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ADVISORY

TO

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This Division

FROM

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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT

SEAMEO RECSAM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

DATE

August 31, 2017

Attached is Memorandum DM- CI-2017- 00242/ Scholarship Advisory No. 13, s. 2017 from Lorna Dig Dino, Director IV, OIC, Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction on the announcement of the regular courses offered by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics for Fiscal Year 2017- 2018.

The qualifications, application form and other details of the program are enclosed in this advisory. Submission of the requirements for nomination shall be on or before November 24, 2017 to the Human Resource Development Unit of this division.

For further information and inquiries, please contact this division at (065) 212 5131 or at mobile number 09175072793 and look for SEPS Robert I. Poculan III or EPS II Nicollette Ria E. Tangon.

Widest dissemination of this advisory is desired.



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Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction

MEMORANDUM DM-CI-2017- 00 1412

Scholarship Advisory No. 13, s.2017

TO

Regional Directors

School Division Superintendents

Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

FROM

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Director IV

Officer-in-charge, Office of the Undersecretary

for Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT

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SEAMEO RECSAM Scholarship Programmes

DATE

August 15, 2017

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics announces its regular courses offered for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (2-27 April 2018):

Course Title	Course Dates	Objectives of the Programme	Deadline of Submission of Requirements	Number of Scholarships Available
Enhancing Primary Science Teaching and Learning through Professional Learning Community	2-27 April 2018	 For participants to be able to: acquire basic knowledge and philosophy of classroom-based research, such as action research, case study and lesson study; develop basic research skills necessary to conduct classroom-based research in education to improve teaching and learning of primary science; attain simple statistical techniques for data analysis; adopt alternative teaching methods/strategies derived from classroom-based research for enhancing effective teaching and learning of primary science; plan, design implement, analyze and make conclusion collaboratively on a primary classroom-based research study; and establish PLC in their own school in their own schools. 	6 November 2017	Two (2) slots

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Purposeful Assessment in Primary Mathematics Classrooms	2-27 April 2018	 For participants to be able to: gain understanding on the nature, purposes, types, and practice of assessment, explain the interrelationships of assessment with pedagogy and curriculum in the teaching and learning process; discuss the potential influences of international, centralized and school-based assessment to classroom teaching and curriculum development; enhance skills to align current active mathematics teaching and learning approaches that promote higher-order thinking and critical thinking skills to assessment; develop tasks and assessment instruments to gauge students' achievement in mathematics; integrated technology in mathematics assessment; and plan, design and implement mathematics lesson by adapting an instructional design with emphasis on assessment as well as congruency to content and pedagogy. 	6 November 2017	Two (2) slots
Meaningful Secondary Science Learning in the STEM Environment	2-27 April 2018	For participants to be able to: • provide appropriate contexts to help students integrate science and other subjects; • develop student thinking and inquiry; • integrated real-world issues; • use assessment to inform learning; and • collaboratively plan, design, implement, analyze, and make conclusion of a quality STEM with the focus on science lesson plan.	6 November 2017	One (1) slot
Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning in Secondary Mathematics Clasroom	2-27 April 2018	 For participants to be able to: acquire basic knowledge on mathematical thinking that promotes STEM education; develop skills necessary to improve teaching and learning of STEM; adopt necessary skills for effective teaching and learning of primary mathematics; integrated ICT in STEM Education using tools such as simulations, animations and game based-learning; assessment for STEM; and use the lesson quality improvement process to develop quality lesson plans that illustrate the integration of computer games in mathematical lesson that promote mathematical thinking. 	6 November 2017	Two (2) slots

Participants from SEAMEO countries on SEAMEO Scholarships will be provided with: Economy class air-ticket from capital city International Airport from participants' work station to Penang, Malaysia and back. Food and accommodation on twin-sharing basis are provided by RECSAM International House for the duration of the course.

The qualifications required for the course participants are described in Annex B (Regular Courses for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 2-27 April 2018).

The nominated participants must:

- 1. Be in good health both physically and mentally and certified medically fit in order to complete the course;
- 2. Submit the duly completed application form (duplicate copies); and,
- 3. Submit a photocopy of the front page of their passport with the particulars clearly printed.

All other required documents (Annex A) must be submitted via email at neap.pdd@deped.gov.ph on or before the stated deadline.

The application form and other details of the program are enclosed in this memorandum. For further inquiries and clarifications, you may contact the DepEd Scholarship Secretariat at (02) 633-9455 or thru email at neap.pdd@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of and appropriate action for this memorandum is desired.

