Panel Discussion: International Experiences

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Mr. Kraiysos Patrawart is the Managing Director at the Equitable Education Fund (EEF), an independent public fund for equitable education and human development in Thailand. Kraiysos had recently served two terms as a member of the Thailand’s independent national education reform committee to oversee the national education reform plan and makes policy recommendations to the Royal Thai Government. He had helped drafting a number of key education reform legislations as authorized by the 2017 constitution of Thailand.

Kraiysos obtained his PhD in Economics from the University of London and his MSc in Economics at the University of Warwick. Prior to his appointment at EEF he was Assistant Managing Director on policy and research at the Quality Learning Foundation and Research Fellow at Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science.
• Professor Le Anh Vinh is Director General of Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES) and the Director of National Center for Sustainable Development of General Education Quality. He got his B.Sc. in Math (with Honors) and Computer Science from the University of New South Wales, Australia, Master of Education in International Policy, and PhD in Mathematics at Harvard University. Before joining VNIES, he held several positions at University of Education, Vietnam National University, including Dean of Faculty of Teacher Education, Director of Center for Educational Researches and Applications, and Principal of High school of Educational Sciences.

• Prof Le has published more than 70 papers at international journals and led many large-scale national and international projects in education. He is leading a research group from VNIES to develop the Vietnam Educational Strategy 2021 - 2030 and the Vietnam Higher Education Master Plan 2021 - 2030.
• Terence Ho is Associate Professor in Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

• Since 2002, Terence has served in various policy, research and leadership roles in the Singapore Public Service -- as an Economist at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Assistant Director of Higher Education at the Ministry of Education, General Manager of South East Community Development Council, Director of Performance and Resource Management / Director of Economic Programmes at the Ministry of Finance, and Divisional Director of Manpower Planning and Policy at the Ministry of Manpower, where he was also Chief Data Officer. He was a Board Member of the Workforce Singapore Agency (2017-2020) and the Building and Construction Authority (2016-2021).

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H.E. Dr. Bounleua SINXAYVORAVONG, Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR

• Dr. Bounleua is the Governor of the Bank of the Lao PDR. Prior to this position, he served as a Deputy Minister of Finance.

• During the 1993-2016 period, Dr. Bounleua held other positions in the Ministry of Finance including Director General of Fiscal Policy and Law Department, Director General of State Budget Department, Director General of Fiscal Policy Department, Deputy Director General of the External Finance Department, Director of Finance and Economic Policy Division at the Fiscal Policy Department, Deputy Director of the General Accounting Division and Technical Officer at the National Treasury. Apart from that he also served as the Personal Secretary to the Prime Minister of Lao PDR in 2016 and the Alternative Executive Director (AED) of the Board of ADB for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Lao PDR, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan in the Headquarters of Manila, Philippines during the 2010-2012 period. Before joining the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Bounleua worked as a lecturer at the National University of Laos.

• Dr. Bounleua holds degrees in Physics and Mathematics, Business Administration and Economics from Russia, Thailand and Australia, respectively.
H.E. Mme Thoummaly VONGPHACHANH, Chairperson of the Cultural and Social Affairs Committee – National Assembly of Lao PDR

- Mme. Thoummaly has been the Chairperson of the Cultural and Social Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Lao PDR since 2021. She has previously served as Deputy Chief of Office of the Central Party Committee Office, Vice President of the Central Committee of the Lao Women’s Union, during which she provided significant contributions to the advancement of women’s and children’s rights in Lao PDR. Mme. Thoummaly holds a master’s degree in Law.
H.E. Mr. Sivilay SENGCHALEUN, Vice Governor of Xiengkhouang Province

• Mr. Sivilay is the Vice Governor of Xiengkhouang Province since 2020. Prior to this position, he served as Director of the Department of Science and Technology of Xiengkhouang Province, and Governor of Pek District. He has 20 years of experience in the education sector as a teacher, Deputy School Principal of Phonsavanh Secondary School and Head of Pedagogical Advisors Center for Lower and Upper Secondary Education, and Head of General Education Section of the Provincial Education and Sports Service of Xiengkhouang Province. He holds a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from National University of Laos.
Dr. Xaybandith Rasphone is currently the Vice President of the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a Member of the National Assembly Legislature IX.

His areas of expertise include business development, commerce and trading, investment, project development and management, agricultural and forestry development, manufacturing, eco-tourism, etc.

Dr. Xaybandith Rasphone has also been working in the ICT field in North America, Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

He holds a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Management of Information System from the Kharkiv State Economics University, a master’s degree in Business Informatics and a doctorate in Cognitive Informatics from the University of Quebec in Montreal.