



Mission Report

Country Visit to Brunei Darussalam during the field trial of the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM)

**Brunei Darussalam
6-17 November 2015**

A. SEAMEO Officials on Mission

- Ms Lauranne Beernaert, SEA-PLM Project Coordinator

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

Based on discussions with the technical institution supporting the development of the metric (ACER) and UNICEF EAPRO, it was recognised that there was an immediate need for additional documentation of the first field trial. The main objective being to capture lessons learned and to ensure protocols as defined by ACER for the completion of the field trial are complied with. This work is to be carried out in collaboration between ACER and SEAMES with guidance from UNICEF EAPRO.

The support provided by the SEAMEO Secretariat will be as follows:

1. Representation of the SEAMEO Secretariat during this important step of the implementation of the SEA-PLM
2. Documentation of the exercise of the field-trial in Brunei Darussalam with a focus on the challenges and lessons learned for the use of the other countries, as well as for ACER, UNICEF EAPRO and SEAMEO's reference.
3. Provide in-country direct communication support to the Technical Team and/or External Teams with ACER, UNICEF EAPRO, SEAMEO VOCTECH or any other stakeholder.

Deliverables:

- Comprehensive trip report including the summary of the observations of the test administration in selected schools and of the different interviews and focus group discussions. Action points for the Regional Team and the Technical Teams will also be provided.
- List of Recommendations for the other field trial countries in order for them to prepare properly for the field trial.

C. Participants

The regional team representative was composed by a representative from the SEAMEO Secretariat and a representative from ACER (Ms Jennie Chainey, Research Officer).

They met the following persons through the three activities below:

- 1) Observation of the test administration in selected schools and conduct of meetings with schools principals and head teachers.
- 2) Interviews and focus group discussions with key persons/groups of persons from the MOE Brunei Darussalam who were involved in the preparation/conduct/next steps of the field trial in the country.
- 3) Meetings with high officials from the Department of Schools and the Department of Curriculum Development.

Please refer to Section F for the detailed agenda of the visit in the country.

D. Organizer/s

The meetings were facilitated by the Brunei Darussalam Technical Team and by SEAMEO VOCTECH.

E. Role/Participation of SEAMEO Secretariat

Due to the pioneering work of the SEA-PLM and as Brunei Darussalam was the first country to undertake the field trial, it was important for the SEAMEO Secretariat to be represented. SEAMES reaffirmed its support to the Technical Team and met a few high officials of the Ministry of Education (please refer to the detailed agenda below). This was an opportunity to discuss about Brunei Darussalam's education priorities, congratulate the different teams for the significant work done for the preparation of the field trial and reaffirm SEAMES' willingness to promote further collaboration and sharing of best practices among SEAMEO Member Countries.

F. Agenda of the visit to Brunei Darussalam

THE SOUTH EAST ASIA PRIMARY LEARNING METRICS (SEA-PLM)

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM - Regional Team Field Trip

5 -17 November 2015

Day/Date	Time	Location	Activity
Thursday 5 November	6pm	Airport	Regional Team arrives
Friday 6 November	9am	Hotel	Meeting with Technical Team Leader
	11am	Hotel	Review Documentation Methodology

Saturday 7 November	8am	Al-Falaah School, Sungai Akar	Observe TA Interview School Staff
	10.30am	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	Department of Schools	Courtesy Call on the Director of Schools (SEA-PLM Chairman)
	2.30pm	Department of Schools	Consultation with Technical Team Leader
	4pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Sunday 8 November	10am	Hotel	Review notes and prepare documentation methodology
Monday 9 November	8am	Rimba II Primary School	Observe TA Interview School Staff
	10.30am	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	Department of Schools	Consultation with School Contact Person/Logistic Operator
Tuesday 10 November	8am	Pehin Dato Jamil Primary School	Observe TA Interview School Staff
	10.30am	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consultation with Data Management Team
	4pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Wednesday 11 November	8am	PSJ Pg Abd Momin Primary School, Kuala Belait	Observe TA Interview School Staff
	11am	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consultation with Data Managers
	4pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Thursday 12 November	8am	Keriam Primary School, Tutong	Observe TA Interview School Staff
	11am	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Friday 13 November	10am	Hotel	Review notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	Seri Mulia Sarjana International School	Consultation with school staff on Global Citizenship
Saturday 14 November	8am	Department of Schools, Ministry of Education	Consultation with Sampling Coordinator

	8.30am	Department of Schools, Ministry of Education	Consultation with Test Coder Recruiters
	10am	Hotel	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
	2pm	Department of Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education	Courtesy Call on the Director of Curriculum Department
	2.30pm	Department of Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education	Consultation with Item Reviewers/Proof Readers - Mathematics
	3pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes and prepare for consultation
Monday 16 November	8am	Department of Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education	Consultation with Item Reviewers/Proof Readers - Global Citizenship Consultation with Translation/Reconcilers
	10am	Department of Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education	Consultation with Item Reviewers /Proof Readers - English
	1pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Tuesday 17 November	10am	Hotel	Prepare for Test Administrators consultation
	2pm	SEAMEO VOCTECH	Consultation with Test Administrators
	4pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
Wednesday 18 November	10am	Hotel	Review notes and prepare for consultation
	12.30pm	Hotel	Meet with Technical Team Leader
	1pm	Hotel	Consolidate notes
	4/5pm	Hotel – Airport	Regional Team depart

G. Pictures

Due to confidentiality concerns that are crucial for the proper conduct of the field trial and the observation purpose of this trip, taking pictures was not permitted during all school observations and interviews/discussions.

The picture below was taken during an additional visit to a school as part of their Global Citizenship activities. This school was involved in SEA-PLM.