Annex A: List of Requirements

B: Regular Courses for FY 2017-2018(Qualification)

C: Regular Courses for FY 2017-2018(Course Description)

D: Essay Questionnaire

E: Scholarship Contract

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Scholarship Programmes

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS

A. Qualifications

- a. Not more than 50 years of age
- b. Filipino citizen
- c. Has not been convicted of any administrative offense or crime, wherein the penalty is more than six (6) months
- d. Master teacher or science / math teacher
- e. Must hold a permanent appointment
- f. Must have rendered at least two (2) years of service in the government at the time of nomination
- g. Must have obtained at least a *Very Satisfactory* or *Outstanding* performance rating for two (2) consecutive rating periods immediately preceding the nomination
- h. Must have no pending nomination for scholarship in another program/course
- i. Must have no pending administrative and/or criminal case
- j. Physically and medically fit to travel
- k. Not an expectant mother

B. Documentary

- a. Fully Accomplished Application Form
- b. Detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae
- c. Letter of Application addressed to the donor organization
- d. Endorsement from the Regional Director or his/her duly authorized representative
- e. Personal Data Sheet
- f. Statement of present actual duties and responsibilities relevant to the course/program, signed by the immediate supervisor
- g. Transcript/s of Records and Diplomas for all degrees attained
- h. Service record
- i. Copy of professional certification/s
- j. Performance Rating for two (2) consecutive rating periods immediately preceding the nomination
- k. Medical Certificate of Physical Fitness issued by a physician from a recognized accredited health institution but not the same institution where the applicant is presently employed
- 1. Certification that the applicant has no pending application for scholarship under another program signed by the immediate supervisor
- m. Certification of no pending administrative and/or criminal case signed by the applicant's respective legal / administrative officer
- n. Photocopy of Passport

^{*}Scanned/soft copies of the above-enumerated documents must be submitted before 6 November 2017 via email at <u>neap.pdd@deped.gov.ph</u>. All original documents of the chosen applicant will be asked to be submitted on a later date.



Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization

Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics

Our Ref: RCP/GEN/157/V.24(147)

Date: 26 July 2017

Atty Alberto Jesus T Muyot Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs Department of Education DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue Pasiq City, Metro Manila **PHILIPPINES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

REGULAR COURSES OFFERED BY SEAMEO RECSAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 (2 - 27 APRIL 2018)

We are honored to inform you that SEAMEO RECSAM will be offering courses for senior educators and teacher trainers to SEAMEO member countries. Attached herewith are the information and condition that will assist the various Ministries of Education in their selection of nominees to attend RECSAM Regular Courses.

2.0 NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Please send the list of Nominees, Participants' Application Forms and Scholarship Agreements for 2.1 the courses as stipulated in the following table. It is much appreciated if the Ministries of Education could cooperate to meet with the deadlines suggested (30 November 2017). The participants may be nominated to the courses according to the allocations as stated below:

Course Code	Course Title	No. of Scholarships Offered Per Country
RC-PS-142-1	Enhancing Primary Science Teaching and Learning through Professional Learning Community	2
RC-PM-142-2	Purposeful Assessment in Primary Mathematics Classrooms	2
RC-SS-142-3	Meaningful Secondary Science Learning in the STEM Environment	1
RC-SM-142-4	Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning in Secondary Mathematics Classrooms	2

Member Countries are welcome to send fee-paying participants for the above courses (see item 5.0 for conditions). Applications for places could be made earlier through telephone call or e-mail at director@recsam.edu.my followed by an official letter to Director, SEAMEO RECSAM, Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, 11700 Gelugor, Penang, Malaysia.

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SEAMEO RECSAM, Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, 11700 Gelugor, Renang, MALAYSIA

Tel: 60 4-6522700

Fax: 60 4-6522737

- 2.2 The qualifications required for the course participants are described in the annexures of the different courses. Please follow the required qualifications as strictly as possible in your selection of participants for the respective courses. This is to ensure active participation during the course and to allow participants to derive full benefit from the courses. In addition, to enhance the impact of these courses it is suggested that the nominated participants are key personnel who are/will be likely to implement multiplier effects upon their return to their respective positions.
- 2.3 The nominated participants must be in good health both physically, mentally and certified medically fit in order to complete the course (Applicants must submit his/her **medical certificate** together with the application form).
- 2.4 Nominations would normally be considered only upon receipt of the duly completed application forms of the nominees. Please notify RECSAM soonest possible if your country is unable to fill the number of the scholarships specified. The vacant places may be offered to other member countries with due notice.
- 2.5 Applicants should also submit a photocopy of the front page of their passports with their particulars clearly printed. Applicants who do not have a passport at the time of application will need to submit the documents **two weeks** after notification of acceptance.
- Attention. Completed application form, scholar agreement, medical report, photocopy of international passport and other relevant documents of the nominated candidates must send to SEAMEO RECSAM before the deadline given. If this is not possible, then a list of the names of potential candidates with the certified copy of their qualifications in Science/Mathematics must be sent in advance to SEAMEO RECSAM. All member countries are expected to NOMINATE AT LEAST THREE NAMES as candidates for each course. Out of these names, SEAMEO RECSAM will select two nominees for each of the courses RC-PS-142-1, RC-PM-142-2, RC-SM-142-4 and one nominee for course RC-SS-142-3. If any of the candidate's qualification does not meet the requirements stated, SEAMEO RECSAM has the right to reject that particular candidate and the scholarship will be given to candidates from other member countries.

