

Annual Dialogue Session with Adult Educators' Community



As part of the AEC Dialogue Series, on 17 August 2016, Mr Suresh Punjabi, Director PACE, shared on the Training & Education Sector Transformation and its impact to the Adult Educators' Community. He shared about the intent of Skillsfuture being launched in Singapore to tighten skills gap and identify industry needs by working closely with employers.

The Swiss Education Model, Vocational & Professional Education and Training (VPET) was highlighted by Director PACE in his presentation as an exemplary model encompassing PET and CET training. The VPET model functions with the notion that education and training is centered on acquisition of professional competences which are in demand for occupations and professions where there are job opportunities with adequate career progression. The VPET model offers multiple pathways to achieve academic and technical excellence and in the process creates skilled labor force.

There was a lively dialogue by the Adult Educators present and pertinent views were shared like how a gardener earns the same respect as an engineer in Germany which is why the VPET works there. The session was informative and interactive giving Adult Educators the opportunity to be aware of the constant pace of transformation in the training & education sector. More questions on the changing landscape and Adult Educators contribution in training the local labour force continued during the networking session.