

SZPT held the “Belt and Road” International Conference on TVET

From 26 to 27 Nov. 2020, UNEVOC Centre @Shenzhen Polytechnic (SZPT) held the “Belt and Road” International Conference on TVET in Shenzhen, China. Nearly 300 experts and scholars from 26 countries and regions gathered online and offline to explore “Digital TVET for Shared Benefits by Discussion and Collaboration”. Dr. Soo-Hyang Choi, the Director of UNESCO-UNEVOC, delivered a speech on the conference.

Dr. Choi pointed out that the topic on digital TVET was right on time. Digitalization in TVET, as she highlighted, concerns not only technology application but also promotion of innovation and changes in mindsets. UNESCO-UNEVOC has co-developed the innovation framework for TVET with selected i-hubs including SZPT. She said digitalization could act as a key driver for TVET innovation based on the framework. Also, she emphasized the importance of networking, sharing and partnerships in fostering innovation. Finally, she recognized that this conference served as a great opportunity for the international community to share insights and experiences on digital TVET, and thereby facilitated d inter-country collaboration and TVET innovation.

The speech by Dr. Choi brought advanced and insightful mindsets from UNESCO UNEVOC regarding how TVET shall innovate and develop in countries along the “Belt and Road”. For TVET practitioners on the conference, it motivates them to understand digital TVET more thoroughly and engage in TVET innovation more actively. The conference and her speech were widely circulated by dozens of Chinese new medias and newspapers.