3.0 COURSE INFORMATION

3.1 Details of the Courses

Please refer to attached booklet on course descriptions.

3.2 Compulsory Requirement

All participants must have a good working knowledge of spoken and written English in order to get the maximum benefit out of the courses. A certified copy of their proficiency in English must be attached with the participants' form.

4.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

4.1 Personal Accident Insurance

Participants should secure their own personal insurance themselves throughout the duration of the course. SEAMEO RECSAM will not be responsible for taking insurance to cover personal insurance accidents. No responsibility for any form of insurance or any other expenses such as passport fee, visa fee, exit fee, insurance premium, etc. will be assumed by SEAMEO RECSAM, SEAMEO Secretariat or the Government of Malaysia.

4.2 Health and Age Limit

The nominated participant must be in excellent health and should not be more than 50 years of age.

4.3 Expectant Mothers

Because of the intensive nature of the training programme, it may not be advisable for female participants who are pregnant to attend these courses. Moreover, most airlines generally do not accept passengers who are in an advanced stage of pregnancy, normally around 7 months and above. As such, nominating Ministries should ensure that participants will not face this problem particularly on their homeward journey. SEAMEO RECSAM reserves the right to terminate the training programme of any participant who is likely to face such a problem. However, the termination procedure will, as usual, be made in consultation with the nominating Ministry.

4.4 Terms of Scholarships

Participants from SEAMEO countries on SEAMEO Scholarships will be provided with:

- Economy class air-ticket <u>from capital city</u> International Airport of participant's work station to Penang and back. As soon as nominations are received and accepted by SEAMEO RECSAM Office, airline tickets will be dispatched to the respective Ministries of Education unless otherwise requested by the Ministries of Education to be sent to the nearest city where the participants live. If, for any reasons whatsoever, the Centre wishes to alter these terms and conditions in any way, we reserve the right to do so entirely at our discretion. Any alterations, amendments or additions to these terms and condition of service shall be advised to you in writing.
- ii) Food and accommodation on twin-sharing basis are provided at SEAMEO RECSAM International House for the duration of the course.

<u>Attention</u>: Any fee incurred by a participant due to last minute cancellation of ticket or replacement of participant, after the ticket is issued, <u>should be borne</u> by the <u>Ministry of Education of that nominating country</u>. SEAMEO RECSAM will not take on the responsibility for such penalty charge or extra charge of any kind pertaining to the above.

4.5 Each participant is requested to complete and sign 2 copies of the "SEAMEO RECSAM Scholar Agreement" Forms. Kindly reproduce more copies of the agreement if necessary. One completed copy is to be returned and one copy to be kept by the Ministries of Education for reference.

4.6 Accommodation, Food and Attire

Participants will be accommodated at SEAMEO RECSAM International House and food will be provided at RECSAM Cafeteria. On occasions when meals are not catered for, food allowance will be given. The rooms are of double occupancy with bathroom attached. SEAMEO RECSAM has the right to allocate room-mates to the participants. All participants are expected to be **formally dressed for classes** – no T shirts and jeans during class sessions. Participants should also wear **proper attire while travelling to Malaysia and back**.

4.7 Early Issue of Exit Permits and Entry Visas to Malaysia

No visa is required for a stay of less than one month for nationals of all ASEAN countries except Myanmar. For a stay exceeding one month, a visa will be required, except for nationals of Brunei and Singapore. It is requested that the following be done as early as possible:

- i. Exit permit for nominated participants must be obtained from their own Government, and
- ii. <u>Entry visa</u> for nominated participants into Malaysia must be obtained from the Malaysian Embassy in the participants' own country. RECSAM will send the participants a letter of offer to help expedite the visa application process when we receive the participants' names from the Ministries of Education.

4.8 National Costume for Closing Ceremony

It is requested that each participant from the various member countries bring along with him/her the country's national costume to be worn during the Closing Ceremony.

4.9 Cultural Performance

It is a normal practice in SEAMEO RECSAM that at the end of every batch of courses, there will be a cultural performance held after the closing ceremony and certificate presentation. Participants from different SEAMEO countries are expected to give a cultural presentation (eg. Dance, drama, and the like) that depicts the culture of their countries. It would certainly be very helpful if they could come prepared with the necessary items such as costumes, musical instruments, etc. related to their culture.

4.10 Gifts Exchange

Before the participants leave for their home countries, there will usually be the exchanging of souvenirs and gifts among participants. It is advisable that the participants bring along souvenirs for this purpose.

