REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EMERGING NEEDS AND WELL-BEING MEASURES AND INDICATORS

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Venue: Bangi Hotel - Putrajaya
Organizers: Poverty Eradication Foundation (YBK) and Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS), Universiti Putra Malaysia. Asian Institute for Development Communication (AIDCOM)/UNISEL
INTRODUCTION

As the world around us is becoming progressively globalized, working together proactively in monitoring quality of life of mankind using the well-being measurement is imperative. Conventionally, the measurement of well-being is derived from objective indicators such as income or cost of living. However, lately people’s opinion are sought after into how much they are satisfied or happy with the multiple facets of well-being and this had led to the genesis of subjective well-being. These subjective findings too are important as they give a holistic picture in comprehending what is relevant in people’s day-to-day lives.

Undeniably, the concept of well-being is gaining much prominence in the field of human development across nations. Among the pioneer nation is Bhutan that assessed its development in a culturally-relevant way through Gross Happiness Index. Besides, many other countries and reputable international organizations are also working on standard measures of well-being and happiness. For instance, the first World Happiness Report applied global surveys to assess subjective well-being or happiness. Moving forward, there is a dire need to examine the various measures and indicators at the level of each human being that will explain the concept of well-being and quality of life.

Poverty Eradication Foundation (YBK), an active NGO with the vision to become a premier, strong and effective organization in the eradication of poverty and its’ mission to alleviate poverty in Malaysia through human capital development programs, in conjunction with its’ 25th anniversary and with its’ close collaboration with Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS), UPM is taking the lead to conduct this conference in partnership with AIDCOM, as an international platform for researchers, and practitioners in the field of well-being to share information and accomplishments, to discover the challenges in the quest for attaining well-being, and to offer ideas for advance practices that directs the well-being of mankind.

OBJECTIVES

1. To foster dialogue on well-being in the new millennium and its’ potential for meeting the current and future development needs of nations regionally;
2. To identify various tools in measuring well-being and its’ relevance to the dimensions of economic, social, cultural and environmental issues across regional nations;
3. To sensitize the delegates about subjective well-being as an indicator to measure holistic human development;
4. To motivate researchers and practitioners to undertake research and implement policies on well-being based on suggested recommendations and adoption of best practices identified across regional nations.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Several keynote speakers shall be invited to make presentations of the state-of-the-art on interpreting and measuring well-being as well as show-case their national and project experiences with regard to adopting well-being concepts in their development and planning activities.

PARTICIPANTS AND PAPERS

Participants are expected from the planning and implementation departments of development agencies, research organizations, higher learning institutions and non-government organizations. They are most welcomed to present papers in the different sessions. Keynote presentations and papers shall be published in a Seminar Proceedings.

BOOK LAUNCHING

A special book on well-being published by the Poverty Eradication Foundation shall be launched during the Seminar.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADOPTION OF GOOD PRACTICES

An expected outcome of the Seminar is a set of recommendations of good practices for the consideration of government and non-government agencies in the adoption and implementation of well-being.

PARTICIPATION

Those who are interested to attend should contact the Seminar Secretariat before March 01, 2015. Those interested to present papers should submit the paper abstract before March 15, 2015 and the full paper before March 30, 2015.
**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Keynote speakers from selected ASEAN countries
- Panel and plenary sessions
- Book launching ceremony
- Recommendations and adoption of good practices session

**CONTACT US**

For those who are interested to join us or need further information, please contact us at:

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