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Dear Ms. Losina Pournastuti,

Subject: Meeting on the *Regional Study of Secondary Level Technical and Vocational Education: Policies and Rationales for Skills Development*, 12-13 May, Bangkok, Thailand

As EFA and MDG initiatives have increased primary enrolment rates in the developing world, participation rates at the secondary level has risen correspondingly. There is now growing pressure for secondary education to expand access and to improve its quality of teaching and learning. Secondary education must be seen as a direct opportunity for graduates to prepare for the work force.

To provide an overview concerning the status of Technical and Vocational Education at the Secondary Level UNESCO Bangkok is conducting *Regional Study of Secondary Level Technical and Vocational Education: Policies and Rationales for Skills Development*.

To develop a framework for the study and to identify common issues and challenges for TVET in the participating countries, the Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID) in collaboration with the Education and Policy Reform (EPR) unit will host a meeting on the *Regional Study of Secondary Level Technical and Vocational Education: Policies and Rationales for Skills Development* from May 12-13 in Bangkok, Thailand.

UNESCO Tashkent Office has signaled its interest to participate in the study and as such UNESCO Bangkok Office would like to invite you as the nominated researcher by the National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO to attend the planning meeting and contribute to this important study.

Substantive research areas such as the collaboration with industry concerning the adaptation of new technologies in TVET training and the linkage between TVET and development policy will be important areas to focus on in the regional study.

Please confirm your participation by **5 May 2008** to **Janine Baudach** (j.baudach@unesco.org) and provide UNESCO with your flight details, so that your airport pick up can be arranged.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Your sincerely,

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Enclose: Agenda and General Information Paper

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Regional Study of Secondary Level Technical and Vocational Education: Policies and Rationales for Skills Development

AGENDA

12-13 May 2008
Bangkok, Thailand

Agenda		
Sunday, 11 May		
	Arrival Venue: The Imperial Queen's Park Hotel 199 Sukhumvit Soi 22 Bangkok 10110 Thailand Tel: (+66) 2 261 9000 Fax: (+66) 2 261 9530 Website: http://www.imperialhotels.com/queenspark	Please find a map of the hotel area attached on the <i>General Information Paper</i> .
Monday, 12 May		
8:30-9:00	Registration	Conference Room
9:00-9:15	Opening, welcome and setting the scene	<i>Mr. Derek Elias</i> , Asia Pacific ESD and TVET Coordinator, UNESCO Bangkok
9:15-9:35	Brief Introduction about TVET activities of UNESCO Paris	<i>Mr. Clement Siamatowe</i> , Programme Specialist, UNESCO Paris
9:35-9:45	Brief Introduction about Education and Policy Reform at UNESCO Bangkok	<i>Ms. Ibtisam Abu-Duhou</i> , Head of Education Policy and Reform, UNESCO Bangkok
9:45-10:00	Self introduction of the participants	
10:00- 10:30	Tea/ Coffee Break	Conference room



10:30-11:30	Country reports presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indonesia, <i>Ms. Losina Pournastuti</i> - China, <i>Dr. Kuang Ying</i> - Pakistan, <i>Dr. Syed Irshad Hussain Tirmazi</i> - Thailand, <i>Dr. Jariya Tappakul Na Ayuthaya</i> 	
11:30-12:00	Discussion and comments on country reports	Chair – <i>Ms. Miki Nozawa</i> , Specialist in Secondary Education from Education Policy and Reform (EPR), UNESCO Bangkok <i>Mr. Derek Elias</i>
12:00-13:00	Lunch	<i>Imperial Queen's Park Hotel</i>
13:00 -14:00	Country reports presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand, <i>Dr. Jariya Tappakul Na Ayuthaya</i> - Uzbekistan, <i>Dr. Derek Elias</i> - Vietnam, <i>Mr. Hans Lambert</i> - Cambodia, <i>Mr. Va Vuthy</i> 	
14:00-14:30	Discussion and Comments on country reports	Chair - <i>Ms. Ibtisam Abu-Duhou</i> <i>Ms. Kaye Bowman</i>
14:30-15:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	<i>Conference room</i>
15:00 -16:30	Task 1: Identification of common issues in selected countries including the differing rationales for TVET provision at secondary level, and differing cultures of skill provision.	Working groups
16:30-17:00	Reports of working groups	
17:00-20:00	Welcome Reception	<i>Indian Host Restaurant</i>
Tuesday, 13 May		
8:30 – 10:00	Task 2: Create a typology for the most important challenges for TVET in	Working groups



	participating countries in order to reveal differences/ similarities.	
10:00-10:30	Reports of working groups	
10:30-11:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	<i>Conference room</i>
11:00-13:00	Task 3: Developing the research framework	Chair – <i>Ms. Kaye Bowman</i> Open Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch	<i>Imperial Queen's Park Hotel</i>
14:00 -15:30	Task 4: Planning and project design and agreement on research questions, contribution to regional analysis, national stakeholder meetings, research and publication.	Chair – <i>Mr. Derek Elias</i> Open discussion
15:30-16:00	Tea/ Coffee Break	<i>Conference Room</i>
16:00-16:30	Discussion about the second stage of the project	<i>Ms. Miki Nozawa</i>
16:30-17:00	Wrap up and closing remarks	<i>Ms. Ibtisam Abu-Duhou</i> <i>Mr. Derek Elias</i>