
Purpose: Information
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chinese Taipei hosted the APEC Workshop on Skills Training in Industry-Academia Collaboration in CTE (Career and Technical Education): Best practices and implementation in the engineering, hospitality and innovative entrepreneurship fields in April this year. In this event, representatives from academia, partner industries, as well as students and graduates were invited to share their experiences and elaborate on the implementation details of their on-going CTE programs. Similar events will be planned in the future with an aim to promote the significance of narrowing the existing education and skills gap, and to ultimately achieve inclusive growth and sustainable development within the APEC region.

Required Action/Decision Points

It is recommended that Senior Officials:

Note the progress and ongoing efforts of APEC Workshop on Skills Training in Industry-Academia Collaboration in CTE.

Background

The APEC Workshop on Skills Training in Industry-Academia Collaboration in CTE (Career and Technical Education): Best practices and implementation in the engineering, hospitality and innovative entrepreneurship fields held in April 2017 showcased a series of strategically designed industry-driven CTE programs. Through collaboration and networking between academic institutions and private sector, students learn skills required by the industry, thereby alleviating economic downturn and challenges caused by gaps in education and skills. This project includes setting up a bilingual website where relevant information can be regularly uploaded, and organizing a forum for best practices sharing as well as a three-day CTE tour in Chinese Taipei.

The results of this project are as follows:

(1) Promote and share best practices of vocational training models tailor-made to the industry

In December 2015, a website containing information on policies, activities, and interviews from various perspectives was set up to encourage the sharing and dissemination of information, to inspire the creation of more CTE programs in the APEC region, and to exchange best practices within the APEC community. The CTE Taipei forum held between April 25-27, 2017 invited representatives from academia and industries to elaborate on their implementation of the CTE programs. Students also shared their experiences of how they learned professional knowledge and practical skills via these programs and become valuable employees in companies.

(2) Establish an exchange network for experience sharing and information dissemination to help member economies face the challenges caused by the gap in education and skills.

The workshop comprised of the sharing of collaboration models by participating economies, and site visits to academia and partner companies in the engineering and hospitality fields, including TBI Motion, WELE Mechatronic and Palais de Chine Hotel. The delegates shared experiences of implementing the CTE programs and also gave advices to the workshop.

(3) In the long run, the project aims to promote the significance of narrowing the education and skills gap, and further to achieve inclusive growth and sustainable development within the APEC region.