



Mission Report

9th China ASEAN Education Week & the 2nd China-ASEAN Education Ministers Roundtable Conference

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

China ASEAN Education Week has been a showcase and a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration establishment between organisations and institutions from China and ASEAN countries since 2008. Its main objectives are to enhance mutual understanding and friendship, promote practical education cooperation, explore various fields of cooperation and strengthen inter-regional exchanges and development of culture. It has been sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P. R. China, the Ministry of Education of P. R. China, the People's Government of Guizhou Province,

P.R.China. Since 2008, CAECWs have attracted over 7,880 participants, 1,870 colleges or universities, as well as educational organisations from China, ASEAN, and other countries, with 794 education agreements and cooperation memorandums being signed.

The 9th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) was held from 31 July-3 August 2016 at Guiyang International Eco-Conference Center, Guiyang, Guizhou Province, P.R. China under the theme “Education First, Make Dreams Come True Together.” It was the flagship program of the ASEAN-China Year of Educational Exchange and listed as one of the most eminent activities to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations.

C. Expected Outputs from the Week:

Participation of SEAMES to this event aimed to

1. Promote visibility of SEAMEO in China;
2. Provide opportunities for SEAMEO units to learn & have new partnerships with institutions in PR China; and
3. Learn new knowledge & innovation presented and discussed during the Week.

D. Participants

1. Participants invited by SEAMEO includes
 - a. SEAMEO unit’ Directorates and Officers from SEAMES, SEAMEO BIOTROP, SEAMEO INNOTECH, SEAMEO RIHED, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, SEAMEO SEARCA, SEAMEO SEN, SEAMEO TROPMED Network, SEAMEO TROPMED Malaysia, SEAMEO TROPMED Philippines, SEAMEO VOCTECH, totally 28 persons; and
 - b. Educators from Colleges and Universities in Southeast Asian region from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, totally 62 persons.
2. Other school principals, scholars, experts, university rectors and presidents, education administrators as well as youth from P. R. China, ASEAN countries, and Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and Switzerland.

E. Organizers

Organisers of the event were multitudinous. Among them, SEAMEO co-organised three fora.

1. China-ASEAN Vocational Education Cooperation Dialogue (SEAMES with Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (JPDE), GPDE, and ACC),
2. China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme (SEAMES with ACC, Guizhou University, and Association of China-ASEAN Education and Training Centers), and
3. ASEAN China Forum on Traditional Medicine and Health Professional Education by SEAMEO TROPMED Network with National Chinese Medicine Teaching Advisory Board under the Ministry of Education of PR China, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Guiyang University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and ACC).

F. Highlights of Activity/Summary Points

Highlights of Activity consisted of

1. Welcome dinner Reception which all the leaders of key organisations in this event, for example High officials of ASEAN countries, SEAMES, Ministry of Education of P.R. China, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R.China, and Guizhou Provincial Department of Education, had a chance to informally discuss issues and tentative collaboration initiatives amongst them.
2. Opening Ceremony in which all the key participants were invited to learn the region’s history through the presentation of performing arts and culture of both China and ASEAN.
3. China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme which allowed institutes from China and Southeast Asia to have a one-on-one discussion about future collaboration.

4. Introductory meeting among university presidents in Hainan and SEAMEO unit directorates which allowed Education institutions in Hainan to know SEAMEO Centres which will lead to collaboration in the future.

G. Role/Participation of SEAMEO Secretariat

Apart from listed as one of the main co-organisers of the event with the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education (GPDE), the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), as well as the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), SEAMES participated with four main roles: learning and exchange with other organisations of China, SEAMEO's visibility, collaboration establishment, and encouraging the implementation of the 7 priority areas in Southeast Asia and beyond.

1. Learning and exchange vision and innovation

SEAMES had opportunities to learn and exchange vision and innovation in 4 meetings and visits. The meetings were the China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme, the China-ASEAN University Presidents Cooperation Forum, the TVET Cooperation Dialogue, and the 2nd China-ASEAN Education Ministers Roundtable Conference. The visits were arranged to TVET Town and Big Data Exhibition Centre in Guizhou.

2. Visibility of SEAMEO

SEAMES presented SEAMEO as an organization through keynote speeches at four of the Week activities: the China-ASEAN Information Publishing Platform for Educational Cooperation, the China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme, the China-ASEAN University Presidents Cooperation Forum, and TVET Cooperation Dialogue.

3. Collaboration Establishment

SEAMEO co-organised three networking fora and a visit. They were 1) China-ASEAN Vocational Education Cooperation Dialogue (SEAMES with Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (JPDE), GPDE, and ACC), 2) China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme (SEAMES with ACC, Guizhou University, and Association of China-ASEAN Education and Training Centers), 3) ASEAN China Forum on Traditional Medicine and Health Professional Education by SEAMEO TROPED Network with National Chinese Medicine Teaching Advisory Board under the Ministry of Education of PR China, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Guiyang University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and ACC), and 4) visit to Guizhou University by SEAMEO SEARCA and the agricultural universities in its network.

In addition to these networking activities, SEAMES participated two meetings with two provincial education departments to discuss on collaborations in the forthcoming future. They were Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education and the Education Department of Hainan Province. With Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education by Mr Lin Yue, Ms Tracy Wu, and Ms Shi Yunyu, the discussion was on the preparation of the following day TVET Principal Dialogue and the upcoming Principal Forum in November 2016. The meeting with the Education Department of Hainan Province was conducted as an introductory meeting among university presidents in Hainan and SEAMEO unit directorates to know one another for further collaboration.

4. Encouraging the Implementation of 7 Priority Areas in Southeast Asia and beyond

SEAMES presented the 7 priority areas at every chance available through powerpoint presentation and documents distribution in the meetings.

H. Follow-up actions needed

1. Report and monitoring of the China-Southeast Asia TVET Mobility and Networking Programme. **(PO1)**

2. Collaborative activities with Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education including the forthcoming Principal forum in November 2016 **(PO1)**

3. Collaborative activities with Education Department of Hainan Province including the University President Forum in November 2016 **(PO1)**

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