ceremony SEAMEO Colors NATIONAL ANTHEM	
9:10–9:20	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Majah-Leah V. Ravago , Centre Director, SEAMEO INNOTECH
9:20–9:30	Message	Datuk Dr. Habibah Abdul Rahim Director, SEAMEO Secretariat
9:30–9:45	Commitment to the Drafting of a Policy Framework on AI in Education for Southeast Asia	SEAMEO INNOTECH, Ministries of Education, and Partners
9:45–9:50	Intro of the Keynote Speaker	Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin Office of the President
9:50–10:10	Keynote Message	His Excellency Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos, Jr. President of the Republic of the Philippines
10:10–10:30	<i>Photo Opportunity/Opportunity to set the stage for Session I</i>	
10:30–11:30	Policy Session with the Ministers of Education	Speaker: <i>Dr. Tara Bêteille</i> , The World Bank Panelists: <i>Hon. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara</i> , DepEd Philippines <i>H.E. Fadhlina Sidek</i> , MOE – Malaysia <i>H.E. Dulce de Jesus Soares</i> – Timor-Leste Moderator: <i>H.E. Laure Beauvils</i> , His Majesty’s Ambassador to the Philippines and Palau, British Embassy
11:30–11:45	BREAK/Poster Session	
11:45–12:45	PLENARY 1 AI in Education: Policy and Innovation for Global Learning Equity	Speaker: <i>Dr. Akira Murata</i> , Chiba Keizai University Reactors: <i>Mdm. Jamilah Binti Kadir</i> , SEAMEO Regional Centre for Special Educational Needs (SEN) <i>Dir. Gerson Marvin Abesamis</i> , DepEd Moderator: <i>Dr. Diosdado San Antonio</i> , INNOTECH
A F T E R N O O N		
12:45–2:00	LUNCH and Viewing of Poster Exhibits	
2:00–3:00	PLENARY 2 AI in Education: Collaborative Innovation for Inclusive and Scalable Learning Solutions	Speaker: <i>Dr. Antonia Mandry</i> , UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) Reactors: <i>Ms. Stephanie Orlino</i> , PLDT-Smart <i>Mr. Nelson John</i> , ADOBE

		Moderator: <i>Dr. Bala Murali Tanimale</i> , SEAMEO Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics (RECSAM)
3:00–4:15	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 From Insights to Impact: Strengthening Collaboration on the 7 Flagship Programs of the Philippines' SEAMEO Council Presidency	Speakers: c/o the Department of Education
	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 AI in Higher Education: Transforming Teaching, Research, and Institutional Innovation	Panelists: <i>Mr. Nyi Nyi Thaung</i> , UNESCO Bangkok <i>Dr. Ma. Christine Asuncion Dequilla</i> – Western Visayas State University <i>*Lead Researcher for the Action Research Project</i> , Chulalongkorn University Moderator: <i>Ms. Chrisant Raisha</i> , SEAMEO Secretariat
	BREAKOUT SESSION 3 AI in Education: Innovations and Governance for Equitable and Accessible Learning	Speakers: <i>Dr. Rafaelita M. Aldaba</i> , E-CAIR <i>Dr. Erika Legara</i> , E-CAIR <i>Dr. Alvin Alon</i> , E-CAIR <i>Dr. Basti Ibañez</i> , E-CAIR <i>Mr. Eli Bundoc</i> , E-CAIR <i>Mr. Biboy Villarin</i> , E-CAIR <i>Mr. Joma Miñoza</i> , E-CAIR <i>Mr. Derrick Tan</i> , E-CAIR
4:15–4:30	<i>BREAK/Poster Sessions</i>	
4:30–5:30	PLENARY 3 Southeast Asia's Call to Action: Advancing AI Integration in Education for a Future-Ready Region	Panelists: <i>Dr. Ronald Mendoza</i> , DepEd <i>H.E. Dr. Som Ratana</i> , Undersecretary of State – Cambodia <i>H. E. Nguyen Kim Son</i> , MOE – Vietnam Moderator: <i>Dr. Ethel Valenzuela</i> , Commission on Higher Education
E V E N I N G		
5:30–5:45	Way Forward	Ms. Kochakorn Khattapan Acidre Centre Deputy Director, SEAMEO INNOTECH
5:45–6:00	Closing Remarks	Ms. Jennifer Wong Chairman, SEAMEO Governing Board Ministry of Education – Brunei Darussalam
6:30–8:00	DINNER & CULTURAL SHOW	