

Draft Minutes

9th AFFA Working Group on Education and Training

(9th WGET Meeting)

Friday, 8 October 2010

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

The 9th Meeting of Working Group on Education and Training (9th WGET Meeting) was held in Bangkok, Thailand in 8 October 2010. It was attended by members of the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA) from Brunei (BRUFA), Cambodia (CAMFFA), Indonesia (INFA) Lao PDR (LIFFA), Malaysia (FMFF), Myanmar (MIFFA), Philippines (FEDFAP) Singapore (SLA & SAAA), Thailand (TIFFA) and Vietnam (VIFFAS) representatives.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Thomas SIM from SLA with warm welcome from Chairman and each delegate was requested to introduce him/herself and his/her association and moved forward to meeting agenda as follows:

1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda and 8th WGET Minutes

Chairman requested if there are any matters to be raised or add in the 9th Meeting proposed Agenda. Since there are no matter to be added in, Chairman requested to consider for any amendment of the 8th WGET Minutes of Meeting for adoption. Singapore proposed and Malaysia seconded for adoption.

2 Matter Arising

2.1 Updating and confirmation of WGET representatives

Chairman requested to the meeting that some representatives of WGET members of each country might have changed and needed to be updated on the list. He would like to confirm the name listed in WGET is correct. Since there are some changes, the name of representative including the email address should be sent via email to make the updated list. The meeting also considered that all communication done between One accredited representative of each country in WGET; members should be copied on four focal points of each member-state as in the AGM as well. The meeting agreed with the proposal.

The list of head delegate of WGET shown in ANNEX I

2.2 Updates and Report by Country Members

Chairman informed that some member states such as Myanmar, Lao PDR, Brunei, and Vietnam did not send their updated country reports on Education & Training. Other members who have already reported are required to send the report after this meeting covering only updated key areas. Thereafter, the members started to report as follows:

2.2.1 MIFFA representative reported that there had been development of training curriculum and MIFFA trained 30 persons in May 2009. In August, there was joint training ToT conducted by UNESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand and in October, their 36 persons were trained in IAI program of ASEAN on the operationalisation of multimodal transport operation.

2.2.2 BRUFFA representative reported that there was no update and there were no development on training for the past year. Chairman recommended if any assistance is required, BRUFFA could ask AFFA colleague for assistance.

2.2.3 LIFFA representative reported they did not conduct any training course in Lao but they send people to Thailand for training by TIFFA and Japanese organization/university in Bangkok. They still need to have accredited trainer and they could train only basic course not advance course. Most of the training in Lao came in the form of Workshop, Seminar, not as classroom study.

2.2.4 FMFF representative reported that they received support from their government and had conducted 22 basic courses for all states on freight forwarding. In the Central region, FMFF was collaborating with a local university (UTAR) to conduct a Certificate course in Freight forwarding. They are in midst of working with other institute for higher learning as well as taking to the steps of FIATA Diploma, working out for detail of first module. They will be able to implement first module on certificate of freight forwarding. They were also be working with their Ministry of Trade and Industry who had finally accepted FIATA Diploma / UNESCAP basic program as benchmark for the industry. The training of airfreight was also done based on IATA recommendation.

2.2.5 CAMFFA representative reported that members were trained on 3-5 days of basic curriculums and also has advance course for SMEs. They have 12 trainers and target for 15 trainers. Additionally, international organizations such as UNESCAP, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan – ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), and Association for Oversea Technical Scholarship (AOTS) also supported training materials and budget for capacity building. Actually, CAMFFA has regular training courses every 2-3 months with the cost charge at 40-50 US Dollars per member trained.

2.2.6 SLA representative reported that Singapore government has regulated the registration of private education providers, therefore, SLA has

set up a company called The Logistics Academy “TLA” for education and training and to offer all training programs to its members and the industry. TLA is fully-owned by SLA and their Directors are all nominated by the SLA Council. They have added Safety & Security issues in their Diploma programmes and still continue to offer CLP (Continuous Learning Program). SLA has also successfully completed their 4th FIATA Re-validation of their Diploma training programmes just few days’ ago during the FIATA World Congress 2010 in Bangkok.

SAAA reported that there are no further updates on education within SAAA.

2.2.7 FEDFAP representative reported last September 29, they had signed MOU with the college, Philippines Air Transport and Training Service (PATTS) collage of aeronautic. This collage is well known as an institute popular for nautical engineer and air freight management and maintenance. They provide undergraduate course in international freight forwarding, customer service and marketing. They have training program on Multimodal Transport operation and they have been supporting by UNESCAP and JETRO. They are also looking for FIATA validation for their courses.

