

**Mission Report**  
*43<sup>rd</sup> SEAMEO RELC Governing Board Meeting*  
*11 - 12 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 RELC is one of the SEAMEO Centres located in Singapore. The main task of SEAMEO RELC is to assist in the development of language teacher education in the SEAMEO region, a region of rapid economic development that is fast integrating both politically and economically. SEAMEO RELC provides leadership in the development of expertise and excellence in the field of language education and promotes cooperation between and contact among language professionals in the region and beyond. The 43<sup>rd</sup> SEAMEO RELC was conducted at the Centre premises in Singapore on 11-12 September 2014.

**C. Participants**

The Governing Board Meeting was attended by 10 out of 11 Governing Board Members and 2 ex-officio members consisting of SEAMEO Secretariat representative (DDPD) and SEAMEO RELC Director. The Board member from Timor Leste is not in attendance and is awaiting appointment of member. Key SEAMEO RELC staff also attended the GBM.

**D. Organizer**

SEAMEO RELC

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

SEAMEO RELC presented their Annual Report and 19 Working Papers (including one Working Paper on Significant Points, Agreements and Actions taken on Key Agenda Items from SEAMEO Meetings in FY 2013/2014 which was presented by SEAMES DDPD) which were grouped into 3 themes and others. The themes are (1) Regional Leadership and Internal Visibility, (2) Programme Excellence and Dynamism, and (3) Internal Capacity Building.

The issues being raised were the take-up of scholarship being offered by SEAMEO RELC to member countries which is lower than expected. Few possible reasons were discussed for example the timing of the course which coincides with beginning of semesters in which invited teachers should start teaching as well as very long selection and nomination by the respective ministries of education.

The other issue was the rotation of financial auditor. Currently SEAMEO RELC uses the same auditor for many years. It was agreed that for the coming fiscal year the same auditor will be employed while for the following fiscal years some financial auditing firms will be proposed for audit rotation purposes.

SEAMEO RELC will participate on SEAMEO Congress in October 2014 by presenting a paper (Working Paper 8).

**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. Also, SEAMEO Secretariat presented one working paper on Significant Points, Agreements and Actions taken on Key Agenda Items from SEAMEO Meetings in FY 2013/2014 (Working Paper 12).

**G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

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

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

Hard copy of materials for 43<sup>rd</sup> SEAMEO RELC Governing Board Meeting.