5.0 PARTICIPANTS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES ON FEE-PAYING BASIS

The following are the conditions for participants from Member Countries on fee-paying basis:

- i. They will also abide by the stipulations of the RECSAM Scholar Agreement and follow the requirements of the programme;
- ii. They are physically fit and meet the necessary qualifications to attend the course;
- iii. They pay a minimum course fee which does not cover airfare, medical expenses, insurance, and extension of visa fees. (For further enquiries, kindly write to Director, SEAMEO RECSAM, Jalan Sultan Azlan Shah, 11700 Gelugor, Penang, Malaysia, or email director@recsam.edu.my or Fax: +604-6522737).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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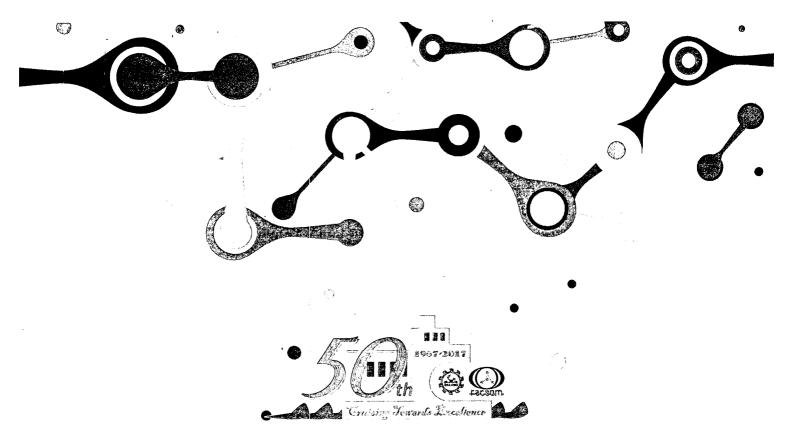
Deputy Director, Training Programme for Centre Director

Copies to:

Chairman & Members of RECSAM Governing Board SEAMEO Affairs Officers, Ministries of Education, SEAMEO Member Countries Director, SEAMEO Secretariat, Bangkok 10110, Thailand

- * Enclosed please find the following documents for your kind perusal and action:
 - i. Course Description for Fiscal Year 2017/2018
 - ii. Application Form
 - iii. Medical Report Form
 - iv. Scholar Agreement
 - v. Checklist for the documents to be submitted to SEAMEO RECSAM by each participants

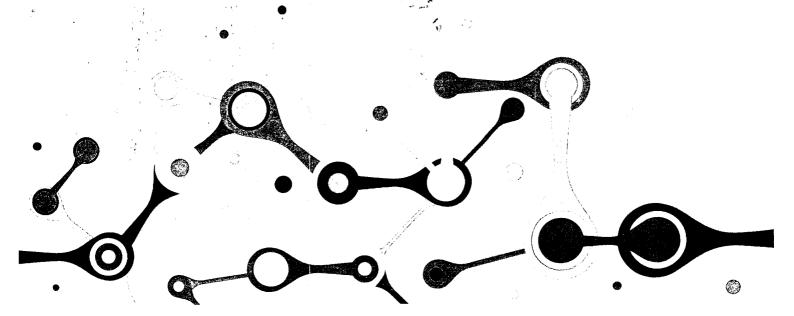




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2 - 27 APRIL 2018

COURSE DESCRIPTION



REGULAR COURSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018

2 - 27 April 2018

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	NO. OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED PER COUNTRY
RC-PS-142-1	ENHANCING PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY	2
RC-PM-142-2	PURPOSEFUL ASSESSMENT IN PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CLASSROOMS	2
RC-SS-142-3	MEANINGFUL SECONDARY SCIENCE LEARNING IN THE STEM ENVIRONMENT	1
RC-SM-142-4	ENHANCING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) LEARNING IN SECONDARY MATHEMATICS CLASSROOMS	2

Level P: Primary Subject S: Science

S: Secondary

M: Mathematics



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IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ACTION			
30 November 2017	Deadline to receive nominations from Ministries of Education			
4 – 22 December 2017	Selection of participants by SEAMEO RECSAM			
26 – 29 December 2017	Notification of acceptance to successful applicants (via email) *Please ensure email ID provided in participation form are valid.			
19 January 2018	Deadline to receive confirmation of participation form			
5 - 9 February 2018	Distribution of e-tickets to the participants			
2 April 2018	Course commences			
27 April 2018	Course ends			

REGULAR COURSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018

Course Code: RC-PS-142-1

Course Title: ENHANCING PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Rationale:

Teachers are continuing seeking ways, albeit systematically, to improve classroom teaching and learning. To facilitate learning, teachers prepare lessons, develop instructional materials, evaluate student work, and share outcome with students with the intention of improving learning. This may sound like daily classroom teaching routines. But, if those activities are seen in a different perspective, that describes teachers designing and implementing a plan of action, observing and analysing outcomes, and modifying plans to better meet the needs of students, then the description is robust enough to be seen as a classroom research (Anderson, 2004). These activities will yield the ultimate goal of improving the quality of teaching and enhance better learning. As such, it is certainly appropriate to regard teachers as researchers. In fact, meaningful teacher research should be an intentional and systematic inquiry in order to improve classroom practice, and accordingly the outcome should also be a formal way of recording a good teaching in a written format.

