



Mission Report

27th Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO SPAFA
18-19 October 2012
Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon, Myanmar

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

Tinsiri Siribodhi and Napavadee Vongchinsri (Observer)

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO SPAFA held their 27th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) at Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake in Yangon, Myanmar. The current Centre Director is Dr M R Rujaya Abhakorn.

The selection of Chairperson is by nomination on a yearly basis. This year the Chairperson is the Governing Board member from the Philippines, Mr Jeremy R Barns, Executive Director of National Museum of the Philippines.

C. Participants

Total of 18 participants attended the meeting. They are Governing Board Members from Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam; SEAMEO Secretariat representative (Tinsiri Siribodhi), SEAMEO SPAFA Director and staff. Governing Board Member from Cambodia and Indonesia were unable to attend.

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO SPAFA.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Board was informed about the new auditing standards.
2. SEAMEO SPAFA is in the process of transforming its library into a digital library.
3. In the FY 2012/2013, SEAMEO SPAFA will conduct several initiatives/activities such as
 - a. International Conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology
 - b. Activities on Underwater Archaeology
 - c. Activities concerning Rock Art

- d. Museum Forum
4. SEAMEO SPAFA will partner with other organizations and institutions in conducting activities such as
 - a. APCEIU on Illustrators Forum
 - b. Mahasarakam University, Thailand in Story Telling Conference
 - c. Urban Archaeology
5. The Board approved the sub-KRA of SEAMEO SPAFA with the target number of activities for FY 2012/2013.
6. The Board approved the recruitment of the Deputy Director and provided input on the job description.
7. The next GBM will be in July or Aug 2013 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Feedback on SEAMEO College

1. The Centre Director commented that the term 'college' might lead some to perceive the project as a teaching institution, whereas it is designed as a forum for education ministers, education officials, practitioners and youth leaders. He said that the idea of a unifying policy on cross-cutting issues might be difficult to undertake. With regard to the issue of social needs and market demand signaling systems for technical manpower, the Centre Director expressed that this area was rather broad, and perhaps difficult to bring about tangible and concrete actions.
2. The Chair said that he was not familiar with the initiative, and would require time to study it. He mentioned that he was certain that SEAMEO SPAFA might be able to contribute to bridging regional divides.
3. The Centre Director said that there could be interdisciplinary interaction between culture and science in pursuing the aims of the college, and the incorporation of cultural considerations in education policy formulation.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an opening remark on behalf of the SEAMEO Secretariat Director.
2. Gave a brief presentation on SEAMEO College.
3. Presented SEAMEO Integrated report FY2010/2011 in video multimedia format.
4. Informed the Board on the new auditing standard and its implication to the Centre.

G. Side Meeting/s

N/A

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Post the upcoming activities of SEAMEO SPAFA on SEAMEO Secretariat website.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

Some pictures from the meeting



The Meeting