

Mission Report
29th SEAMEO SPAFA Governing Board Meeting
1 - 2 September 2014

A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

I. Handoko (Deputy Director for Programme and Development)

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO SPAFA is one of the SEAMEO Centres located in Bangkok, Thailand.

SEAMEO SPAFA aims at being the world's reference and authoritative knowledge centre on Southeast Asian archaeology and fine arts through:

- capacity-building workshops, training and seminars, making alliances and networking with academics, resource persons, and institutions specialized in these fields
- promotion and regular support of archaeological and cultural activities in the region, with the focus on regional relevance in meeting the changes and needs due to the social and economic integration in Southeast Asia
- expansion of the Centre's Library and electronic resources relating to archaeology and fine arts
- Innovative activities that combine different artistic elements or mixed media
- Providing e-contents related to cultural issues for educational purposes
- Reaching out to the global public through the Centre's website and mass-media

SEAMEO SPAFA conducted the 29th Governing Board Meeting in Sokha Angkor Resort, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

C. Participants

The total participants were 19 people consisting of Governing Board Members and ex-officio representative, observers and SEAMEO SPAFA staff. Governing Board of Indonesia is not in attendance.

D. Organizer

SEAMEO SPAFA

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

SEAMEO SPAFA has successfully conducted its programmes and activities in the area of its mandate namely (a) Advancing Southeast Asian Archaeology, (b) Sacred Universe, and (c) Conservation in the Tropics, as presented in the Annual Report.

The issues being raised were the flow of communication between the Centre and the Ministries of Education of member countries. It was suggested by the board member of Malaysia and Cambodia that they will be the focal points for nominating candidates for SEAMEO SPAFA activities. However, it was clarified that the Governing Board is policy authority rather than the implementing body and suggested that SEAMEO Desk in each member country should be the one.

The other issue was the staffs who left SPAFA to other organizations due to better remuneration package.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

The role of SEAMEO during the GBM was to provide inputs and being active in the discussion, and delivered opening speech on behalf of the SEAMES Director.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

For SEAMEO SPAFA to implement programmes and activities according to the direction and guidance of the Governing Board Meeting.

H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

The SEAMEO SPAFA Working Papers (WP-GBM-29.pdf) and tentative programme (29th GBM Programme_9 July.pdf).