

**Mission Report**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Meeting**  
**13-16 September 2015**  
**Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia**

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**A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff and Member on Mission**

1. Dr Tinsiri Siribodhi, Deputy Director ( Administration and Communication)
2. Ms Sarinun Kanokthawornthum, Service assistant

**B. Background, Description and Objective of the activity**

**SEAMEO Special Education Needs (SEN)** is established in 2009, a regional centre in Malaysia that specializes in education to support the needs of children with different disabilities, gifted and talented children in Southeast Asia (SEA) region.

SEAMEO SEN convened its 3<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting (GBM) from 14 to 16 September 2015 at the Riverside Majestic Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

**C. Participants**

**1. Governing Board Members ( 6 GB and 5 representatives)**

- Mr Bukit Hidup, Acting Deputy Head Special Education Unit, Ministry Of Education, Brunei Darussalam (Chief Rapporteur)
- Mr Chan Sophea, Director Of Primary Education Department, Ministry Of Youth, Education And Sport, Cambodia
- Sri Renani Pantjastuti, Directorate Of Special Education, Ministry Of Education And Culture, Indonesia
- Ms Yangxia Lee, Director General, Department Of Pre And Primary Education, Department Of Pre-Primary And Primary Education, Lao PDR
- Dato' Sri Hj. Khairil Awang, Deputy Director General (Policy And Education Development), Malaysia (Chairman)
- Ms Ni Ni San, Department Of Myanmar Education Research, Ministry Of Education, Myanmar (Representative)
- Ms Nancy Pascuall, Sped Division, Bureau Of Elementary Education, Department Of Education, Philippines (Representative)
- Dr Sharifah Mariam Aljunied, Principal Specialist (Educational Psychology), Ministry Of Education, Singapore
- Dr Samart Ratanasakorn, Educator , Bureau Of Special Education Administration Office of the Basic Education Commission, Ministry Of Education Thailand (Representative)

- Dr Uyen Le, Researcher, Centre of Special Education, The Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES) Vietnam (Representative)
- Mr Jose Monteiro, Head of Inclusive Education, Ministry of Education RDTL, Timor Leste (**Waiting for Official Letter**), (Representative)

## 2. Observers

- Ms Tita Srihayati - Observers Ministry of Education, Indonesia
- Ms Weningsih - Observers, Perkins School for the Blind
- Dr Hue Ming Tak – Observers, Head of Department, Special Education & Counseling, Hong Kong Institute of Education
- Dr M NG Mani – Observers, Chief Executive Officer, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment
- Dato' S. Kulasegaran – Observers, ICEVI East Asia Region, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment
- Mr Mohd Khairul Adib Abd Rahman – Observer, Undersecretary Policy and International Relations Division, MOE Malaysia
- Mr Zunaidi Harun – Observer, Special Officer to Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education, Malaysia
- Prof Madya Dr Norsiah Fauzan – Observer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UMS)
- Ms Sarinun Kanokthawornthum – Observer, SEAMEO Secretariat, Thailand

## D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO SEN and State of Sarawak

## E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

- Activity “Walk for SEN” was a successful event of SEAMEO SEN. It is an excellent model on how to get Community involve
- A Seminar was held in pararell with the Governing Board Meeting under the theme” Support Services for SEN Children”. Three hundred and fifty teachers from the State of Sarawak attended.
- There were speakers are from International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI), Perkins School for the Blind and Hong Kong Institute of Education
- The event is co-organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Women development, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Education, Sarawak, Malaysia
- SEAMEO SEN is promoting TVET for special needs students
- During the seminar, specials need student show exhibits of their product
- SEAMEO SEN choose priority # 2 (Inclusive Education) and 5 (Teacher Education)
- SEAMEO SEN also have program on Disaster RR for special needs students
- The boards approved SEAMEO SEN to conduct the in-country training using expert from SEAMEO SEN and NGO to help teachers in the country know and well educate on special needs –to overcome language barriers.
- Next GBM will be in Bandung, Indonesia during 19-21 or 26-28 September 2016

## **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

### 1. Dr Tinsiri Siribodhi

1. Give the opening speech on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat at the Seminar and GB Meeting
2. Provide input during the meeting concerning auditors, training course
3. Give a presentation on a working paper "Significant Policy, Points, Agreements and Action Taken on Key Agenda items from SEAMEO Meeting in FY2014/2015"

### 2. Ms Sarinun Kanokthawornthum

1. Assist for Dr Tinsiri on the revision of the presentation
2. Take note when necessary
3. Participate as an observer

## **G. Follow-up actives needed**

- Send International standard of Auditor to Ms Era Zaffura binti Md Sin, accountant of SEAMEO SEN
- Send Information Reaching the unreached Project together with contact person to SEAMEO SEN and the latest report to be distribution to GBM

## **H. Appendices/Related Conference**

- List of participants
- Programme of the GBM



Governing board members and observers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SEAMEO SEN Governing board Meeting



Opening ceremony seminar on Special Education: Support Services for SEN children "Strive for Excellence"