



SERP-P holds coordinators' meeting



A strong network rests on a membership that is committed to its goals. Regular communication is critical and the members should also be updated on the network's activities. On July 23, a special meeting was organized by the PIDS SERP-P team. A total of 12 member-institutions from Metro Manila and Laguna participated in the half-day meeting at the NEDA sa Makati Building. The meeting brought together representatives from the Action for Economic Reforms, Agricultural Credit Policy Council, AIM Policy Center, Ateneo School of Government, Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department, DLSU Social Development Research Center, National Tax Research Center, SEAMEO Regional Center for Educational Innovation and Technology, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Studies in Agriculture, UP Center for Integrative Studies, UP School of Urban and Regional Planning, UST Research Cluster on Cultural, Educational and Social Issues, and PIDS.

One of the highlights of the meeting is the presentation of the updated content management system (CMS). With the new CMS, SERP-P coordinators can add new and edit publications, authors, and even events more easily as the options are readily available in the dashboard. They can monitor the portal's usage through a comprehensive statistics page showing daily to monthly hits as well frequently downloaded materials.

The PIDS SERP-P team also re-introduced the SERP-P Community. Launched during the second biennial meeting in November 2012, SERP-P Community is a customized program that serves as a research networking tool. Users can create their own groups and can expand these by adding other registered users. They can conduct research more easily by bookmarking their SERP-P studies and other materials found in the Web, blog on topics of their choice, and post events and announcements. It was agreed the Community site will be used by the SERP-P coordinators as a means to communicate with each other and

Announcements

AN INVITATION: Panel on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) and Inclusive Growth



The AIM POLICY CENTER invites you to the 52nd Philippine Economic Society Annual Meeting.

The **Panel on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) and Inclusive Growth** features three recent studies examining some of the factors affecting the performance and growth of SMEs, including a focus on entrepreneurial skills and backgrounds, competitiveness and ASEAN, and crisis resilience to typhoon Yolanda.

This session is jointly organized by the AIM Policy Center and the Dr. Stephen Zuellig Center for Asian Business Transformation at the Philippine Economics Society Conference.

To register, please visit

<http://pes.org.ph/52nd-pes-annual-meeting/registration-for-conference-participants/>.

AN INVITATION: RESILIENCE



discuss common SERP-P issues. The coordinators also committed to promote the site in their respective offices.

Plans for the forthcoming third biennial meeting in the fourth quarter of 2014 were also discussed and inputs were collected from the coordinators present. A suggestion for future biennial meetings is to have a research fair where the SERP-P members can showcase their research and project outputs.

The third biennial meeting on December 10 will bring together representatives from the 53 member-institutions of the SERP-P Network. The one-day event will have presentations in the morning and an interactive workshop in the afternoon.

For details of the meeting, please email the SERP-P team to re-send a copy of the minutes. All SERP-P coordinators were provided with the minutes via email.

New Acquisitions (Third Quarter 2014)

A total of 20 publications were added to the portal in the third quarter. Below is a partial list. Check out the SERP-P website to see more new acquisitions.

- [Minimum Wage: Is It a Weapon of Choice for Inclusive Growth?](#)
- [Effects of Public Transport Improvement in the Formation of Compact Cities](#)
- [Flood Risk of Metro Manila Barangays: A GIS Based Risk Assessment Using Multi-Criteria Techniques](#)
- [Urbanizing at the Lake's Edge: Watershed Planning and Governance Lessons from the Laguna de Bay Region, Philippines](#)
- [Land Conversion: Transforming Urban Military Baselands To Higher Economic Uses](#)
- [Of City Vibrancy, Character of Place, and Cultural Exchange: An Attempt of Integrating Culture and Art with Urban Development?](#)
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- [Clarifying the Jobs Challenge](#)
- [Is Growth Really Jobless?](#)
- [Effects of Minimum Wage on the Philippine Economy](#)
- [Process, Nature, and Impacts of Irrigation System Rehabilitation](#)
- [Appraisal of Methodology in Estimating Irrigable Areas and Processes of Evaluating Feasibility of NIA Irrigation Projects](#)
- [Government Investment in Deep-well Pumps: Some Preliminary Notes for Policy](#)
- [Analysis of Technical Assumptions and Processes of Evaluating Feasibility of Irrigation Projects](#)
- [A Spatial Integration Analysis of the Regional Fertilizer Markets in the Philippines](#)
- [Compilation and Synthesis of Major Agricultural Value Chain Analysis in the Philippines](#)
- [Economic Policy Monitor 2013: Addressing the Jobs Challenge toward Inclusive Growth](#)
- [Labor Policy Analysis for Jobs Expansion and Development](#)
- [Child Poverty in the Philippines](#)
- [Regional Integration, Inclusive Growth, and Poverty: Enhancing Employment Opportunities for the Poor](#)

