



## Mission Report

### Strategic Dialogue for Education Ministers 2

April 27-28, 2016  
Bandung, Indonesia

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

1. Dr Ethel Agnes Pascua Valenzuela, Deputy Director for Programme and Development

#### B. Background and description

SDEM was designed to establish a more dynamic regional policy development process through ministerial and high profile strategic dialogues among Southeast Asian education ministers.

The first Strategic Dialogue was held on 13 September 2014 at the Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR, with Lao PDR hosting the event subsequent to the 18th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting. Undoubtedly, the most significant output from the dialogue was the production of a joint statement that outlined seven key priority areas of SEAMEO on education to be promoted for the next twenty years (2015-2035).

On April 28, 2016, 69 persons, including Ministers of Education representing the 11 SEAMEO Member countries and high ranking officials and SEAMEO representatives, met at the Padma Hotel in Bandung, Indonesia for the second SDEM.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SDEM aims to yield views and reflections on education and capacity building in the ASEAN region and to present cases of good practices and policies enforced in member countries on key education issues.

#### C. Objectives

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SDEM aims to:

- provide the ministers an opportunity to collectively reflect on current education, science, and culture issues in Southeast Asia,
- review current and emerging education concerns and
- provide a starting point for regional and cross-country collaborative interventions to address shared or unique education development concerns.

#### D. Highlights of the Meeting

During the one-day dialogue, the ministers engaged in four roundtable discussions, in which they shared with each other progresses and challenges that they've had in implementing educational policies that reflect SEAMEO's Seven Educational Priority Areas, which were adopted in 2015, as well as the United Nation's fourth Sustainable Development Goal, which states that countries must ensure inclusive and

quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

The major theme of the SDEM 2 is Innovating, Leading, Learning and Moving Forward Together. Sub themes were on:

1. The SEAMEO Education Agenda
2. The UN SDG 4
3. Innovations in Delivery and content
4. Engaging key education players and stakeholders

As a result of the productive dialogue and knowledge sharing between the ministers, a joint statement entitled the *Bandung Statement* was produced. In general, the statement not only emphasized the ministers' continued commitment to SEAMEO's Seven Priority Areas and educational development, but also called for action by SEAMEO, its regional centres and the Region's education community to support and ensure the pursuance of the views and agreements.

(The SDEM 2 Report is Attached )

#### E. Organizers

- SEAMEO Secretariat
- Asian Development Bank Fund for Poverty Reduction
- Ministry of Education, Republic of Indonesia

#### F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Member of the organizing committee
2. SDEM programme design
3. Logistical support
4. Getting ADB consultants

#### G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Disseminate the SDEM 2 Proceedings
2. Prepare Action Agenda with SEAMEO Centers/Units

#### H. Photo Highlights

