

Mission Report
63rd SEAMEO SEARCA Governing Board Meeting
10-11 November 2015
Nuvali, Philippines
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1. The Meeting attended by five GB Members from Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Timor Leste, and Vietnam, 2 officials representatives from Philippines and Thailand.
2. Two GB Members were absent (Myanmar and Indonesia)
3. Due to the absent of the Chairman of the GB, Prof. Dr. Fauzi the GB Member from Malaysia, the Meeting was chaired by the official representative of the GB from Philippines, Dr. Rey Valesco.
4. Key points of the meeting are as follow:
 - a. SEAMEO SEARCA GB encourages SEAMEO SEARCA to align its programs and activities with the SEAMEO 7 priorities areas, particularly on priority area # 3 (resiliency in the face of emergencies) and priority area 6 (harmonization in higher education and research). SEAMEO SEARCA Director informed the GB that SEAMEO SEARCA will form a team to discuss on this and report to the GB.
 - b. SEAMEO SEARCA core programs for FY 2014/2015 are
 - i. Research under the theme of the Five year plan--Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development are such as Food and Nutrition Security, Climate change adaptation & Mitigation for Southeast Asia, Agribusiness in Southeast Asia, Agricultural Innovation system, linking farmers to the market and Evaluation of the Knowledge Centre on Climate Change.
 - ii. Knowledge Management are such as policy round table on Improving Agricultural insurance program to enhance resilience of Climate change, water resources management, and food value chain analysis.
 - iii. Seminars and Lecture on Agri-biotech, project-based agriculture and development
 - iv. Publications
 - c. The GB approved SEAMEO SEARCA productivity incentive to all staff equivalent to one month's salary for FY 2014/2015
 - d. The GB approved the adjustment of salary scale for 11% range

- e. The GB suggested SEAMEO SEARCA to involve and partner with private sectors in their programs.
 - f. SEAMEO SEARCA hired a group of consultant to conduct “Status of SEAMEO SEARCA business process review to improve the management process of SEAMEO SEARCA. The finding was presented by the consultants and it was viewed as very useful for further improvement of the Centre. Guidelines of process are suggested and will be developed and disseminated. This is a good model for other SEAMEO Centres to follow to address the quality assurance for the center’s management, programs and projects.
5. The GB Meeting will be held in Thailand, co-host by the GB member from Thailand. The date is proposed between last week of September to 1st week of October.

