



Mission Report

Workshop on Preparation for Establishing the SEAMEO Centre in Lao PDR

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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2. Kanchulee Punyain, Programme Officer III

B. Background

During the SEAMEC President visit to Lao PDR in December 2013, the 47th SEAMEC President, H E Prof Dr Pham Vu Luan, the Minister of education and Training, Vietnam, encouraged the Ministry of Education and Sport, Lao PDR to set up a new SEAMEO Centre in Lao PDR. Minister of Education and Sports, Lao PDR, has shown interest to establish the SEAMEO Centre in Lao, PDR. The SEAMEO Secretariat provided a brief steps on the process.

In 2014, Dr Wittaya Jeradechakul, former director of SEAMES, and Ms Abigail Cuales Lanceta, Programme officer III visited Lao PDR and discussed the area of the new SEAMEO Centre in Lao PDR. The Minister of Education and Sports expressed interest in establishing the SEAMEO Regional Centre in Community Education Development.

Additionally, during the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference in Chonburi, Thailand, Ms Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun, Deputy Minister of Education and Sports, Lao PDR , requested the member countries and SEAMES to guide and assist the feasibility study of the establishing the SEAMEO Regional Center in Laos.

Ministry of education and Sports, Department of External relations invited Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, director of SEAMEO Secretariat and Dr Kanchulee Punyain, Programme Office III to pay a visit to Lao PDR and to attend the workshop on Preparation for Establishing the SEAMEO Centre in Lao PDR on 4-6 August 2015 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

The SEAMEO Secretariat together with the SEAMEO SEAMOLEC team provide assistance to the Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR and lead the Workshop.

C. Objectives of the Activity

1. To provide the procedures in setting up a new Regional Centre in Lao PDR.
2. To assist the Ministry of Education and Sport, Lao PDR , in the feasibility study .
3. To develop draft documents related to the establishment of the SEAMEO Regional Center in Lao PDR.

D. Participants

The participants consisted of High Officials and representatives from Ministry of education and Sports, Lao PDR , feasibility team, SEAMEO Secretariat, and SEAMEO SEAMOLEC .

E. Organizers

Ministry of education and Sports, Lao PDR

F. Highlight of Activity/ Summary Points

Ministry of education and Sports, Lao PDR expressed interest in establishing the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Community Education Development (SEAMEO CED) in Lao PDR (referred to as SEAMEO CED) aims to cater the regional needs in promoting Community Education Development and provide opportunities for cooperation in this field among SEAMEO Member Countries and Associate Members. The Centre will help strengthen the relationship and increase mutual understanding between educational researchers, practitioners, and policy makers of the region, in a spirit of mutual respect and partnership.

In order to explore the feasibility of establishing a SEAMEO Regional Centre for CED, a survey instrument (questionnaire) will be developed and will be sent to all SEAMEO Member Countries. In addition, the MOEs Lao PDR will be conducting a desk study on CED in the Southeast Asian Countries to supplement the survey. The findings of the desk study and survey are to be used as supporting document to the proposal to establish the said SEAMEO Regional Centre for endorsement by the 38th SEAMEO High Officials Meeting and approval by the SEAMEO Council 2016.

G. Role/Participation of SEAMES

Dr Gatot Hari Priowirijanto, the director of SEAMEO Secretariat shared his insight on establishing and the managing the SEAMEO Regional Centre and delivered a remark at the closing of the workshop.

Dr Kanchulee Punyain, Programme Officer III, presented the Survey Finding and Recommendation on the Future Expansion SEAMEO Centre and Area of Study, SEAMEO's Policy Direction 2015, Guideline in Establishing a New SEAMEO Centre and assisted MOEs, Lao PDR in the preparation of the feasibility study and related documents on establishing the SEAMEO Regional Centre in Lao PDR.

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

SEAMEO Secretariat is to prepare a working paper to accompany the proposal and feasibility study in establishing the SEAMEO Regional Centre in Lao PDR to the 38th HOM.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Workshop agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation
3. Articles in Lao PDR Newspaper



(The opening remarks by Ms Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun, Deputy Minister of Education and Sports, Lao PDR)



(The participants of the Workshop: High Officials and representatives of MOEs, Lao PDR, SEAMES and SEAMOLEC)