SocioEconomic Member on Spotlight

Many countries of East Asia and the Pacific (EAP) are facing significant challenges of reducing conflict and building peace, while at the same time addressing natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Ministries of education and other education agencies and stakeholders have a central role to play in helping prevent and reduce the impact of these challenges. This regional consultation meeting will address how education policy, planning and programmes can strengthen the resilience of children, schools, communities, and education systems through comprehensive school safety and social cohesion approaches. Participants will make recommendations for regional guidelines and how existing and new networks, platforms and tools can advance the role of education in strengthening resilience.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT: Research Congress 2015 #ResearchforSustainable Future



The Research Congress 2015 is an annual event organized by De La Salle University. This Academic Year, it will be held on March 2-4, 2015. The theme is "#ResearchforSustainable Future". The congress provides an opportunity for researchers, educators and students to disseminate their research outputs. It is also a venue for discussion, exchange of ideas, as well as finding partners for future collaboration.

We invite the academic community, our partners and research collaborators to submit abstracts and full papers related to the research themes found on this link:

http://www.dlsu.edu.ph/conferences/dlsu_research_congress/2015/default.asp

Deadline for Submission of Abstract:
December 1, 2014

To check further details, kindly visit the [DLSU website](#)

International Conference on Agricultural and Rural Development in Southeast Asia



SEAMEO Regional Centre for Educational Innovation and Technology (SEAMEO INNOTECH) is one of the newest members of the SERP-P Network and now, one of the most active members in uploading their materials.

INNOTECH is one of the three SEAMEO regional centers hosted by the Government of the Philippines (GOP). The main function of the Center is to initiate and disseminate innovative and technology oriented educational programs that help SEAMEO Member Countries identify and solve common or unique educational problems and address anticipated needs.

Established in January 1970, SEAMEO INNOTECH was first set up at the SEAMEO Secretariat headquarters in Thailand. Then it was moved to Singapore and Vietnam, and was back to Thailand in 1975. On July 1976, a memorandum of agreement was signed between the GOP and SEAMEO for the temporary hosting of SEAMEO INNOTECH in the Philippines. On July 1981, the GOP accepted the formal request of the SEAMEO Council for the Philippines to permanently host SEAMEO INNOTECH.

True to its vision, the Center is responsible to its client-ministries, learning organizations, work communities, and institutions serving in Southeast Asia. It is also in the business of developing innovative learning infrastructure, generation of information and creation of knowledge in the region.

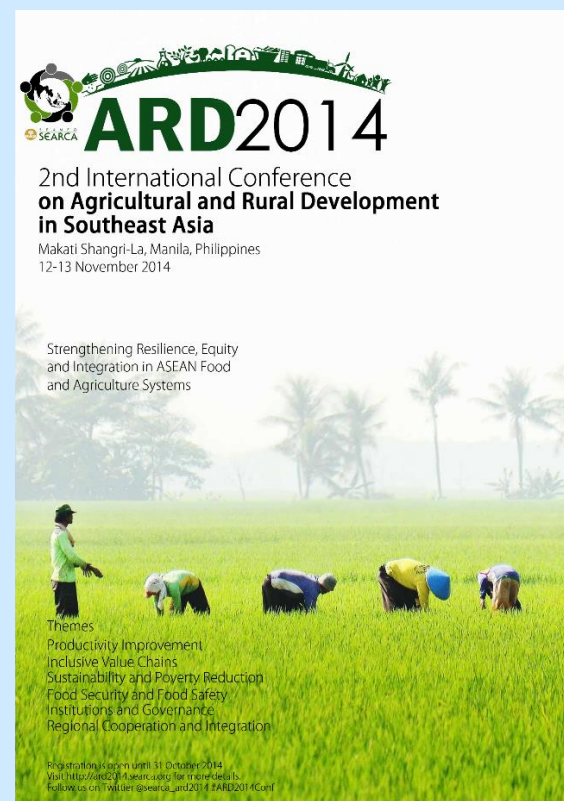
So far, SEAMEO INNOTECH has shared in the portal studies about the K to 12 curriculum, Educational Management and School profiles. You may check these papers by following this link: <http://serp-p.pids.gov.ph/search.php?inst=58>

