



## **Mission Report**

### **8<sup>th</sup> China ASEAN Education Week**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

China ASEAN Education Week has been a showcase and a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration establishment between organisations and institutions from China and ASEAN countries since 2008. Its main objectives are to enhance mutual understanding and friendship, promote practical education cooperation, explore various fields of cooperation and strengthen inter-regional exchanges and development of culture. It has been sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P. R. China, the Ministry of Education of P. R. China, the People's Government of Guizhou Province, P.R.China. Since 2008, CAECWs have attracted over 4,880 participants, 1,050 colleges or universities, as well as educational organisations from China, ASEAN, and other countries, with 654 education agreements and cooperation memorandums being signed.

SEAMEO began its involvement to the Week and co-organised the event together with ASEAN China Centre and GPDE since 2013. This year, 2015, SEAMEO has co-organised the event with the GPDE, its partner, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), as well as with its new affiliated member, the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE). In particular, SEAMEO has contributed respective keynote speakers and participants from 11 Southeast Asian Countries to the event which includes TVET EXPO and the Southeast Asia-China Education Research Network.

The 8<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) was held from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Guiyang International Eco-Conference Center, Guiyang, Guizhou Province, P.R. China under the theme "Learning from each other for the well-being of the future." This year CAECW had 7 objectives. They are listed as follows.

1. Further enhancing regional educational and cultural cooperation
2. Promoting students mobility in various forms
3. Providing a platform for universities, colleges and schools to establish long-term partnership
4. Developing scientific and technological research cooperation
5. Promoting youth exchanges in culture, science, technology and other fields
6. Improving talents cultivation and employment
7. Sharing experience on teaching facilities and resources

#### **C. Expected Outputs from the seminar:**

Participation of SEAMES to this event aims to increase

1. Visibility of SEAMEO in China;
2. Knowledge of innovation currently implemented in China;
3. Collaboration of SEAMEO and education departments in provincial and institutional level; and
4. Collaboration of Invited TVET institutes in SEA with China institutes.

#### **D. Participants**

1. Participants from SEAMEO includes
  - a. SEAMEO Centre Directors and Staff from SEAMEO RIHED and SEAMEO SPAFA; and
  - b. TVET Educators invited by SEAMEO from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, totally 39 persons.
2. School principals, scholars, experts, university rectors and presidents, education administrators as well as youth from P. R. China, ASEAN countries, and Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and Switzerland.

#### **E. Organizers**

Organisers of the event include

1. CEAIE, Guizhou Provincial Department of Education(GPDE), SEAMEO, ACC for the China-ASEAN TVET Expo;
2. Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange(CSCSE) for the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation and Talent Cultivation Fair;
3. Ocean University of China, Tianjin University for the China-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation Series;
4. Guizhou University for the China-ASEAN Education and Training Alliance Founding Ceremony & Education Training Programs Promotion and the Forum on Agricultural Economic and Green Transformation Development of "Maritime Silk Road" Countries;
5. Central Committee of the Communist Youth League for the China-ASEAN Youth Camp
6. Ministry of Commerce, P.R.C., University of International Business and Economics, Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), MOFCOM for the Seminar for Senior Managers in ASEAN;
7. ASEAN-China Centre(ACC), SEAMEO, National Institute of Education Science for the The Second Meeting of the Southeast Asia-China Education Research Network & the Book Launch Meeting of *The Guidebook to Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China*;
8. China Foreign Affairs University, ASEAN University Network (AUN, Guizhou University for the Seminar on ASEAN-China Education and Training Cooperation;
9. Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Guizhou Province for the China-ASEAN Chinese Language Teaching Forum;
10. Guiyang Preschool Education College for the China-ASEAN Preschool Teachers' Development Forum;

#### **F. Highlights of Activity/Summary Points**

Highlights of Activity consisted of

1. Welcome dinner Reception which all the leaders of key organisations in this event, for example High officials of ASEAN countries, SEAMES, Ministry of Education of P.R. China, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R.China, and Guizhou Provincial Department of Education, had a chance to informally discuss issues and tentative collaboration initiatives amongst them.
2. Opening Ceremony in which all the key participants were invited to learn the region's history through the presentation of performing arts and culture of both China and ASEAN.
3. China-ASEAN Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Expo where the China-ASEAN TVET Reforming and Development Forum and the China-ASEAN Dialogue on TVET Cooperation allowed each institute from China and Southeast Asia to have a one-on-one discussion about future collaboration
4. Cooperative Documents signing ceremony. This activity was a platform where collaboration among institutions from Southeast Asia and P.R. China presented their commitment between each other in forms of LoA, Lol, MoA, MoU and other collaborative documents.
5. The Second Meeting of the Southeast Asia-China Education Research Network & the Book Launch Meeting of *The Guidebook to Education Systems and Reforms in Southeast Asia and China*

which allowed researchers nominated by each ministry of education in Southeast Asia to present his/her own chapter for the guidebook and discuss for future collaborative research/development projects with support from NIES and ACC.

