



Mission Report

SEAMEO RELC Governing Board Meeting

16-17 September 2013
SEAMEO RELC, Singapore

Tinsiri Siribodhi

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO RELC was established in 1968. The Centre expertise is in English language teaching. The Centre has just celebrated its' 45th Anniversary in April 2013. The Centre currently has 130 staff and Mrs. Tay Sor Har is the Centre Director. This year is the 42nd Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO RELC.

C. Participants

1. Participants were board members from Brunei, Cambodia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam; SEAMEO Secretariat representative and SEAMEO RELC staff.
2. Three board members are absent, namely Indonesia, Philippines and Timor Leste

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RELC

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Chairman of Meeting is Mr. Wong Siew Hoong, Deputy Director, General of Education (Curriculum), Ministry of Education Singapore.
2. The Vice Chairman is Dr. Ranjit Singh Gill, Director, English Language Training Centre, Ministry of Education, Malaysia.
3. The chief rapportuer is Asst Prof. Saowapa Chayaburakul, Director, Chulalongkorn University Language Institute, Thailand.
4. There were a total of 21 working papers which covers the following areas
 - a. RELC partnership with
 - i. Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand on joined MA programme
 - ii. Singapore Holding in organizing an Asia Education Expo in November 2013
 - iii. Chinese University on teaching Chinese language
 - b. A training program funded by Temasek Foundation for Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia.
 - c. A pilot training program on English and Education for International Understanding.
 - d. An International Seminar 2013 with the theme of "Assessment in Language

Education: Innovations, Issues & Insights”.

- e. A pilot programme using blended learning as a new training approach for Postgraduate diploma in Applied Linguistics
- f. Financial related matters
- g. SEAMEO RELC hotel management report on new renovation and customer satisfaction survey
- h. Staff welfare
- i. Self Appraisal as a quality assurance for business excellence for SEAMEO RELC. The centre applies for a certificate called “the Singapore Quality Class” developed by Spring Singapore, for internationally recognised standard

5. Next GBM 18-19 September 2014

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an Opening remark
2. Presented update of activities and recent development of SEAMEO
3. Provided input and answer to questions during the discussion

G. Side Meeting/s

1. With Mrs Tay on possible expansion of SEAMEO RELC training course for English Teachers in Timor Leste. Mrs Tay is very much interested in this matter and will pursue it to Temasek Foundation for funding. Also, SEAMEO RELC will send a proposal to SEAMES to be forwarded to EU to seek for funding.
2. With Ms. Vidya on 50th anniversary celebration. She shared her experiences in conducting the celebration of SEAMEO RELC 45th Anniversary. The experiences will be very useful for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of SEAMEO. She is a member in the Organizing Committee of the celebration.

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Send information on the training required from Timor Leste to Mrs. Tay and SEAMEO RELC will sent SEAMES a proposal to be submitted to EU for funding.
2. Coordinate and clarify on EIU scholarship from APCEIU to SEAMEO RELC.
3. Link SEAMEO RELC with SEAMEO INNOTECH on competency standard for teachers.
4. Sent information on World DiDac to SEAMEO RELC for information as the topic is relevant to SEAMEO RELC International Seminar 2014.
5. Request for a copy of Final proceeding of 41th GBM 2012 to be kept in SEAMES Library.
6. Request for a copy of Final Proceeding of 42nd GBM 2013
7. Request for pictures from the meeting to be post on SEAMEO news.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Agenda