



Mission Report

43rd Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO RECSAM

11-13 September 2012
Ho Chi Minh City

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO RECSAM held their 43rd Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in the campus of SEAMEO RETRAC on September 11-13, 2012.

SEAMEO RECSAM is located in Penang-Malaysia focusing on Science and Mathematics. At present, Dr. Devadason Robert Peter is the Acting Director of SEAMEO RECSAM. The chairperson during the 43rd GBM is from Brunei Darussalam.

C. Participants

Eight out of 10 members were present and two countries sent observers. Other participants are DDPD from SEAMEO Secretariat and some SEAMEO RECSAM staff.

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RECSAM with the support of SEAMEO RETRAC.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

The discussion included the distance learning, climate change and disaster risk reduction in which RECSAM has been taking part in these areas through the APEC funded Project.

RECSAM presented audited financial report and annual report FY 2011/2012 and activities and were endorsed by the Board.

RECSAM proposed to revise the current salary as the government officials salary of Malaysia already increased; and proposed amendments of RECSAM Staff Rules and Regulations 1995. The Board approved the proposals.

SEAMEO Secretariat presented SEAMEO College and seek further inputs from the Board on cross cutting and emerging issues.

The next GBM will be held at SEAMEO RECSAM, Penang, Malaysia from 17 to 19 September 2013.

Key Discussion

1. The funding for project implementation is becoming tight and hence the Centre has to collaborate and propose activities to donor agencies; e.g. establish regular dialogues with World Bank, UNESCO and other donor and sponsor agencies.
2. The salary scale needs to be improved for the Centre being attractive to qualified staff.

Feedback on SEAMEO College

1. The cross-cutting issue is to bridge the disparity gap in education among SEAMEO member countries.
2. To narrow the gap the following activities are proposed:
 - (a) Promote borderless or distance learning for all regional centre's programmes and activities which can be made accessible for other countries in the region.
 - (b) Establish sister-centres collaboration on various projects to improve capacity building across the region
 - (c) Establish inter-connection community, whereby experts from various centres can collaborate.
 - (d) Knowledge management , knowledge taken from different regional centres made available to different institutions and other members in the region.
 - (e) Update new staff that comes about the international background, what is happening in the world.
 - (f) Professional and support staff exchange.
 - (g) Promote international community based learning.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Presents an opening remark on behalf of the SEAMEO Secretariat.
2. Presents a brief description on SEAMEO College and responded to the questions from the Board members.
3. Informed the Board on the FOM prior to make decisions on the request of financial matters by the Network.

G. Side Meeting/s

N/A

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Report back to the Director on the cross-cutting issue raised during GBM for the input of SEAMEO College validation workshop.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

Will be delivered by SEAMEO RECSAM on the Report of Proceedings to SEAMEO Secretariat.