2.2.8 VIFFAS representative reported that Vietnam has got support from JICA Japan to set up an institute for training. In fact there will be another institute to be set up but latest information is that the similar training center may be located in Thailand to train for personnel from Lao PDR, Myanmar and Cambodia. There are some delays on administrations in the setting up of the VIFFAS institute with Maritime University at present. This year they wish to start the first course but it has been delayed to next year.

Last year they organized 10 courses in logistics and freight forwarding with 200 participants in Ho Chi Minh City. There are 5000-6000 staffs of member are waiting to be trained. This is huge demand and tough work for VIFFAS and early next year they will start FIATA course.

2.2.9 INFA representative reported that they have finished second validation of FIATA and will update the course because of new INCOTERMS 2010. They also have tried to conduct the courses in other cities outside Jakarta.

They will conduct the FIATA Diploma courses which are Basic course and Intermediate course. Those students who attend both courses will gain Diploma and those who attend only basic course will gain Certificate.

They planned to have training in Jakarta in order to let everyone could be joined.

They also have workshop supported by JETRO as well.

2.2.10 TIFFA representative reported that at present, there is no new development of curriculum. Activity done by TIFFA is now only to provide the training to other countries in the region with fundings supported by Thai government and Japan.

FIATA validation is not in their concept as they are looking for other prospect.

2.3 AFFA Diploma in International Freight Management

Chairman mentioned that in the 8th WGET meeting, the further continuing launch for the “AFFA Diploma in International Freight Management” program had been discussed. AFFA has adopted to launch this program since 2004. However, there has been no development thus far as there seemed to be lack of interest on this programme. Discussion and comments of the members in the meeting were opened widely whether to continue or drop.

The meeting finally voted whether to continue this program, and resulted with 5 to 5 votes. Anyway, there are already several AFFA members who are already aligned to the FIATA Diploma Programme. Others are encouraged to make FIATA validation for their courses.

2.4 ASEAN Initiative in Human Resource Development

Mr. Somsak of TIFFA presented that objective of the ASEAN Logistics Road Map that leads to concept of ASEAN Initiative in Human Resource Development. The objectives include developing skills and capacity building via training and workshop, promotion for regional cooperation, development of logistics management, and the setting up of center of excellence in national or sub-regional level as training institute in this region. He addressed that curriculum that should be developed are the logistics core curriculum for ASEAN which can be started up with “The introduction to logistics and supply chain”. He expected that dialogue partners like, Japan and China will be supported as donor countries.

To get this done, it is necessary to prepare a proposal through ASEAN secretariat. Therefore, the details of curriculum to be developed such as objectives, duration, and type of course, location for training center are needed to consider. After many suggestions and recommendation, it finally concluded that training duration should be five days, and UN/ESCAP curriculum will be the base for development for ASEAN logistics core curriculum as the first stage in order to get the supported fundings and start training to become ASEAN standard. The second step will target for excellent centre which is supposed to become R&D institute for education. The first proposal must be sent to ASEAN Secretariat within January next year.

2.5 FIATA Advisory Body Vocational Training (AVBT)

Chairman informed that there are updates on recent validations of FIATA Advisory Body Vocational Training (ABVT) as follows:

2.5.1 Total Validated National Training Program has increased. Now there are 53 programs from 47 countries. On the release of diploma applied around the world since 1996, FIATA had released 6,559 diplomas. The next meeting of ABVT will be held on March 2011 in Zurich (Switzerland). There

will not be any registration fee for participant, although interested participants should register via their national associations.

2.5.2 On FIATA Foundation Vocational Training – Past initiatives includes TOT Programmes in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during February to March 2010 with support from the FIATA foundation (FIATA-EFFSAA TOT Project).

2.5.3 The 3rd FIATA ABVT Forum was successfully convened in the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand last week. Objectives are to dissemination of technical knowledge, related technologies and information sharing. Also, there was announcement for the Global Winner of Young International Freight Forwarders Award 2010.

2.5.3 IATA-FIATA cooperation conducted meeting on Transport Facility Working Group during the FWC 2010 meetings

2.5.4 In reviewing of the minimum standards for the FIATA Diploma Programmes, Chairman shared on the minimum requirements for the Higher Diploma in Supply Chain Management. Details of criteria will be provided to members upon further requests.

2.5.5 Under the previous IMO amendments 34-08, the mandatory training of Dangerous Goods for shoreside personels who handles DGs was effective in January 2010. DG training is designed for shoreside personnel who have to handle dangerous goods such as packers, loaders and operators, etc. AFFA members should seek to clarify with their national competent authorities in their respective countries.

2.6 Date and Venue of the Next WGET Meeting

The meeting has discussed and agreed that WGET Meeting should be convened at least twice a year and the Chairman concluded that date and venue of the next WGET meeting will be during January-February 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. This should be done before meeting of Transport Facility

Working Group (TFWG), held on March 2011. The next WGET meeting will be whole one day meeting and all members are invited.