



Mission Report

SEAMEO RETRAC 18th Governing Board Meeting

September 17 – 18, 2015
Yangon, Myanmar

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

1. Dr Tinsiri Siribodhi, Deputy Director (Administration and Communication)
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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. SEAMEO RETRAC was established in October 1996 and located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Their aims are focusing to become a leading regional center in the field of educational leadership and management, serving all SEAMEO Member Countries and enhancing international cooperation and partnership.
2. The Centre organized the 18th Governing Board Meeting at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, Yangon, Myanmar from 17 – 18 September 2015.
3. After the meeting, an educational forum titled “Education for the ASEAN Integration” was held from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. on 17 September 2015.

C. Participants

1. There were a total of fifteen participants attended the meeting which consists of:

1.1 The Governing Board Members:

- i. Dr Nay Win Oo, Deputy Director General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Myanmar
- ii. Dr Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati Haji Tajuddin, Director, Institute for Leadership, Innovation and Advancement (ILIA), Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Ministry of Education, Board Member from Brunei Darussalam.
- iii. Mdm. Ton Sa Im, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport, Board Member from the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- iv. Mr Thongmanh Souksengchanh, Deputy Director General, Institute for Education Administration Development, Ministry of Education and Sport, Board Member from Lao PDR.

- v. Mdm, Hajah Serina Sauni, Director, Aminuddin Baki Institute, Ministry of Education, Board Member from Malaysia.
- vi. Prof. Dr Khin Maung Oo, Rector, Yadanabon University, Board Member from Myanmar.
- vii. Dr Nguyen Xuan Vang, Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Board Member from Vietnam.

1.2 The substitution of Governing Board Member:

- i. Mr Chan Yew Wooi, Director, Academy of Singapore Teachers, Ministry of Education, Representative for Board Member from Singapore.
- ii. Mrs Sudaporn Imcharoen, Educator, Office of the Higher Education Commission, Bureau of International Cooperation Strategy, Representative for Board Member from Thailand.

1.3 The ex-officio Governing Board members:

- i. Dr Tinsiri Siribodhi, Deputy Director for Administration and Communication, SEAMEO Secretariat.
- ii. Dr Ho Thanh My Phuong, SEAMEO RETRAC Director.

1.4 The observers:

- i. Mr Va Vuthy, Director, Department for Vocational Orientation, Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport, Observer from the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- ii. Asst, Prof, Dr Maitree Inprasitha, Dean, Faculty of Education, Khon Kaen University, Representative for Board Member from Thailand.
- iii. Ms Nattapat Thamnusarn, Assistant Accountant, SEAMEO Secretariat, Observer from SEAMEO Secretariat.
- iv. Ms Phung Thi Hong Van, Education Expert, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam

2. Three Governing Board Members from Indonesia, Philippines and Timor Leste were unable to attend the meeting.

3. SEAMEO RETRAC.

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RETRAC

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Meeting elected Dr Nguyen Xuan Vang, Governing Board Member from Vietnam to be the Chairperson, Dr Shamsiah Zuraini Kanchanawati Haji Tajuddin, Governing Board Member from Brunei Darussalam to be the Vice Chairperson and Mr Chan Yew Wooi, a representative from Singapore to be the chief Rapporteur accordingly,
2. SEAMEO RETRAC presented the annual report for FY2014/2015 which covered

training courses in leadership, English and ICT for Teaching and Learning and highlight of Center's action plan for FY2015/2016 which focus the 7 priorities and 21st century skill curriculum.

3. SEAMEO RETRAC presented the financial report FY2014/2015 which audited by Baker Tilly Auditing and Consulting Co., Ltd.
4. SEAMEO RETRAC presented the first draft of next 5 years' strategic planning (Year 2016-2021) which approved by Governing Board Members.
5. The substitution of Governing Board Members from Singapore extended the delegates from SEAMEO Member Countries to his institution for short-term study visit.
6. The substitution of Governing Board Members from Thailand highlighted the English Language training should be extended to SEAMEO Member Countries.
7. A Governing Board Member from Myanmar requested the training courses from SEAMEO RETRAC to Ministry of Education in Myanmar which has been agreed.
8. A Governing Board Member from Lao PDR requested the English Language training from SEAMEO RETRAC in November 2015 as the Ministry of Education in Lao PDR already provided the training budget.
9. The SEAMEO RETRAC Governing Board Members selected priority area no. 5, Teacher Education, and priority area no. 7, Adopting a 21st century curriculum, from 7 priorities area as their focus.
10. After the meeting, an educational forum titled "Education for the ASEAN Integration" was held from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. on 17 September 2015. Governing Board Member from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the SEAMEO Secretariat presented papers.
11. SEAMEO RETRAC 19th Governing Board Meeting will tentatively be in 15-16 September 2016 or 22-23 September 2016.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an opening remark on behalf of the SEAMEO Secretariat.
2. Gave a presentation on significant policy, key points, agreement and action taken at the SEAMEO Meetings in FY2014/2015.
3. Provided 7 priority areas of SEAMEO(2015-2035) and 5 points of Recommendations from the Ministerial Round Table Meeting
4. Gave a presentation on an educational forum titled "Education for the ASEAN Integration"

G. Side Meeting/s

1. Meeting with Dr. Maitree, Khon Khen University on co-organize International Conference: World Association of Lesson Study. Teacher Conference, 24-27 November 2015. The activity also part of APEC Lesson Study Project
 - a. The conference expect to have 500 participants from 38 countries

- b. SEAMEO agree to co-organize
 - i. Give an opening speech
 - ii. Send letter to member countries to help promote
 - iii. Promote in the SEAMEO network (Centres and schools and web)
 - iv. Inform Centres on the slot for workshop available
2. Cooperation on Leadership course with ASEAN Centre in Khon Khan University for teacher education
3. Teacher competency standard for SEA

H. Follow-up Actions Needed

- i. Send brochure of priority areas to Dr Nguyen Xuan Vang by PDF Format and cc to Ms Phung Thi Hong Van
- ii. Obtain agenda of the conference from Dr. Maitree
- iii. Send logo of SEAMEO to Dr. Maitree

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Agenda
2. SEAMEO RETRAC Annual report for FY2014/2015
3. Pictures



SEAMEO RETRAC Governing Board Members, representatives and observers took picture together with the Deputy Director General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Myanmar



SEAMEO RETRAC Governing Board Members, representatives, observers and participants took picture together in an educational forum titled “Education for the ASEAN Integration”



SEAMEO RETRAC Governing Board Members, representatives and observers took picture together with teachers from Practising High School, Yangon University of Education Kamayut Township, Yangon, Myanmar