

2018 APEC Regional Industry-Academia Collaboration for Talent Development

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2018 APEC Regional Industry-Academia Collaboration for Talent Development: An Exchange of Skills Training, Internships, and Jobs, a three-day workshop from the fifth of June to the seventh. The workshop comprised an international forum, academic and industrial visits. With the attendance of sixteen delegates from nine APEC member economies from government agencies and academics in the field of vocation education, the exchange of values, ideas and practice aims to integrate and build interdisciplinary collaborations of talents in industry-academia cooperative projects, and to improve the youth employment as well as to cultivate the youth to have diverse and deep technical skills.

International programs of Industry-Academia Collaboration in Taiwan, a project commissioned by the Ministry of Education in 2017, is the theme of this workshop aimed to close the gap between industry and academia through the establishment of interdisciplinary corporation, particularly for cross-border mobility. This new training scheme is a step further into strengthening the international exchange, mobility of regional talents, and skills training. In this 2017 project, we have 34 universities of technology and science, with a total of 2,931 students enrolled in 92 different programs.

This year, four delegates from Russia, Philippines, Canada and Australia were invited to address the topic of educational policies focusing on skills trainings as well as issues of youth unemployment in their respective universities and countries. The representative from Ministry of Labor also discussed Taiwan's efforts in executing the APEC HRDWG (the Human Resource Development Working Group) blueprint and accomplishing the objectives. National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, National Chin-Yi University of Technology, National

Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology, and Nan-Kai University of Technology provided and shared their valuable experiences and insights with all conference attendants in hopes that universities and field industries can benefit from the ongoing dialogues to optimize the implementation of the collaborative programs. Delegates later visited National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences to witness how international students are trained at school and also at the affiliated health-care institutions.

On the second day of the workshop, delegates travelled to the Harbor City of Kaohsiung, visiting National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology and HCP PUMP Manufacturer, the affiliated industry partner in the program of industrial engineering and management. The last day was highlighted by the visit to Lung-Hwa University of Science and Technology to learn about the program design of Tourism and Leisure, accommodating 40 students from Vietnam.

The Ministry of Education said that the three-day workshop is a great opportunity to showcase our success in these collaborative training programs, demonstrate our level of expertise in talent cultivation both at the sides of academia and industry, and more importantly pledge our commitment to educational and economic development in the APEC region. This workshop helps bring new ideas and viewpoints with the shared industry-academia cooperative projects at home and abroad, equipping the young talents with the possibility to have a diversified and yet highly integrated expertise, mobility, and capacity to bring into the industry workforce.