



Mission Report

The 7th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) and Related Activities

1-2 September 2014, Guiyang, Guizhou Province, Peoples Republic of China

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B. Background and Objectives of the Meetings

1. CAECW is an annual platform to promote cooperation between ASEAN countries and the People's Republic of China. As part of SEAMEO's Collaboration with ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), SEAMEO has started co-organizing the CAECW with the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education (GPDE) since 2013 for the 6th CAECW in Guiyang, Guizhou Province, China.
2. SEAMEO's cooperation with GPDE and ACC on CAECW aims to provide SEAMEO a regular platform to promote its work on education, science and culture and showcase the expertise of SEAMEO Centres in China. With CAECW, SEAMEO intends to establish collaborations and partnerships with Chinese education institutions which share SEAMEO's goal of enhancing human resource competitiveness in Southeast Asia and beyond. Moreover, SEAMEO's participation to CAECW provided SEAMEO opportunity to enhance its international visibility.
3. For 2014, SEAMEO is co-organizing the 7th CAECW with the theme "*Hand and Hand, Education for the People*" on 1-5 September 2014 in Guiyang, China with SEAMEO organizing several activities in collaboration with ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and National Institute of Education Sciences (NIES), Ministry of Education (MOE) China. [Appendix 1](#) presents the Programme-at-a-Glance of activities for 7th CAECW.
4. SEAMEO also a specific session, *SEAMEO and Its Regional Centres: A Promotional Meeting*, held in 1 September 2014, 0900-1030 hours. The session was aimed at promoting the work and flagship programmes of SEAMEO to ASEAN and Chinese participants.
5. In addition, SEAMEO with ACC and NIES organized two activities under the framework of the 7th CAECW:
 - a) Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China; held on 1 September 2014, 1700-1900 hours and
 - b) First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network, held on 2 September 2014, 1400-1700 hours
6. SEAMEO Secretariat also participated in the ASEAN-China Conference on Education Policy Research held on 2 September 2014, 0830-1200 hours which was organized by NIES and Guiyang Institute of Technology.

C. Organizers

1. The Chinese Ministry of Education and GPDE with ACC and SEAMEO organized the 7th CAECW. Different universities and education institutions in Guiyang, Guizhou, PRC, hosted related 7th CAECW symposium and activities.
2. *Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China* and *First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network* were organized by NIES, in collaboration with ACC and SEAMEO and with support of the Guiyang Institute of Technology.
3. NIES and Guiyang Institute of Technology co-organized the *ASEAN-China Conference on Education Policy Research*.

D. Participation/Role of SEAMEO Secretariat and SEAMEO Centres

1. SEAMEO RIHED co-organized for the 7th CAECW with ACC the University Presidents' Forum held 1-3 September 2014.
2. The SEAMEO Secretariat participated in the 7th CAECW as speakers/presenters in the following 7th CAECW activities:
 - a) Opening Ceremony
 - b) Session on the SEAMEO and Its Regional Centres: A Promotional Meeting
 - c) Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China;
 - d) First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network; and
 - e) China-ASEAN Conference on Education Policy Research
3. SEAMEO VOCTECH and SEAMEO SEAMOLEC also participated in TVET and open distance education-related forums respectively.

E. Highlights of the Meeting

Opening Ceremony of the 7th CAECW, 1 September 2014, 1500-1500 hours

1. SEAMEO Secretariat being a co-organizer served as one of the keynote speakers during the Opening Ceremony of the 7th CAECW. In addition to keynote addresses from Chinese high officials, for this year's CAECW, high officials from Ministries of Education and Ministries of Foreign Affairs from selected ASEAN Member States have also provided perspectives on the CAECW's theme and their visions on education cooperation between ASEAN countries and China.
2. SEAMEO Secretariat in its keynote address highlighted two important points: a) the importance of 'working hand-in-hand', of education cooperation between Southeast Asian countries and China; and b) collaborative efforts of SEAMEO with GPDE on CAECW, with ACC on a number of programmes and with other Chinese education institutions such as NIES for the SEAMEO-China Education Research Project (establishment of the Education Research Network and the Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China).