### **G. Role/Participation of SEAMEO Secretariat**

SEAMES participated with four main roles: knowledge sharing and exchange with other organisations of China, SEAMEO's visibility, collaboration establishment, and encouraging the implementation of the 7 priority areas in Southeast Asia and beyond.

#### **1. Knowledge sharing and exchange**

SEAMES had opportunities to share and exchange knowledge in two TVET seminars and two SEA-CERN meeting. SEAMES learnt China policy and current implementation to promote TVET development and workforce mobility, especially the transition from education institutes to factories or real work situations. Furthermore, SEAMES found out China's innovation to create the skilled workforce in Railway establishment and maintenance at the TVET seminar on Cross Border Education.

#### **2. Visibility of SEAMEO**

SEAMES presented SEAMEO as an organization in four of the Week activities: keynote speeches at seminar, SEA-CERN and book launch meeting, LoA signing ceremony, and interview session by national and local newspaper, namely, China Daily (national level newspaper), Western Development (national level newspaper), Colorful Guizhou Net(local level newspaper), and Guizhou Daily (local level newspaper.)

#### **3. Collaboration Establishment**

SEAMES established collaboration both official signing of LoA with JPDE and informal discussion as well as name card exchanges with several organisations located in P.R.China and beyond.

#### **4. Encouraging the Implementation of 7 Priority Areas in Southeast Asia and beyond**

SEAMES presented the 7 priority areas at every chance available. One obvious result is the adoption to implement some of the priority areas by SEA-CERN and plans to establish two research projects, namely on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies for University entrance examination, and teacher competencies. Even the existence of the network itself related to the priority 6, harmonisation of research.

### **H. Follow-up actions needed**

1. Actions according to the LoA signed between SEAMES and Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education which identify SEAMES to contribute to the commitment as follows.

1.1 Set a link from SEAMEO website to JPDE's official website **(ITO/ITA)**.

1.2 Establish a cooperative mechanism to promote educational collaboration and maintain a stable relation in such fields as student exchange, teacher training, mutual visits and international conferences. **(PO1, a focal person)**

1.3 Share relevant work information, exchange work progress regularly, and offer every possible convenience in the promotion of the JPDE's programmes. **(PO1, a focal person)**

1.4 Disseminate information of JPDE educational activities and assist in promoting JPDE educational activities in SEAMEO member countries. **(PO1, a focal person)**

1.5 Make arrangements for JPDE's visiting delegations, recommend proper partners to the universities and colleges in Jiangsu and provide guide and support during the education fairs or promotion activities in these countries. **(PO1, a focal person)**

1.6 Recommend Southeast Asia School Principals to attend the Jiangsu International Forum for School Principals. **(PO1, a focal person)**

1.7 Coordinate with JPDE in establishment of selection criteria and procedures for the Jiangsu Jasmine ASEAN Scholarship Programme, which will provide 3 million RMB per year to students from

SEAMEO member countries to study in Jiangsu. The program will begin from 2016/2017 academic year and last for 4 years. **(PO1, a focal person)**

2. Collaborative activities according to the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEA-CERN meeting, which will include SEAMES's action as follows.

2.1 Guidebook on Education Reforms and Systems in Southeast Asia and China

a) Follow up the revised guidebook **(PO1)**

b) Apply for ISBN. **(PO1)**

2.2 the coordination for the 3<sup>rd</sup> SEA-CERN Meeting, consult with MOE, Thailand whether it is possible to host the meeting in September 2016 . **(PO1)**

2.3 the coordination for SEA-CERN members' proposals. **(PO1)**

3. Certificate of Participation of the Participant from Philippines. **(PO1)**

4. Other Innovation **(PO1, a focal person)**

SEAMES Director also initiated ideas to have

-A consortium of TVET in Railway Development among a few countries in SEA and China

-A pilot project to have TVET development with selected municipality among a city in Thailand, and in Indonesia, in collaboration with P.R.China.

#### **I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs**

1. Annex 1 Pictures of SEAMEO Participation

2. Annex 2 Programme at a glance of the 8<sup>th</sup> CAECW,

3. Annex 3 Programme of International Forum on Workforce Mobility and National Qualification

Framework

4. Annex 4 Programme of Seminar on Cross Border Education

5. Annex 5 Programme of the Book Launch Meeting and the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEA-CERN Meeting

6. Annex 6 Summary Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEA-CERN meeting

7. Annex 7 Itinerary of SEAMES Director