



Mission Report

15th Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO RETRAC

19-21 September 2012
Penang, Malaysia

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO RETRAC held their 15th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in the campus of SEAMEO RECSAM on September 19-21, 2012.

SEAMEO RETRAC is located in Ho Chi Minh City-Vietnam, focusing on Training and Education Management. The chairperson during the 15th GBM is from Vietnam.

C. Participants

The participants included nine Governing Board members from Vietnam, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand; SEAMEO Secretariat (DDPD) and staff from the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam and SEAMEO RETRAC. The Director of SEAMEO RETRAC was unable to attend and was represented by Dr. Dang Van Hung (Deputy Director).

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RETRAC with the support of SEAMEO RECSAM.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

Between GBM, there was an educational forum on “Enhancing Training Quality in Basic Education in the SEA Region” attended by 131 participants on September 2012 at 14.00-16.30. There were 6 presentations by GB members, SEAMEO Secretariat and observer from SEAMOLEC. The forum was successfully conducted and appreciated by the participants.

The board discussed and approved the SEAMEO RETRAC Annual Report 2011/2012, Action Plans for 2012-2013, Financial Report 2011/2012 and 3-Year budget starting from 2013/2014. In this, the Board also agreed to the annual increase of salaries and wages of the staff members.

The board endorsed the nomination of SEAMEO RETRAC Director of Dr. Ho Thanh Phuong for the term of 2012-2017. Also, the Board endorsed the amended enabling instruments of SEAMEO RETRAC on the promotion and facilitation of the Centre for high-quality study programmes leading to masteral and doctorate degrees.

Dr Dang Van Hung presented SEAMEO College and seek further inputs from the Board on cross cutting and emerging issues.

The next GBM will be held in Vietnam in September 2013.

Key Discussion

1. Education Forum is a good practice that may be continued in the coming Governing Board Meetings.
2. SEAMEO RETRAC has successfully generated income to run the Centre.

Feedback on SEAMEO College

The important issue is about standardizing the professional capacity in Southeast Asia. The activities to support that issue are as follows :

- (a) developing the 21st century competencies of teachers
- (b) recognizing teachers' educational outstanding achievements at all levels in Southeast Asia
- (c) Improving the English language capacity of teachers

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.
4. Presents a paper for educational forum entitled "SEAMEO Contributions on Enhancing Training Quality in Southeast Asian Region"

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.
2. Follow-up on the appointment of the new SEAMEO RETRAC Directo

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