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Update

As of September 2014, 26 member-institutions have already signed the MOA on the SERP-P partnership. The most recent among the institutions that signed the MOA are the [Philippine Council for Agriculture and Natural Resources Research and Development](#), [World Bank](#), [UP School of Urban and Regional Planning](#), [AIM Policy Center](#), and [AIM JBF](#).

Once again, we would like to remind the SERP-P members to finalize the MOA. Kindly contact the SERP-P team at (02)893-9575 local 5034 or email koteyza@mail.pids.gov.ph for queries and/or clarifications about the content.

Strengthening Resilience, Equity and Integration in ASEAN Food and Agriculture Systems



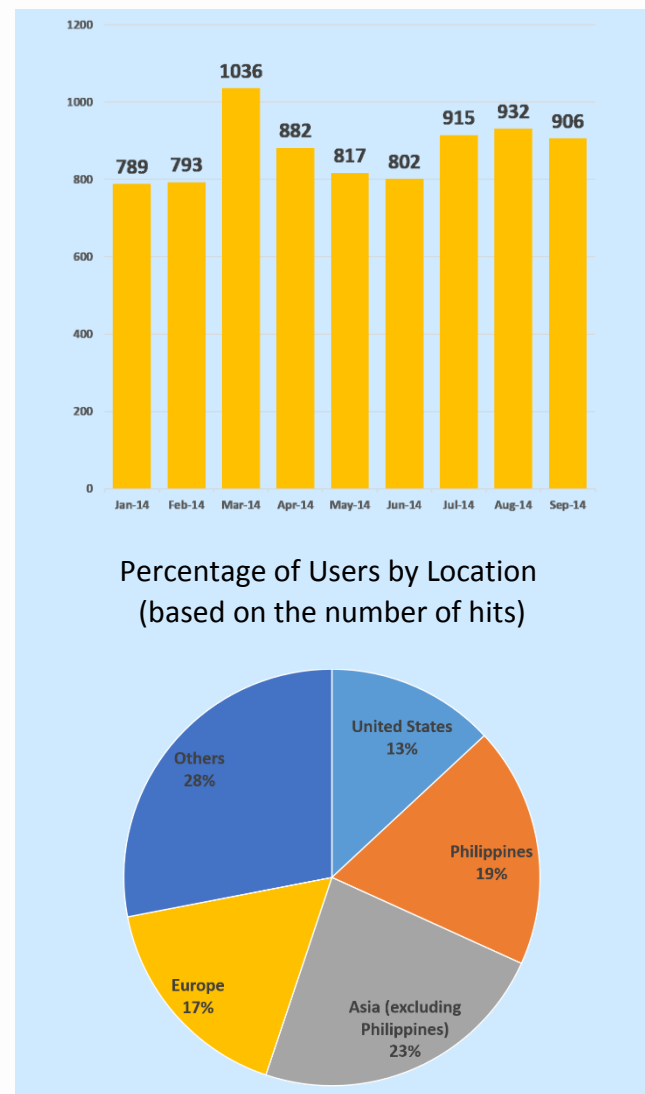
Be counted among leaders, thinkers, and movers who will gather at the 2nd International Conference on Agricultural and Rural Development in Southeast Asia (ARD2014) to share and gain insights on issues, imperatives, and initiatives contributing to Strengthening Resilience, Equity, and Integration in ASEAN Food and Agriculture Systems. To be held on 12-13 November 2014 at Makati Shangri-La, Manila, Philippines, this knowledge event is organized by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), in collaboration with education, government, local and international development organizations, the private sector, and NGO.

For more information regarding this event, kindly visit the ARD website at <http://ard2014.searca.org/>.

SERP-P at a Glance (as of September 2014)

Number of Publications	5351
Number of Member Institutions	53
Number of Authors	2698

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITS



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