



Mission Report

2nd Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO RECFON

9-11 October 2012
Bali, Indonesia

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO RECFON held their 2nd Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in Rama Beach Resort and Villas, Kuta-Bali, Indonesia on October 9-11, 2012.

SEAMEO RECFON is located in Jakarta focusing on Community Food and Nutrition. The chairperson during the 2nd Governing Board Meeting is from Thailand.

C. Participants

The participants included Governing Board members from eight countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand), SEAMEO Secretariat (DDPD & SPD), SEAMEO TROPED Network (Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon), representative from Harvard School of Public Health (Dr. Anuraj Shankar), representatives from Local Government of Bali and Ministry of Health-Indonesia (Dr. Minarto), and SEAMEO RECFON (staff and advisory board members).

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RECFON

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

Prior to the GBM, there was a Roundtable Discussion in the first day (9 October 2012) on "Current challenges and best practices in Maternal and Child Nutrition in Southeast Asian Countries". The presentations from GB members are from Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand; followed by special presentation on Indonesia progress in maternal and child nutrition by Dr. Minarto, and on Maternal and child nutrition in Southeast Asia by Dr. Anuraj Shankar.

The second day prior to the GBM, there was a discussion about the nomination of new SEAMEO RECFON Director by the Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia in relation to the internal matter of the Centre between Director General of Higher Education who also

the GB member of Indonesia, GB Chairman (Malaysia), SEAMEO Secretariat (DDPD) and Dr. Widjaja Lukito (RECFON Advisory member). Following the discussion, in-camera session attended by the GB members proceeded with the election of the new Director of SEAMEO RECFON.

The meeting then elected new GB Chairman (Thailand) and Vice Chairman (Philippines) followed by discussion and approval of follow-up actions, Three Years Budget starting from 2013, Audit Financial Report and draft of Annual Report 2011-2012. Subsequently, GBM discussed various working papers on matters for consideration including progress and proposals of activities.

On other matters, SEAMEO Secretariat presented SEAMEO College followed by discussion on cross-cutting and common issues in the SEA region.

The next venue of GBM will be in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in September 2013.

Key Discussion

1. The discussion came up with decision that the elected Centre Director is the one nominated by the Minister of Education and Culture of Indonesia.
2. SEAMEO RECFON showed a great achievement in terms of programmes and activities, as well as the income generating activities during 2011-2012.

Feedback on SEAMEO College

Suggested cross-cutting issue is disparity in the regions to good quality education in terms of facilities in school, sanitation, and health. There are a lot of factors affecting and SEAMEO can look also into school strategies in terms of management.

It is also suggested the leadership aspect, it is important to put in school curriculum; teachers do not realize their activities are improving the students' leadership, therefore, the activities are not being reviewed or recognized.

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. Provides guidance in the financial matters including presentation of report and proposed budget.
4. Provides inputs to the election of the new Centre Director.

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 elected new Centre Director.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

Proceedings of the Governing Board Meeting will be sent to SEAMEO Secretariat by
SEAMEO RECFON.