



## **Mission Report**

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Director General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia**

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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, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

The Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia aims to provide a platform for higher education officials in the region to synergize efforts towards regional collaboration and prioritize strategies and mechanisms for harmonization of higher education, especially with respect to developing a common space in higher education for the region.

Since 2005, the Meeting of DGs/SGs/CHED has been held 9 times. Through the work performed through these meetings and the efforts of the regions DG/SG and CHES, the meeting continues to play a pivotal role for the development and harmonization of higher education in the region.

#### **C. Highlights of the Meeting**

The meeting reviewed the progress of SEAMEO RIHED and the Higher Education DGs/SGs and CHES in the 4 priority areas:

##### **Area 1: Student Mobility Enhancement**

- Launch of MIT Student Mobility Programmes ( ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme;
- ASEAN-CHIna Network for Cooperation and Exchanges among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-Eng Tech)
- Greater Mekong Subregion University Consortium (GMS-UC Project)
- Credit Transfer
  - Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) Project
  - Asean Plus 3 (CT+Mobility +QA)
- Quality Assurance
  - ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)
  - ASEAN Quality Assurance Project (ASEAN-QA)

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#### Area 2: Leadership Programme

- Leadership Programme coordinated by Malaysia
- Supplemental Activities organized by RIHED
- International Relations Workshop

#### Area 3: E- Learning and Mobile Learning

- SEAMEO RIHED and SEAMOLEC have initiated an e-learning project which provided support to e-courses that allow HEIs to share educational resources
- The e-courses has been developed with AIMS university network first on Hospitality and Tourism

#### Area 4: ASEAN Research Cluster and ASEAN Citation Index (ARC and ACI)

- Management model for ASEAN Research clusters and ASEN Citation Index (ACI)
- The Office of Higher Eduaction of MOE Thailand has provided funds to establish the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) Centre which also serves as ACI Coordinating Centre since 2010 A steering Committee was formed since last August 2013.

SEAMEO RIHED also launched the additional activities in support of the 4 priority areas such as:

- GMS University Consortium
- ASEAN-CHINA Network for cooperation and Exchanges among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-Eng Tech)
- Harmonization Mechanism to Enhance Mobility : Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) Project
- Leadership Development: Training courses for International Relations Officers (IROs)
- Study Visit Programmes

#### D. Participants

See Scanned Meeting Documents

#### E. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RIHED in cooperation with the University of Mandalay

#### G. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Provided Opening Remarks for the Meeting on behalf of the Director
2. Assisted the SEAMEO RIHED Director during the opening of the International Conference on

#### F. Photo Highlights

