REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 470____s, 2021

REQUEST FOR AVP PRESENTATIONS FOR THE 2021 ASEAN AND SEAMEO WEBINAR SERIES (Session 4)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO) invites all interested teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, parents and stakeholders to attend the 4th session of the 2021 ASEAN and SEAMEO webinar series which will be hosted via Zoom/Streamyard and Facebook live via DepEd PH and DepEd-International Cooperation Office Facebook pages on May 21 2021 at 2:00PM - 5:00PM (Manila Time).

2. Relative to this, SDOs are requested to submit audio-visual presentations (AVPs) that highlight innovative practices in providing home-based learning to Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners through electronic mails at ico@deped.gov.ph and clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph.

3. Attached is the Memorandum for reference.

4. For further coordination, please contact the International Cooperation Office through electronic mail at ico@deped.gov.ph.

5. For information and compliance.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

Encl.: As stated
Reference: Memorandum from ICO
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

ASEAN AND SEAMEO
AVP PRESENTATIONS
WEBINAR SERIES

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May 19, 2021

DepEd Region 1: Built on character; empowered by competence.
MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Directors

THRU : JESUS L.R. MATEO
Undersecretary for Planning and Human Resource
and Organizational Development

FROM : MARGARITA/CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
Director IV

SUBJECT : Request for AVP Presentations for the 2021 ASEAN and
SEAMEO Webinar Series (Session 4) on 28 May 2021

DATE : 14 May 2021

Background

The Department of Education, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO), is conducting the 2021 ASEAN and SEAMEO Month Webinar Series to promote stakeholder awareness on these two regional organizations. The webinar series will be held once a month from February to November 2021. The webinar series aims feature relevant issues and sharing of policy responses related to COVID-19 from the Southeast Asian region to provide the policymakers and stakeholders with a platform to engage with one another.

Anchored on the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas, the 4th session of the series will have the theme “Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in a Post-COVID-19 Era.” The session will be held on 28 May 2021 at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Manila time).

Webinar Objectives

This particular session aims to present the different initiatives of the Southeast Asian region, the Philippines, and the Department of Education have in promoting quality early childhood care and education. The open forum will also explore the future of ECCE after the COVID-19 pandemic and how the invited organizations will cope with the New Normal future setting.
Finally, towards the end of the webinar, we will be highlighting innovative practices of DepEd schools in providing home-based learning to children of early age.

**Clear Statement of Request and Recommended Action**

In this regard, we would like to request for audio-visual presentations (AVPs) from DepEd schools/divisions in your respective regions that highlight innovative practices in providing home-based learning to Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners.

The session will be joined by different organizations that promote ECCE in Southeast Asia and the Philippines. Additionally, the webinar will be hosted via StreamYard and will be broadcasted live at the DepEd PH and DepEd-International Cooperation Office Facebook pages.

We look forward to receiving the AVP submissions **on or before 24 May 2021** for finalization of the line-up.

For further coordination, your staff may contact the International Cooperation Office through electronic mail at ico@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

**Attachments:**
*Concept Note*
*Program of Activities*
2021 ASEAN AND SEAMEO WEBINAR SERIES

CONCEPT NOTE

Background
The International Cooperation Office (ICO) is anchored on the goal of enhancing the institutional capacity of the Department of Education in developing, coordinating, managing, and consequently, fulfilling international commitments of the country. The office is also mandated to serve as the clearing house for all international transactions within the Department of Education and to strengthen the ties of the Department to its international partners, including bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

As the Philippine representative to ASEAN education sector and SEAMEO, the Department of Education serves as the main focal point for regional initiatives related to education. Thus, it is part of ICO’s mandate to facilitate cooperation between the Department and its partner agencies and organizations.

ASEAN Declaration on Declaration on Culture of Prevention
The ASEAN leaders adopted the Declaration on Culture of Prevention (CoP) for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society at the 31st ASEAN Summit on 13 November 2017. The Culture of Prevention Agenda aims to promote and embed a culture of preventive mindset at all levels to address the root causes of social issues including violence, environmental degradation and quality of life. One of the lead sectoral bodies of the six (6) thrusts of the CoP is the Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), in partnership with the Senior Officials Responsible for Information (SOMRI). Specifically, SOM-ED and SOMRI lead the implementation of Thrust 6 on promoting a culture supporting the values of moderation.

Development of the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025
The ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025 is currently being reviewed by SOM-ED to ensure that relevant education issues and concerns in ASEAN are addressed by the new Work Plan. One of the priorities of the Philippines, as SOM-ED Chair, is to promote enhanced regional cooperation on all levels of education, including basic education, higher education, and TVET. Especially in this time of pandemic, it is of utmost importance that policy reforms and regional efforts are responsive to the demands of society and inclusive to all sectors of society.

SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas
The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is a regional intergovernmental organization, established in 1965, that promotes regional cooperation in education, science and culture in the region.