SEAMEO and Its Regional Centres: A Promotional Meeting, 1 September 2014, 0900-1030 hours

3. The session on SEAMEO and Its Regional Centres: A Promotional Meeting is one of the parallel sessions scheduled in the morning of the opening day of the 7th CAECW. In the session, the SEAMEO Secretariat introduced the work of SEAMEO and its SEAMEO Centres. Flagship programmes such as the SEAMEO College and SEAMEO Congress were also presented.
4. As a wrap up, the SEAMEO Secretariat presented its collaborative and partnership strategies including its cooperative activities with institutions in China.

[Appendix 2](#) presents the Programme for the session on SEAMEO and Its Regional Centres: A Promotional Meeting

5. More than a hundred ASEAN and Chinese participants attended the session.

Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China, 1 September 2014, 1700-1900 hours

6. The *Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China* was organized as a follow up activity of the consultative meeting held on 4-5 June 2014 in Beijing, China. Official representations from the SEAMEO Member Countries and China were re-convened to discuss on the finalization of the outline and content of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China.

[Appendix 3](#) presents the Programme for the Workshop on the Development of the SEAMEO-China Guidebook on the Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China.

7. The SEAMEO Secretariat presented the brief background of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Project, which was first discussed as a possible collaborative activity of SEAMEO, ACC and NIES back in May 2012. The project comprises the establishment of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network and the development of the Guidebook.
8. Official representations and authors from Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Timor Leste and Thailand have presented their recommendations on the outline and content of sections of the Guidebook such as the Education Administration system, Curriculum, Education Policies and Education Indicators and Statistics.
9. The output of the workshop was a recommendation on the guideline on outline and content of Volume A (Facts and Figures) and Volume B (Education Policy Trends) of the Guidebook ([Appendices 4 and 5](#)).
10. The workshop was participated by official representatives from all 11 SEAMEO Member Countries and from China.

China-ASEAN Conference on Education Policy Research, 2 September 2014, 0800-1200 hours

11. The *China-ASEAN Conference on Education Policy Research* aimed to showcase country models on education policy reforms. Country representatives Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand and China presented their respective education systems, policies and challenges to education.
12. SEAMEO Secretariat co-chaired the conference with NIES and ACC. The activity was participated by country participants from SEAMEO Member Countries and China and invited guests from Chinese education institutions and universities.

[Appendix 6](#) presents the Programme for the China-ASEAN Conference on Education Policy Research

First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network, 2 September 2014, 1400-1700 hours

13. The *First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network* was held as an inaugural meeting for the officially designated representations from the SEAMEO Member Countries and China to comprise the Network. The meeting, chaired by ACC, was aimed at discussing the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Network and finalizing the guideline (i.e. outline and content) for the development of the Guidebook.
14. The SEAMEO Secretariat presented briefly the TOR of the Designated Institutions and Representatives to the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network as well as the results of the consultative meeting held on June 2014 in Beijing, China. The SEAMEO Secretariat also chaired the meeting.

[Appendix 7](#) presents the TOR for the Education Research Institutions and Designated Representatives to the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network

15. NIES presented the guideline/outline on the development of the Guidebook with selected countries Philippines, Brunei Darussalam and Timor Leste providing a sample of their outline/write up following the identified guideline/outline.
16. The outputs of the meeting were: a) agreement on TOR of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network; b) agreement on the guideline for the development of the Network and; b) initial plan for the future activities of the Network

[Appendix 8](#) presents the Programme for the First Meeting of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network

F. Immediate Follow Up Actions from SEAMEO Secretariat

1. SEAMEO Secretariat to finalize the Terms of Reference for the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network and prepare a draft work plan (short-term and long-term) for future activities of the Network.
2. Coordinate with ACC to ensure that the SEAMEO-China Education Research Project between SEAMEO and China would be reported in the forthcoming SOM-ED Plus 3 and ASED Plus 3 Meetings in 8-12 September 2014 in Laos PDR.
3. Send letter of invitations for the SEAMEO Congress to the members of the SEAMEO-China Education Research Network.