



Mission Report

SEAMEO RELC Governing Board Meeting

19-20 September 2013
SEAMEO RETRAC, Viet Nam

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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 RETRAC was established in 1996. The Centre currently has 160 staff and the Centre Director is Dr. My Phoung. The Centre organized its 16th Governing Board Meeting at Vung Tau, Vietnam from 19-20 September 2013.

After the Meeting, An Education Forum of Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Basic Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia was held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on 19 September 2013.

C. Participants

1. Participants were board members from Cambodia, Lao, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam; a representative of a board member from Brunei; SEAMEO Secretariat representative and SEAMEO RETRAC staff.
2. Two board members are absent. They are from Myanmar and Timor Leste.

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RETRAC

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Chairperson of the GBM this year is Mr. Tran Ba Viet Dzung, Director General, International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam.
2. SEAMEO RETRAC presented the report which cover training courses in leadership, English and ICT for Teaching and learning.
3. SEAMEO RETRAC also partners with Curtin University, Australia offering Master degree in Applied Linguistics.
4. The Board Members suggested SEAMEO RETRAC to do impact assessment of the training program. Dr. Phoung accepted the suggestion and will plan for it.
5. The Meeting suggested SEAMEO RETRAC to develop a linkage between key training areas (leadership, English and ICT for teaching and learning) and design unique courses to address the need for the targeted participants.
6. Next GBM will tentatively be in the 2nd week of September 2014

7. After the Meeting, a Forum on “Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Basic Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia” was held. Governing Board Member from Thailand, Vietnam, Lao, Singapore, Philippines, Cambodia, Malaysia and the SEAMEO Secretariat presented papers.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an Opening remark on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat
2. Presented update of activities and recent development of SEAMEO
3. Provided input and answer to questions during the discussion
4. Moderate a session at the Forum on “Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Basic Education: Best Practices in Southeast Asia”.
5. Gave a presentation on “Synthesis and Trends of Basic Education: Regional Perspective” at the Education Forum.

G. Side Meeting/s

1. With Dr. Phuong on
 - a. the progress of Quality Stamp, one of the initiative of SEAMEO Strategic plan
 - b. The progress of module 3 work plan development and preparation
 - c. 50th anniversary coordinator
 - d. One certificate
 - e. Guidance on the proceeding

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

N/A

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Agenda