SEAMEO aims to improve people’s lives in the Southeast Asian region through quality and equity in education, preventive health education, culture and tradition, information and
communication technology, languages, poverty alleviation and agriculture and natural resources.

The organization, with its 26 regional centres and network, anchors its projects and programmes on the SEAMEO 7 Priority Areas (2015-2035). In this time of uncertainty and crisis, these priority areas served as the foundation for SEAMEO’s policy responses and recommendations for its members. True to its mandate, SEAMEO has provided innovative assistance to its members in the form of online training, online discussions, and policy recommendations during the pandemic.

Anchored on these, the International Cooperation Office, in partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat and the SEAMEO Secretariat, is conducting the 2021 ASEAN and SEAMEO Month Webinar Series which will be held once a month from February to November 2021. Following Brunei Darussalam’s theme for its ASEAN Chairmanship this 2021, We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper, the ICO webinar series will feature relevant issues and sharing of policy responses from the Southeast Asian region to provide the policymakers and stakeholders with a platform to engage with one another. The following are the list of webinars to be conducted this year:

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**Objectives of the Webinar Series**

The webinar series aims to promote ASEAN and SEAMEO awareness and responsiveness within the education sector and its stakeholders. Specifically, the webinars aim:

a. To introduce the International Cooperation Office, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the SEAMEO Secretariat;
b. To provide a platform for DepEd policymakers and stakeholders to discuss important issues in education;
c. To promote ASEAN and SEAMEO regional initiatives in education, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
d. To gather recommendations for policy reform and enhanced regional cooperation in basic education, higher education, and TVET.

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Target Speakers
In order to achieve the above mentioned objectives, the webinar series will invite resource speakers who are experts on the proposed webinar topics. With the help of the ASEAN Secretariat and the SEAMEO Secretariat, the organizers will be inviting speakers from the following organizations as well:
   a. Department of Education;
   b. Commission on Higher Education;
   c. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
   d. Ministries of Education in Southeast Asia;
   e. SEAMEO Regional Centres and Network;
   f. ASEAN Partner Institutions; and
   g. Other experts.

Target Participants
The webinar series is expected to benefit the following audience:
   a. DepEd Central Office officials and personnel;
   b. DepEd Regional Offices/Field Offices;
      - Regional Director - (Region I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, CAR, NCR, BARMM)
      - All other interested teaching and non-teaching personnel in the regional and field offices
   c. Teaching and non-teaching personnel in Southeast Asian Ministries of Education;
   d. Filipino learners and their parents; and
   e. All interested stakeholders.

Webinar Platform
The webinar series will be hosted via Zoom/Streamyard and will be broadcasted on Facebook live via the DepEd PH and DepEd-International Cooperation Office Facebook pages.
# 2021 ASEAN-SEAMEO Webinar Series

Session 4: Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in a Post-COVID-19 Era

May 28, 2021 | 14:00 – 17:00 GMT +8
via StreamYard and Facebook Live

## Program of Activities

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<td>14:15 – 14:25</td>
<td><strong>Opening Message</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela <em>(tbc)</em>&lt;br&gt;Director, SEAMEO Secretariat</td>
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<td>14:25 – 14:45</td>
<td><strong>Exploring Early Childhood Care and Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Keynote Speech</em>&lt;br&gt;Ms. Evelyn Santiago <em>(tbc)</em>&lt;br&gt;Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood</td>
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<td>14:45 – 15:00</td>
<td><strong>Early Childhood Care and Development in the Philippines</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Introduction of the ECCD Council and its Role in Promoting ECCD</em>&lt;br&gt;Dr. Teresita Inciong <em>(tbc)</em>&lt;br&gt;Vice-Chairperson and Executive Director, ECCD Council</td>
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<td>15:00 – 15:15</td>
<td><strong>Bridging ECCD to K-3</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Sharing of DepEd Policies and Programs for Children of Early Age</em>&lt;br&gt;Dr. Diosdado M. San Antonio <em>(tbc)</em>&lt;br&gt;Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction&lt;br&gt;Department of Education</td>
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| 15:15 – 15:30 | **Regional Initiatives in Promoting ECCE**  
*Sharing of SEAMEO ECCD Initiatives During the Pandemic*  
**Dr. Dwi Priyono (tbc)**  
Centre Director, SEAMEO CECCEP |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | **Photo Opportunity**  
**Open Forum:** "The Future of ECCE in a Post-COVID Era"  
**Moderator: Dr. Leila P. Areola (tbc)**  
Director IV, Bureau of Learning Delivery  
**Awarding of Virtual Certificates to the Speakers** |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | **Closing Message**  
**Dr. Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros**  
Director, International Cooperation Office |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **K-3 Home-based Learning During the Pandemic**  
*Audio-Visual Presentation of Selected DepEd Schools* |