However, it is equally important that all academic staff of a school work on the school's common purpose. Otherwise the various staff may be moving in different directions that could result in a lack of alignment of the scope and reducing the effect of collegial cohesion. Hence, all teachers at the school should come together to meet as one community, to share what the individual teachers or smaller units are learning, and to carry out the specific research learning that the whole school group deems important. This is the basic purpose of establishing Professional Learning Community (PLC) to upgrade the quality of teaching and thereby enhancing students' successful learning (Hord, Roussin & Sommers, 2010). Quality teaching is strengthened by continuing professional development of the teachers, and PLC sets the environment that facilitates collegiality and close collaboration among them.

To promote the notion of teachers as researchers, and to increase the effectiveness of PLC, three classroom-based research methodologies, i.e. action research, case study and lesson study are recommended to be used by teachers to research on their own teaching. In the process of implementing any one or all of those methodologies, the teacher would have to choose a research question that he wants to focus on as provided by the whole school group, and then plan how to gather data for deriving useful information. Through data analysis, the teacher will then be able to reflect on what he has learned, and make conclusions or decisions on how to improve instructional practices to better serve student needs.

Objectives:

The main objectives of this course is to provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to conduct classroom-based research with the intention of establishing PLC in their own schools to enhance primary science teaching and learning.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- acquire basic knowledge and philosophy of classroom-based research, such as action research, case study and lesson study;
- develop basic research skills necessary to conduct classroom-based research in education to improve teaching and learning of primary science;
- 3 attain simple statistical techniques for data analysis;

- adopt alternative teaching methods/strategies derived from classroom-based research 4 for enhancing effective teaching and learning of primary science;
- plan, design, implement, analyse and make conclusion collaboratively on a primary 5 classroom-based research study; and
- establish PLC in their own schools. 6

This course emphasises a good grounding of theory in educational research and reflective classroom practices. Participants will have to engage actively in course activities and discussions, as well as fostering team work in designing and carrying out a small-scale classroom-based research study. The knowledge and skills acquired would enable them to initiate classroom-based research and form PLC for improving primary science classroom practices in their respective schools upon returning to their own countries.

The major areas include:

- Introduction to Educational Research
 - 1.1 Teachers as Researchers
 - Nature and Elements of Educational Research
 - 1.3 Types of Research: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed-mode Research
- Science Education 2
 - 2.1 Issues and Trends in Primary Science Education
 - Selected Strategies/Approaches in Teaching and Learning of Primary Science
 - 2.3 Formative Assessment
- Classroom-based Research Methodologies 3
 - 3.1 Action Research
 - 3.2 Case Study
 - 3.3 Lesson Study
- Theory into Practice: Implementation of a Small-scale Classroom-based Research 4
 - Research Question
 - 4.2 Research Design
 - 4.3 Data Collection
 - 4.4 Data Analysis
 - 4.5 Interpretation, Conclusion and Report Writing
- Simple Statistical Techniques 5
 - Types of Descriptive Statistics 5.1
 - 5.2 Concepts Underlying Inferential Statistics
 - 5.3 Statistical Packages for Data Analysis
- Professional Learning Community 6
 - 6.1 What, Why and How: Establishing PLC
 - Sharing Personal Practice for Collective/Whole School Group Learning

Duration: Four Weeks

Participants: Science Educators or Key Primary Science Teachers English Proficiency: Minimum IELTS Band of 4.5 or Equivalent

Expected Output: 1. Group Project Work Report
2. Individual Multiplier Effect Action Plan

References:

Anderson, A. (2004). An introduction to Teacher Research. Retrieved on April 18, 2014 from

http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/659 Hord, S.M., Roussin, J.L. and Sommers, W.A. (2010). Guilding Professional Learning Communities: Inspiration, Challenge, Surprise, and Meaning. USA: Corwin

Course Code: RC-PM-142-2

Course Title: PURPOSEFUL ASSESSMENT IN PRIMARY MATHEMATICS CLASSROOMS

Rationale:

Assessment is a fundamental issue in mathematics education and perceived to be the driving force in curriculum development and implementation, and in the teaching and learning process in the classroom. Since the new generation of students are required to think critically, justify, evaluate, synthesise, and apply knowledge in new contexts, as well as solve non-routine problems, and communicate effectively in a mathematical discourse, the structure of the assessment system inevitably needs a deeper look (Rajendran, 2010). In addition, accountability for student achievement, emphasis on national and international assessment programmes, and global competition — all contribute to the increased demands for assessment.

Purposeful assessment practices steer teachers and students to understand where they have been, where they are at present, and where they are heading. There is a need to consider the meaningful role of assessment even during the process of teaching and learning rather than considering assessment only upon completion of the teaching and learning process. Thus, the link between mathematics assessment, pedagogies used and instructional practices adopted in the classroom has to be well defined and well established.

The various perspectives assumed by assessment namely, assessment as learning, assessment of learning, and assessment for learning are integral for effective mathematics teaching and learning. Even though they take different forms, overlap and interact, no one assessment can provide sufficient information to cause positive changes in teaching and learning (Stiggins, 2007). The key to purposeful assessment is to align the assessment to the teaching objectives and the instructional approach used and to use different types of assessments as part of instruction results in providing useful information about student understanding and progress.

