

## **Proposed Participation of SEAMEO to the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW)**

### **SEAMEO's Proposed Theme and Programme Design**

Given that this year's China-ASEAN Cooperation Week (6<sup>th</sup>) will be the first cooperative activity of SEAMEO, ACC and GPDE, it is being proposed that the theme for this year's Cooperation Week reflect this inaugural collaboration. Further, given that SEAMEO covers 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, including Timor Leste, which is not part of ASEAN, it is being further proposed that this be a consideration in developing the theme.

#### **A. PROPOSED THEME**

The following are possible themes for the China-ASEAN Cooperation Week that SEAMEO is proposing for consideration and/or discussion with ACC and GPDE:

**Theme 1:** Enhancing Southeast Asia and China's Strategic Collaborations for Education Reforms and Innovations;

**Theme 2:** Alliance for Education: Showcasing Southeast Asia and China's Reforms and Innovations in Education;

**Theme 3:** Strengthening Cooperation for Education in Southeast Asia and China

**Theme 4:** Towards Quality Education for Global Citizenship: Showcasing the Best of China and Southeast Asia's Educational Reforms and Innovations

#### **B. PROPOSED PROGRAMME DESIGN**

The China-ASEAN Cooperation Week will comprise of a variety of activities, including but not limited to:

1. Parallel Thematic Forums
  - With sub-themes to be developed, the thematic forum will be the venue to showcase case studies, researchers, strategies, policies on education that are innovative and were proven to be effective;
  - Presenters should be education officials, researchers, educators, students, practitioners from government agencies, international organizations, business sector, NGOs and INGOs.
2. Education Exhibit or Exposition
  - Will be intended to showcase exhaustive information on the organizations, education institutions and partners participating in the China-ASEAN Cooperation Week;
3. Cultural Shows
  - Cultural shows will be organized to showcase the diverse culture of the Southeast Asian countries and China and promote cultural awareness.
4. Student Dialogues or Student Forum
  - Anchoring on the theme of the Cooperation Week, a Student Dialogue, Forum or Debate shall be organized to provide venue for students to discuss among themselves and/or with relevant education officials or institutions, share ideas and views on emerging education issue/s. The intention is to look into the students' perspectives on education

issues and how their perspectives may be able to provide for better understanding of the education issue and finding more appropriate solutions;

- A potential outcome of the student forum could be an establishment of a Southeast Asian and Chinese student's network/association on the area of education and culture or an e-discussion portal for the students to continue networking and learning from each other;

5. Teachers Dialogue

- This session is in recognition of the important roles of teachers in shaping education and will provide venue for teacher's exchange of views/perspectives on education and teaching-learning process

**C. OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE DESIGNING OF THE CAECW**

- i. Identify clearly the objectives of the CAECW and rationale for the theme;
- ii. The CAECW theme to include a discussion on post-2015 education agenda for both Southeast Asia and China
- iii. Specify expected outcome/s for each of the session/activity;
- iv. Inclusion of wrap-up/synthesis of the entire CAECW event and recommendations/follow up actions (if deem necessary)