



Mission Report

Experts Meeting on Early Childhood Care and Parenting Education in Southeast Asia 22-23 March 2016 Jakarta, Indonesia

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

Recent years have witnessed an expansion of knowledge in Early Childhood Care and Education in terms of both quantity and quality. Plethora of researches has presented that an appropriate early childhood care and education will contribute to the later stage of human development. Not only can early childhood development provide individual gain, but it also produces positive impacts on the society as a whole.

In this regard, Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) has identified the Early Childhood Care and Education as the first of its seven Priority Areas to navigate the human resource development in Southeast Asian Region from 2015 to 2035. In achieving this goal, SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Culture (MOEC), Republic of Indonesia agreed to arrange the **Experts Meeting on Early Childhood Care and Parenting Education in Southeast Asia**. This meeting is to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 22 to 23 March 2016.

The regional ECCE Experts Meeting aims to:

- Establish initiatives to catalyse ECCE development in Southeast Asia for the forthcoming years;
- Gain recommendations from the ECCE Experts on the feasibility study of establishing SEAMEO Regional Centre for Early Childhood Education and Parenting (SEAMEO CECEP);
- Provide an opportunity for regional ECCE experts in Southeast Asia to share current knowledge, research findings, and development trends among one another; and
- Strengthen ECCE networks among ECCE experts in Southeast Asian Region and beyond.

C. Expected Outputs from the seminar:

The meeting is expected to have outputs as follows.

- A roadmap for ECCE development in Southeast Asia
- Recommendations on SEAMEO CECEP's feasibility study and SEAMEO & UNESCO Guidelines for Early Childhood Teacher Professional Development
- ECCE Networks among ECCE Experts in Southeast Asian Region and beyond

D. Participants

There will be 18 experts and officials to participate this meeting. The experts comprise of

- An expert from ARNEC: Dr Sheldon Shaeffer.
- An expert from UNESCO: Ms Mami Umayahara.
- An expert from UNICEF: Dr Chemba Raghavan.
- Four experts from SEAMEO Secretariat: Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Dr Ethel Agnes P Valenzuela, Dr Pattama Punthawangkul, and Ms Anti Rismayanti.
- A coordinator from SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, Indonesia.
- Ten experts and officials from Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia.

E. Organizers

An organiser of this meeting are the SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Culture (MOEC), Republic of Indonesia

F. Highlights of Activity/Summary Points

Highlights of Activity consisted of

1. One Day presentation from Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) experts both regional and national.
2. The workshop to develop proposal and the feasibility study.

G. Role/Participation of SEAMEO Secretariat

SEAMES co-organised the meeting with MOEC and provided travel expenses and honorariums of all regional experts as well as SEAMEO officials. SEAMES also provide information on the current development of education and ECCE in Southeast Asia through Remarks and Presentation.

H. Follow-up actions needed

1. Publicising the Meeting in SEAMEO Website **(PO1)**.
2. Sharing further information about regulations on the Establishment of new SEAMEO Centres to MOEC **(PO1)**.
2. Prepare to set up a feasibility working group **(DDPD & PO1)**.
3. Consult with Directorate to provide similar workshop to Lao PDR and Cambodia **(DDPD & PO1)**.

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Annex1 Pictures of SEAMEO Participation
2. Annex2 Concept Note
3. Annex3 Provisional Programme
4. Annex4 Experts Presentation
5. Annex5 Outputs of Group Discussion

**Pictures of Activities at the Experts Meeting on Early Childhood Care and Parenting Education
in Southeast Asia
22-23 March 2016, Century Park Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia**



SEAMES Opening Remarks



Group Photo of Speakers and Participants



SEAMES Presentation



Experts' Presentation



Discussions



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