



Mission Report

Regional Consultative Meeting on Education and Resilience in Asia and the Pacific

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SEAMEO INNOTECH, Manila, Philippines

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. UNICEF and UNESCO invited SEAMEO Secretariat to be a partner in organizing a Regional Consultation Meeting on “Education and School Resilience in East Asia and the Pacific”. SEAMEO Secretariat accepted the invitation and become members of the organizing committee. (Tinsiri and Dr. Asmah)
2. In view of the relevancy of the meeting and based on the experiences, the organizing committee agreed that the meeting should be organized in the Philippines, thus, SEAMEO INNOTECH is sub-contracted to logistically organize the meeting at SEAMEO INNOTECH, Philippines.
3. The main objectives of the meeting are:
 - 1.1. To exchange of ideas on ways to equip East Asia Pacific countries, particularly education systems, with the capacity to address “all risks” faced by children, both natural hazards and conflict risks;
 - 1.2. To assess the extent to which governments, communities and partners have effective system, policies and programmes to address the risks;
 - 1.3. To identify good practice of the system, policies and programmes that address the risks;
 - 1.4. To strengthen regional knowledge networks that generate the role of education for resilience
 - 1.5. To contribute to regional guidance to assist government, ministry of education and education community to operationalize the concept of education and school cohesion and the Comprehensive School Safety Framework.

C. Participants

One hundred participants from 27 countries attended the meeting. They are representatives from Ministry of Education in SEAMEO Member countries, UNICEF, UNESCO, and NGOs in the Southeast Asia region such as Plan International, Red Cross.

D. Organizer/s

1. UNICEF, UNESCO, and SEAMEO Secretariat are the organizing committee.
2. SEAMEO INNOTECH was sub-contracted to be the local organizer for the arrangement of the meeting.

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The meeting was organized into sessions which designed to stock taking the current practices & share information concerning school & resilience in the East Asia Pacific region. These sessions are
 - a. Education, Conflict and Resilience: Lessons learn from theory to Practice
 - b. Education Policies/Planning that Promote Social Cohesion
 - c. Education Programmes and Community based initiative that promote social cohesion
 - d. Country Good practice Policies for resilience to natural disaster and climate change
 - e. Comprehensive school safety and climate change education for sustainable development
 - f. Lessons learned from peace building and advocacy programmes in mainstreaming Disaster risk reduction (DRR) in education sector
 - g. Incorporating indigenous knowledge and values in mainstreaming DRR in Education
 - h. Monitoring and evaluation of DRR – Tool and strategies
 - i. Strengthening regional networks and sharing resources to build capacity at the regional and national level
 - j. Synthesis and final recommendations for regional guidance
2. At the end of each day, participants were divided into groups on the topics mentioned above to further discuss, reflect and come up with a group report.
3. Summary of each day meeting is attached.
4. The next step is that UNICEF will synthesize the output of the meeting and develop a framework for School resilience.
5. More information of the meeting can be found at facebook page “Education and Resilience”.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Took part in the organizing committee to plan for the meeting (prior to the meeting).
2. Gave an Opening Remark on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat
3. Chair a plenary session on Day 3 of the Meeting on the topic “Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge and Values in Mainstreaming DRR in Education”.
4. Coordinate with SEAMEO INNOTECH (Dr. Ethel) to provide information on project 10: Disaster Risk Reduction in School which is one of the projects under the Reaching the Unreached Collaborative Project lead by Philippines & Indonesia.

G. Side Meeting/s

1. With Dr. Soe Win, the Director General, Higher Education, Ministry of Education for Myanmar on the nomination of Myanmar SEAMEO Desk Officer. He was at the meeting leading the delegations from the Ministry of Education, Myanmar.
2. With Mr. Benet Benozza to plan on the report of SDEM which SEAMEO INNOTECH organized to be presented at the Governing Board Meeting in Myanmar during 11-14 November 2014.
3. With Mr. Philip Purnell, Manager for Research Division of SEAMEO INNOTECH on the Disaster Risk Reduction Toolkit, published by SEAMEO INNOTECH.

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Follow-up with the Ministry of Education, Myanmar on the name of the SEAMEO Desk Officer. (done)

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Programme
2. summary of outcome of each day Meeting
3. List of participants
4. Pictures