Objectives

The course aims to equip participants with the knowledge, attitude, skills and habits to operationalise the important role of purposeful assessment in the teaching and learning process. It is hoped that the participants will gain exposure to current and effective research-based assessment strategies and practices that are aligned with established educational theories and routine classroom practices.

At the end of the course, the participants should be able to:

- gain understanding on the nature, purposes, types, and practices of assessment;
- explain the interrelationships of assessment with pedagogy and curriculum in the teaching and learning process;
- discuss the potential influences of international, centralised and school-based assessments to classroom teaching and curriculum development;
- enhance skills to align current active mathematics teaching and learning approaches that promote higher-order thinking, creative thinking and critical thinking skills to assessment:
- develop tasks and assessment instruments to gauge students' achievement in mathematics;
- 6 integrate technology in mathematics assessment; and
- 7 plan, design and implement mathematics lesson by adapting an instructional design with emphasis on assessment as well as congruency to content and pedagogy.

Course Contents

This course emphasises on a deep grounding of theory and research on the principles, purposes and practices of assessment and learning. The participants will explore on the relationship of assessment to pedagogy, curriculum and instructional practices in the classroom, which includes giving feedback, analysing students' homework and enhancing skills related to observation and probing questioning techniques.

The course also focuses on the significance of assessment in planning mathematics lessons and the coherence of the essential components such as lesson objectives formulation, instructional strategy selection and assessment procedure appropriate with the end view of improving student learning and teaching effectiveness. It is essentially activity-oriented and calls for deep reflection of the participants' professional experiences pertaining to the various issues and challenges encountered in the teaching and learning of mathematics. The course activities are designed to cater for discussions, presentations, mathematical discourse, and hands-on and minds-on sessions.

The major areas include:

- 1. Trends and Issues in Assessment and Mathematics Education
 - 1.1 21st Century Skills in Mathematics Education
 - 1.2 Learning Taxonomies
- 2. Fundamentals of Assessment
 - 2.1 Nature, Purposes and Practices
 - 2.2 Relationships of Assessment as; for and of Learning
- 3. Potential Influences of International, National and School-based Assessment in Student Learning
 - 3.1 Construction of Test Items that Assess Higher Order Thinking
- 4. Aligning Mathematics Pedagogy and Assessment Practices
 - 4.1 Constructivism and its Implications to Assessment
 - 4.2 Formative and Summative Assessments in Mathematics Classrooms
 - 4.3 Self Assessment and Peer Assessment
- 5. The Use of Information and Communications Technology in Assessment
 - 5.1 Computer-based Test Items
- 6. Enhancing Teacher's Understanding and Practices on the Role of Assessment
 - 6.1 Performance Tasks
 - 6.2 Rubrics
 - 6.3 Importance of Feedback
 - 6.4 Observation Skills
 - 6.5 Questioning Techniques
 - 6.6 Analyses of Students' Work and Homework
 - 6.7 Developing Student Motivation for Learning
- 7. Planning and Developing Mathematics Lessons, Trying-out and Improving the Adopted Appropriate Strategies, Skills and Assessment Practices, through the Lesson Quality Improvement Process.

Duration: Four Weeks

Participants: Mathematics Educators or Key Primary Mathematics Teachers

English Proficiency: Minimum IELTS band 5.0 or equivalent and able to communicate moderately in English

Expected Output: 1. Project Work Report

2. Multiplier Effect Action Plan

References:

- Brookhart, S.M. (2010). How to assess higher order thinking skills in your classroom. Retrieved on 10 March 2014 from www.ascd.org/publications/books/109111/chapters/General_Principles_forAssessingHigher-Order_Thinking_.aspx
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Course Code: RC-SS-142-3

Course Title: MEANINGFUL SECONDARY SCIENCE LEARNING IN THE STEM ENVIRONMENT

Rationale:

In this 21st century, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalisation and a knowledge-based economy. To succeed in this new information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop their capabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to levels much beyond what was considered acceptable in the past." (National Academies of Science, 2007). STEM is multidiscipline-based, incorporating the integration of other disciplinary knowledge into a new whole. STEM education is a process for teaching and learning that offers students opportunities to make sense of the world and take charge of their learning, rather than learning isolated bits and pieces of content. In the STEM environment, there is an emphasis on activities that allow students to engage in real-world problems and experiences through context-based, problem-based, enquiry-based learning activities that lead to higher order thinking. The role of STEM cannot be underestimated in preparing students for the challenges of the future. Innovation is the key to economic growth and STEM is the key driver of innovation. A STEM education provides foundations to acquire further skills as students make their lifetime transitions to the labour market.

In this course, science education is intertwined with the other three areas. These areas are focussed together not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student's success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn most effectively. The participants are guided and experience instructional models which require students to be actively engaged in cooperative environments where their instructors help facilitate creativity and inquiry learning. They are encouraged to engage in discourse, shaping arguments, solving problems, experimenting, designing, creating, and gathering supporting evidence. They will also construct a learning environment to provide students opportunity to experience discussion, debate, discovery, creation, and innovation.

