

**Greater Mekong Subregion
Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development
(WGHRD-7)
Hanoi, Vietnam, 17-18 May 2006
Sofitel Plaza Hanoi Hotel**

Theme: *Connectivity and HRD*

Agenda/Program

16 May 2006, Tuesday

Arrival of Participants

1900-2100 Working Dinner of Heads of GMS Delegations and ADB
Venue: Ming Palace, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi Hotel

Day 1

17 May 2006, Wednesday

0830- 0900 Registration – Plaza 1, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

Inaugural Session

0900- 0930 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Welcome Remarks by H.E. **Prof. Dr. Tran Van Nhung**, Vice Minister of Education and Training, Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Opening Remarks by **Ms. Shireen Lateef**, Director, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Session 1

0930- 1000 **Connectivity and HRD: Issues and Implications** (*Mr. Myo Thant, Principal Economist Regional Cooperation, Social Sectors Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB*)

1000- 1015 Coffee Break

Session 2

1015- 1115 **Country Statements** (*Presenters: GMS Countries*)

Cambodia

People's Republic of China

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Myanmar

Thailand

Vietnam

1115- 1200 Open Discussion

1200- 1300 Lunch – 19th Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

Session 3

1300- 1320 Phnom Penh Plan Phase II (*Ms. Sukhdeep Brar, Senior Education Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

1320- 1340 International Organization for Migration presentation (*Mr. Federico Soda, IOM*)

1340- 1400 Standardization of Skills Competencies in the GMS (*Ms. Sukhdeep Brar, Senior Education Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

1400- 1420 GMS HIV/AIDS Strategy (*Ms. Lisa Studdert, Health Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

1420- 1530 Discussion

1530- 1545 Coffee Break

1545- 1615 Labor Migration Program (*Ms. Carmen De Paz Nieves, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank*)

1615- 1645 Regional Response and Initiatives on Avian Flu (*Mr. Vincent de Wit, Principal Health Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

1645- 1715 Discussion

1900- 2100 Welcome dinner for all participants hosted by Vice Minister, Minister of Education and Training, Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Venue: 19th Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi
Dress code: smart casual

Day 2

18 May 2006, Thursday

Session 4 Plenary Session – Plaza 1, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

0830 - 0845 Special Presentations

1. Labor standards/accreditation (*Ms. Anne Richmond, Skills Development Specialist, ILO*)

2. Crosscutting Social Concerns of Connectivity (*Ms. Anupma Jain, Social Sector Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

Session 5

0845 - 1200 Simultaneous Breakout Group Sessions

A. Health – Plaza 1, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

Ongoing Initiatives:

1. Communicable Diseases Control Project in the GMS (*Mr. Vincent de Wit, Principal Health Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)
2. Guilin Workshop for Regional Surveillance and Response for Communicable Diseases Control (*Mr. Vincent de Wit, ADB*)

New Project Concepts/Proposals:

- PRC-proposed health forum
- Regional HIV/AIDS program

Emerging Transboundary Issues and Concerns:

- GMS Health Sector Strategy/Program
- Health Sector Reforms: quality health financing, affordable health insurance, etc.

Partnerships and New Opportunities for Resource Mobilization:

- Possible overlap of regional cooperation programs (ASEAN, ACMECS, WHO)

Validation/Updating of GMS Development Matrix

B. Education – Danang Room, Mezzanine Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

- Status of education in the GMS - a regional perspective (*Ms. Sukhdeep Brar, Senior Education Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)
- Education: Access, Equity and Quality (*Ms. Eiko Izawa, Education Specialist, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)

Emerging Transboundary Issues and Challenges:

- Targeted interventions for inclusive education
- Data collection and management systems for effective planning and management (EMIS/TMIS)
- Supervision and monitoring

- School management
- Private Sector Financing

New Project Concepts/Proposals:

1. Education Management Systems in GMS – *Ms. Sukhdeep Brar*
2. New proposals from Thailand (tentative)

Validation/Updating of GMS Development Matrix

C. Labor and migration – Saigon Room, Mezzanine Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

Ongoing Initiatives:

1. Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the GMS (*Ms. Manoshi Mitra, Senior Social Development Specialist, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB*)
2. Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS (*Ms. Manoshi Mitra*)

New Project Concepts/Proposals:

1. Proposal on Training on Working Environment Assessment for Labor Inspectors (Thailand)
2. Proposal on Labor Standards (Thailand)

New Emerging Issues and Concerns

Partnerships and New Opportunities for Resource Mobilization

Validation/Updating of GMS Development Matrix

1200- 1330 Lunch - Ming Palace, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

Session 6 Plenary Session – Plaza 1, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

1330- 1530 Presentation of Breakout Group Reports and Discussions

1. Health
2. Education
3. Labor

1530- 1545 Coffee Break

Session 7 Plaza 1, 2nd Floor, Sofitel Plaza Hanoi

1545- 1645 Expansion of Research Networks (*Prof. Vilas Wuvongse, Vice President–External Relations, AIT; Dr. Ramon Cavada Sevilla, Acting*

Director, MI; Mr. Alan Feinstein, Associate Director, Southeast Asia Regional Program, Rockefeller Foundation; and Prof. Gang Deng, Director, International Cooperation Division KUST)

1645- 1700 WGHRD-7 Inputs into i) 14TH GMS Ministerial Meeting, ii) 3rd GMS Summit (2008)

Date and Venue of WGHRD-8

Closing Session

1700- 1715 Closing Remarks by Mr. Ayumi Konishi, Country Director, Vietnam Resident Mission, ADB

Day 3

19 May 2006, Friday

Departure of Participants