

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN THE SEAMEO-ASEAN SECRETARIATS JOINT WORK PLAN (FY 2013/2014-2014/2015)
(As a result of the 3rd SEAMEO-ASEAN Secretariats Meeting, 24 June 2013)

Initiatives/Programmes	Objectives/Expected Outputs	Leading Proponent	Funding Source	Next Steps
Priority 1: Promoting ASEAN Awareness				
1. Initiate outreach and promotion efforts to support ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook	To promote and advocate the use of ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook for school principals, teachers and other stakeholders.	ASEAN Secretariat	US-TATF	The Sourcebook is a reference material for the Ministry of Education in each ASEAN Member States towards the formulation of a national resource in support of the vision of ASEAN Community 2015. It was also envisaged that the Sourcebook be translated to local language for ease of usage for the national educators. Further revisions and supplements would be developed as part of the Phase III development of the Sourcebook. More lesson plans, customized to the national needs could be developed to expand the reach to the educators.
2. Develop Resource Materials on Southeast Asia living culture	To develop resource materials that aims to: 1) enhance the understanding of Southeast Asia's cultural diversity traditions; and 2) strengthen collaborations between schools, education ministries, partner organizations, and SEAMEO in promoting interactive platforms for the youths of Southeast Asia to appreciate the region's cultures.	SEAMEO SPAFA SEAMEO Secretariat	ASEAN-ROK Future Oriented Cooperation Fund (FOCP)	SEAMEO, through SEAMEO SPAFA will develop video documentation on 'living culture, drawing/painting, music/song documentary. SEAMEO will also undertake activities such as storytelling, celebration of traditional games and sports, exhibitions of traditional toys for education and filming and exhibitions of culinary traditions in Southeast Asia.

				<p>SEAMEO has found possible partners for the implementation of this initiative.</p> <p>Following the facilitation by the ASEAN Secretariat, the project on <i>Southeast Asia and Korea Educational Material Development for Cultural Understanding</i> initiated by the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), is now being implemented with the technical support from the relevant SEAMEO regional center and funding support from ASEAN-ROK FOCP.</p>
Priority 2A: Increasing Access to Quality Primary and Secondary Education				
<p>3. Initiatives on Basic Education focusing to CLMV [Including Timor Leste]</p> <p>Strengthen collaboration on the implementation of the Collaborative Project on “Reaching the Unreached”, Multi-grade Education</p>	<p>To narrow the educational development divides within the region and enhance its competitiveness and resiliency; and using ICT to introduce the new pedagogy method.</p> <p><i>Note: Capacity building for English Language for teachers and Education personnel.</i></p>	SEAMEO	ASEAN Secretariat/IAI	<p>SEAMEO Secretariat to assist Lao PDR to develop project proposal on the implementation of the Multi-grade Education for submission to ASEAN Secretariat IAI-NDG Division for funding consideration under the JAIF funding facility.</p> <p>SOM-ED Lao PDR is expected to send the project proposal to the ASEAN Secretariat for SOM-ED review and ad referendum endorsement, as well as IAI Task Force's approval prior to the final approval by Japan.</p> <p>SEAMEO Secretariat will consult</p>

				<p>and work with Lao PDR on the proposed development of project proposal on Multi-Grade Education that could be submitted for possible funding support under IAI/JAIF.</p> <p>The SEAMEO Secretariat will officially communicate to Lao PDR on this proposed development of a project proposal on Multi-Grade Education.</p>
<p>4. Promote of volunteer programs and public private partnership initiatives to promote access to and quality of education</p>	<p>To promote access to education through public private partnership, youth volunteerism programmes and other professional volunteerism programmes.</p>	<p>ASEAN</p>	<p>USAID and ACF</p>	<p>The ASEAN Secretariat to seek the possibilities to integrate the existing ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AYVP) and ASEAN Youth Professional Volunteer Corps under the work of SOMY to be in line with the initiative in promoting volunteer programs under Education purview. The programme will be considered as a cross-sectoral engagement between Youth (SOMY) and Education (SEAMEO) in the region.</p>
<p>Priority 2B: Increasing the quality of education standards, lifelong learning and professional development</p>				

<p>5. Establishing Education Database (building on what SEAMEO is already doing on SEAMEO Education Database)</p>	<p>For the two Secretariats to have a harmonized data collection and reporting of educational statistics of SEA region</p>	<p>SEAMEO</p>	<p>SEAMEO and ASEAN Secretariat</p>	<p>SEAMEO Secretariat is currently in data gathering stage for its SEAMEO Database in Education.</p> <p>SEAMEO Secretariat will share with ASEAN Secretariat education data once submissions from all 11 SEAMEO Member Countries are completed</p> <p>SEAMEO Database on Education is targeted to be launched online by December 2013</p> <p>In line with the effort of the ASEAN Secretariat, SEAMEO Database on Education may be used as a complementary/additional and updated source for the ASCC Scorecard for Education presented in the ASEAN State of Education Report to enrich its coverage and in-depth information. The ASEAN State of Education Report has been finalized and currently in the process of printing.</p> <p>The database may also serve as a regular basis for the monitoring and evaluation of the progress of education partnership in Southeast Asia.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Cross-border mobility and internationalization of education</p>				

<p>6. Initiatives on Higher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student mobility including credit transfer system • Academic and professional accreditation; • Regional qualification standards/framework 	<p>To intensify higher education initiatives</p>	<p>ASEAN Secretariat</p>	<p>EU SHARE</p>	<p>The implementation of EU SHARE requires joint effort from the ASEAN, AUN, and SEAMEO Secretariats, taking into consideration the current initiatives in the Higher Education of the region, including e.g. the ASEAN Plus Three Working Group on Mobility of Higher Education and Ensuring Quality Assurance for Higher Education; the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQR) or even IAI initiatives/projects that relate to Higher Education.</p>
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7. Support for policy dialogue on harmonization of higher education	To promote harmonization of higher education	ASEAN Secretariat	EU SHARE	Same as above.
Priority 4: Support for other sectoral bodies with an interest in education				
8. Joint Initiatives of SEAMEO with other ASEAN Sectoral Bodies	For ASEAN Sectoral Bodies to utilize the SEAMEO Centres in developing and implementing programmes related to the expertise of the Centres	ASEAN Secretariat	No Funding Required	SEAMEO and ASEAN Secretariats to facilitate invitation of SEAMEO Centres in activities/meetings of ASEAN sectoral bodies related to the expertise of SEAMEO Centres