

Letter of Editors – Issue 1

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Dear reader,

We are delighted to welcome you to the first edition of TVET[@]Asia, the online magazine for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Vocational Teacher Education (VTE) in Asia.

TVET[@]Asia's goal is to disseminate scientific and academic knowledge and contribute examples of promising policy and practice on TVET, especially Vocational Teacher Education.

The East and Southeast Asian region is a highly dynamic economic region. Strengthened economic development of the region is dependent upon the development of highly skilled workers. A prerequisite for this is the continual improvement of TVET systems. Simultaneously, research into vocational teacher education is critical to continual improvement of TVET systems. While targeted towards vocational teachers and those working within vocational education more broadly, TVET[@]Asia is also an important portal of information for public decision-makers and enterprises.

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- The enhancement of Vocational Teacher Education in the region and its member countries via peer group learning activities, research-based consultancy and policy advice as well as organisational and systemic development.
- The enhancement of research in vocational education to act as a key function for universities to attain sustainable societal development. Universities are compelled to deliver research-based facts and valid recommendations for a systemic improvement of VTE and TVET.
- The enhancement of vocational teacher education with respect to regional integration processes.

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We wish you a stimulating and enlightening reading.

With the very best regards,

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