



## **Mission Report**

### **The 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO CHAT**

26-27 September 2013  
SEAMEO CHAT, Yangon, Myanmar

#### **A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

Natcha Kampiranond

#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting was held on 26-27 September 2013 at SEAMEO CHAT in Yangon, Myanmar. The Acting Center Director of SEAMEO CHAT is Ms Myint Myint Ohn, International Relations Officer.

#### **C. Participants**

1. Participants were board members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Vietnam; a representative of a board member from Thailand; SEAMEO Secretariat representative and SEAMEO CHAT staff.
2. Two board members from Indonesia and Philippines were unable to attend the Meeting.

#### **D. Organizer/s**

SEAMEO CHAT

#### **E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points**

1. H E Dr Zaw Min Aung, Deputy Union Minister of Education, Myanmar presided over the Opening Ceremony of the 12<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO CHAT Governing Board Meeting.
2. The Chairperson of the GBM this year is Mr Haji Abd Rahman bin Haji Nawli, Director, Curriculum Development Department, Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam.
3. SEAMEO CHAT presented the Annual Report for FY2012/2013 which covered the programmes and activities based on the three KRAs (I. Regional Leadership, II. Regional Visibility and III Solid Resource Base).

SEAMEO CHAT is going to publish the research papers on Traditional Festivals of Southeast Asia within 3-4 months.

The Meeting also raised the issue of formalities required for the participation of SEAMEO CHAT Director and staff at SEAMEO Meetings. As the formalities took lengthy periods to complete, the Meeting would like the Secretariat Director to raise it at ministerial-level meetings.

4. SEAMEO CHAT also presented the annual estimated budget for the three year period (FY2014/2015 to FY2016/2017). The Governing Board would like the Secretariat to help suggest SEAMEO CHAT on the possible funding resources.
5. The Governing Board proposed the following inputs for Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015:
  - Proposed tagline: "Since 1965, building the future is our legacy"
  - Colour of the logo: SEAMEO colour combination might be considered.
  - In organizing a writing contest on "SEAMEO and its work in the region", the use of digital technologies could play an important role in enhancing public participation in the celebrations.
  - The Chairperson noted that the 50th Anniversary celebrations of SEAMEO could be an opportunity for SEAMEO CHAT to showcase its programmes and activities and urged SEAMEO Secretariat to ensure that all SEAMEO Centres are given the opportunity to be involved in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of SEAMEO.
6. I informed the Meeting that in accordance with the FOM, the dates of GB Meetings should be proposed to the Secretariat for consideration in order that the Directorate would be able to attend the GB meeting as many as possible.

The Board agreed to propose to the Secretariat that the next GB Meeting of SEAMEO CHAT be held on 25-26 September 2014.

#### **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

1. Gave an Opening Remarks on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat.
2. Presented update of activities and recent development of SEAMEO.
3. Provided answers to questions during the discussion.

#### **G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

N/A

#### **H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs**

1. Working Papers
2. Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting of SEAMEO CHAT