



Mission Report

13th International Conference: Educating the Future We Want

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO INNOTECH organized an International Conference yearly. This year the theme of the SEAMEO INNOTECH 13th International Conference is “Educating for the Future we Want: A Green Southeast Asia”

1. objectives are as follows:
 - 1.1. To share what have been learned from the UN Decade for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)
 - 1.2. To exchange ideas among educational practitioners, policy makers, researchers

C. Participants

1. Approximately 200 participants attended the conference. They are Officials from the Ministry of Education and Environment officials in the Philippines, educators, teachers, School principals from various countries in Southeast Asia and Staff from SEAMEO Units (SEAMEO SPAFA, SEAMEO RECSAM, SEAMEO BIOTROP, SEAMEO SEARCA, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, SEAMEO RECSAM and SEAMEO Secretariat).

D. Organizer/s

1. SEAMEO INNOTECH (main organizer)

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines presided over the Opening Ceremony and gave a keynote speech on Future Direction of Education.
2. There are designated speakers per day according to the topics related to Education for Sustainable Development in the context of education, economic, environment and social. Each day is divided into a number of plenary sessions with assigned speaker per session. A 15-minute open forum follows after each cluster of sessions. Please see attached Conference program.

3. SEAMEO Units Session on “SEAMEO Activities on ESD”. Representatives from SEAMEO SPAFA, SEAMEO BIOTROP, SEAMEO SEARCA, SEAMEO RECSAM and SEAMEO SEAMOLEC shared their activities, practices and lessons learned in promoting ESD.
4. Mr. Kamal from ASEAN Secretariat gave a presentation on ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook which is a publication to raise awareness of “ASEANESS” in schools in Southeast Asia. SEAMEO INNOTECH, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC and SEAMEO Secretariat took part in the development of this publication
5. SEAMEO INNOTECH launched the Flexible Learning Course for Southeast Asian School Heads, Weaving Identities: A Teacher Toolkit Towards a Southeast Asia Community
6. Several interesting keynote speakers such as Dr. Art-Ong Chumsai, Dr. Wilfrido Villacorta former Ambassador and Philippines permanent representative to ASEAN, Dr. Makarim Wibisono Executive Director of ASEAN Foundation and Senator Loren Legarda gave presentation on topics related to environment and education for the future.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Served as a moderator for the Session of SEAMEO Units
2. Gave a 3 minutes interview on the Flexible Learning Courses of SEAMEO INNOTECH and congratulate INNOTECH on the launch of the module.

G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Programme



Opening Ceremony with H E Benigno Aquino, President of the Philippines



SEAMEO Unit Session on ESD Activities at SEAMEO