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## **Quality Control in Physical Education in Malaysia: Relooking at the National Strategy for Quality Physical Education**

## ABSTRACT

This presentation will examine the national strategy for Quality Physical Education (QPE) in terms of teacher education supply and development; facilities, equipment and resources; curriculum flexibility, monitoring and quality assurance; and community partnerships. The first part of the presentation will explore the characteristics of QPE and the stakeholders (both public and private) in the context of QPE delivery machinery. In the second part of this presentation, we will explore past as well as upcoming challenges in achieving QPE in Malaysian schools. Next, the third part will examine QPE strategies. The final part will analyse actions taken by the Malaysian government, relevant agencies and private sectors in providing QPE in Malaysian schools. Specifically, we will first study the national strategy for QPE in relation to the Malaysian Ministry of Education's (MOE) continuous efforts in improving PE syllabus and pedagogy. This will be analysed based on the Education National Key Results areas (NKRAs) within the Government Transformation Program (GTP). Other governmental initiatives studied include "sport for all" strategies, namely the Strategic Plan (2010-2015) of the Ministry of Youth and Sport Malaysia and the '1Student, 1Sport' policy of the MOE. Lastly, the presentation will also include initiatives by the MOE's Teacher Training Division towards training more qualified PE teachers, initiatives by the private sectors in providing training for sport and recreation through private facilities, and researches on PE in Malaysia.

**Biography.** Assoc. Prof. Wee heads the Research Centre for Sport and Exercise Science (RECSES) and is a Programme Leader (Bachelor in Sport & Exercise Science) at the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Computing. He has been involved in the development of physical education since 1990 and has contributed his expertise in various capacities, including the improvement of physical education programmes within the Malaysian Ministry of Education. Assoc. Prof. Wee is an Editorial Board Member for the Asian Journal of Exercise and Sports Science (AJESS), the Pan-Asian Journal of Sports & Physical Education (PAJSPE) and the Malaysian Journal of Sport Science and Recreation. In addition, he is a Panel Member for Sport Science Curriculum Panel and Sport Management Curriculum Panel of the National Sport Council of Malaysia (NSCM), Coaching Education Panel of the Badminton Association of Malaysia, and Continuous Coaching Education for Physical Education, Sport Science and Fitness (2003-2007). Assoc. Prof. Wee is an author of 15 books on sports and PE; two of which are used as the text books for schools in Malaysia. He also authored or co-authored numerous research papers and had made presentations at the local, national and international conferences such as the American College of Sports Medicine's Annual Meeting, AAHPERD Conference, Pan-Asian Society of Sports and Physical Education Annual Conference, the Xi'an 2012 International

Conference on Sport Science and Physical Education, the 7th International Scientific Conference on Kinesiology (2014) in Opatija, Croatia, ERPA International Congress on Education 2015, Athens, Greece, and EASS European Association for Sociology of Sport Conference (2015), Dublin, Ireland. Additionally, he has been invited to present at the 2012 International Forum of Physical Education and Sports Science (IFPESS 2012), the 9th International Sports Science Conference (ISSC 2012), the LARASA Congress (2013), the 10th International Sports Science Conference (ISSC 2014), Global Forum 2014 for Physical Education Pedagogy, the International Conference on Sports Science & Teacher Education (IConSSTE2014), and the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) General Assembly & Conference (2014), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. He was also an instructor for the IOC Advanced Sport Management Course for the Olympic Council of Malaysia. On the side, he volunteers for the Asian Paralympic Committee where he was appointed Head of Secretariat at the 6th ASEAN Para Games (2011) in Solo Indonesia, the 7th ASEAN Para Games (2014) in Naypyitaw, Myanmar and Director of Secretariat at the Incheon 2014 Asian Para Games, Incheon, Korea. Assoc. Prof. Wee's current research revolves around sport coaching and physical activity. For his contributions in PE, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship (2007-2008) by the US Government.