Objectives:

The main objective of this course is to develop participants' knowledge and skills in the teaching of science in STEM education specifically to support students learning of science in a multidisciplinary environment and engage them in real-world problems and experiences.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- 1. provide appropriate contexts to help students integrate science and other subjects;
- 2. develop student thinking and inquiry;
- 3. integrate real-world issues;
- 4. use assessment to inform learning; and
- 5. collaboratively plan, design, implement, analyse and make conclusion of a quality STEM with the focus on science lesson plan.

Course Contents:

This course is activity-oriented and participants will have to engage actively in initiating activities that facilitate discussions, sharing of experiences, demonstrations, planning and developing lessons in integrating science in STEM education.

The major areas include:

- 1 Trends and Issues in Science Education
 - 1.1 STEM Education as a Multidisciplinary Approach to Learning
 - 1.2 Science in STEM Education
 - 1.3 Key Elements of Good STEM Practice
 - 1.4 Key Obstacles Hindering Cross-curricular Teaching and Learning
- 2 Strategies and Approaches to Promote Learning of Science in a Multidisciplinary Environment
 - 2.1 Inquiry Learning
 - 2.2 Contextual Learning
 - 2.3 Problem-based Learning (PBL4C)
 - 2.4 Project-based Learning
 - 2.5 Questioning Techniques and Facilitation
- 3 Technology as Fundamental Part of Learning
 - 3.1 Flexible Learning
- 4 Assessment for Science Learning in STEM Education
 - 4.1 Assessment for Learning
 - 4.2 Observation Skills
 - 4.3 Instruments and Techniques of Assessment for Learning
- Planning, Designing, Implementing and Improving Lesson Plans and Strategies with Emphasis on Science in STEM Environment using the Lesson Quality Improvement Processes.

Duration: Four Weeks

Participants: Science Educators or Key Secondary Science Teachers

English Proficiency: Minimum IELTS Band of 4.5 or Equivalent

Expected Output: 1.Group Project Work Report

2. Individual Multiplier Effect Action Plan

References:

National Academies of Science. (2007). Rising above the gathering storm. Report from the Committee on Prospering in the Global Economy of the 21st Century. Washington, DC: National Academics Press.

Course Code: RC-SM-142-4

Course Title: ENHANCING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) LEARNING IN SECONDARY MATHEMATICS CLASSROOMS

Rationale:

The term "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education" refers to teaching and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students need education with a solid foundation in STEM so that they are prepared to work and live in the 21st century. A STEM education, particularly in enabling mathematics, provide students the foundations to acquire further skills as they make their lifetime transitions to the labour market.

Promoting mathematical processes such as problem solving, reasoning, communication, making connections and representation with STEM approach might bridge the gap between students' interest and how lessons are taught. The research finding in the last two decades show that simulations, animations and game-based-learning provide promising results for improving students' learning outcomes in STEM education. These ICT applications can support STEM education as they provide the platform to teach skills such as critical thinking, multitasking, strategising, problem-solving, and team building. STEM when embedded with ICT has the potential contribution to increase global awareness through collaboration with field experts and Smarter Classrooms, support exploration and experimentation by providing immediate as well as visual feedback, and focus attention on real-world applications of STEM concepts through relevant technologies. Assessment can be integrated directly with learning environments through innovative forms which takes place when using educational animations, simulations and games. The integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into STEM education is recognised as providing opportunities for developing skills for the 21st century and having the potential to transform pedagogical practices.

Objectives:

The main objective of the course is to provide participants the necessary knowledge and skills in conducting STEM in their own classrooms.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- 1 acquire basic knowledge on mathematical thinking that promotes STEM education;
- develop skills necessary to improve teaching and learning of STEM;
- 3 adopt necessary skills for effective teaching and learning of primary mathematics;
- 4 integrate ICT in STEM Education using tools such as simulations, animations and gamebased-learning:
- 5 assessment for STEM; and
- use the lesson quality improvement process to develop quality lesson plans that illustrate the integration of computer games in mathematics lessons that promote mathematical thinking.

Course Contents:

This course emphasises a good learning of theory with reflective classroom practices based on STEM. STEM has the potential to increase teachers' and learners' productivity. The knowledge and skills acquired would enable them to initiate STEM for improving primary mathematics classroom practices in their respective schools upon returning to their own countries after this course.

The major areas include:

Mathematical Thinking

- 1.1 Issues and Trends in Mathematics Education
- 1.2 Design Activities and Classroom Interactions that Highlight the Mathematical Processes of:
 - 1.2.1 Problem Solving
 - 1.2.2 Reasoning and Proving
 - 1.2.3 Mathematical Connection
 - 1.2.4 Representation
 - 1.2.5 Communication
- 1.3 Metacognition
 - 1.3.1 Metacognitive Knowledge
 - 1.3.2 Metacognitive Representation
 - 1.3.3 Metacognitive Experience
- 2 Teaching Approaches for Promoting STEM
 - 2.1 Structured Problem Solving
 - 2.2 Problem Solving [Model and Heuristics]
- 3 Skills Needed for STEM
 - 3.1 Facilitation Skills
 - 3.2 Inquiry Skills
- 4 ICT Integration and Assessment for STEM
 - 4.1 Simulations
 - 4.2 Animations
 - 4.3 Game-based-Learning
- 5 Assessment for STEM
 - 5.1 Technology-based Assessment for STEM Education
- 6 Lesson Quality Improvement Process
 - 6.1 Lesson Quality Improvement Process (Theory into Practice);
 - 6.2 Planning, Developing, Trying-out and Improving Quality Lesson Plans that Illustrate the Integration of Simulations, Animations and Games in Mathematics Lessons that Promote Mathematical Thinking in STEM Education;

Duration: Four weeks

Participants: Mathematics Educators or Key Secondary Mathematics Teachers

English proficiency: Minimum IELTS Band of 4.5 or Equivalent

Expected output: 1. Project Work Report
2. Multiplier Effect Action Plan

References:

- Atkinson, R., Hugo, J., Lundgren, D., Shapiro, J., & Thomas, J. (2007). Addressing the STEM Challenge by Expanding Specialty Math and Science High Schools. *The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation*, 1-13.
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IMPORTANT: THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN DUPLICATE. A COPY TO BE DISPATCHED THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BY REGISTERED AIRMAIL TO REACH THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

THE DIRECTOR SEAMEO RECSAM, 11700 GELUGOR, PENANG, MALAYSIA

It must be accompanied by a medical certificate that the intending participant is medically fit for the course.

MEDICAL REPORT (to be completed by an authorized physician)

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SEAMEO RECSAM SCHOLAR AGREEMENT

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NOW T	HIS DEED witnesseth as follows:		
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Scholar Agreement

- If the Scholar shall:
 - be idle or grossly misbehaves himself towards the supervisors, tutors, or instructors associated with the Course or commit a breach of his obligations under this deed; or
 - by reason of illness or injury be unable to carry out his obligations under this deed; (ii)

Then in either of those cases SEAMEO may forthwith terminate the scholarship by giving notice to the Scholar but without prejudice to the rights of the parties hereunder in respect of any antecedent breach of the covenants and stipulations herein contained.

- The Scholar for himself and his/her personal representative hereby further undertakes:
 - to absolve SEAMEO including its servants from any liability to the Scholar for loss of life or injury to his person or damage or loss to his property arising from the negligence of the servants of SEAMEO, and
 - to indemnity and keep harmless SEAMEO against all proceedings, suits, actions, claims, demands, costs and expenses whatsoever which may be taken or made against SEAMEO or incurred or become payable by SEAMEO in respect of injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to any person of damage or loss to any property occasioned directly of indirectly by any act, omission or other default by the Scholar while on or otherwise in relation to or arising out of the Course.
- Is is hereby agreed that any right, function or power conferred on SEAMEO under this deed may be exercised by the Director or any person duty authorized by him in that behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Scholar and SEAMEO by its duty authorized representative have set their hands and seals hereunto the day and year first above written.

HE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

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CHECKLIST OF THE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO SEAMEO RECSAM BY EACH APPLICANT

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1	APPLICATION FORM	1	
2	PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT* (Only the front page with participants' particular are required)	1	
3	MEDICAL REPORT	· 1	
4	ENGLISH PROFICENCY CERTIFICATE	1	
5	SCHOLAR AGREEMENT	1	

Note: Deadline for nomination form submission is 30 November 2017

ESSAY QUESTIONS (Use a separate sheet, if necessary)

	Name of Applicant :
1.	Briefly discuss your work functions.
2.	Why do you want to be part of the program?
3.	How can your school benefit from your attendance to the program?
4.	What initiatives can you implement to promote awareness and/or appreciation of early childhood education?
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- b. shall conduct myself in such manner as not to bring disgrace or dishonor to myself, the institution and the DepEd;
- c. shall return to my official station and resume my functions immediately upon the completion or termination of my scholarship or training grant;
- d. shall, at the end of my scholarship or training grant, submit to the head of my office and the Department of Education (DepEd) through the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) a copy of my scholarship reports containing lessons for the conduct of echo seminars to share new learnings, teaching innovations, and strategies to my co-teachers and administrators; various trainings, program highlights and general impressions constituting my (scholar's) evaluation of the program;
- e. shall, upon return to my station, implement the echo seminars and submit reports to the Professional Development Division, National Educators Academy of the Philippines at Second Floor, Mabini Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City;
- f. shall teach the subject / conduct echo seminars on the course in which I was granted the scholarship and continue to serve my school / division / region for at least three years which is the service obligation equivalent for a year of scholarship or a fraction thereof;
- g. shall refund in full to the Department of Education such sums of money as may have been defrayed by the Philippine government for expenses incidental to my scholarship, for failure to comply with any of the foregoing

conditions through my fault or willful neglect, resignation from the service, transfer to other agencies, voluntary retirement or other causes within my control.

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