



Mission Report

45th Governing Board Meeting of SEAMEO RELC

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Singapore

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

SEAMEO Regional Language Learning Centre (RELC) is located in Singapore. The Centre was established in 1968. The Centre held its 45th Governing Board Meeting in SEAMEO RELC, Singapore.

C. Participants

1. Governing board members from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand attended the Meeting. Governing Board Member from Vietnam and Philippines were unable to attend.
2. SEAMEO RELC staff & SEAMEO Secretariat DDAC.

D. Organizer/s

1. SEAMEO RELC

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The Chairman of the 45th GBM is Mr. Wong Siew Hoong, Governing Board Member from Singapore. The Vice Chairman is the Governing Board member from Myanmar, Prof. Naw Ju Paw.
2. SEAMEO RELC has new Centre Director, Ms. Susan Leong. She took the office after Ms. Tay Sor Har in January 2016.
3. SEAMEO RELC has its new 10th Five Year Development Plan (FY2017/2018 to FY2021/2022). The focus of the new development plan are as follow
 - a. Enhance the organizational capacity of the centre to address the new challenges in the region
 - b. Strengthening and building capacity for staff
 - c. Expand Partnership
4. The new Vision is “To be the Centre of Excellence in Language Education and Research in the region and beyond”.
5. The new Mission Statement is “We are dedicated to development of language education in the region and the promotion of international cooperation among language professionals.” The change made from the original version was the word “language teacher” to “language education”.
6. The 51th SEAMEO RELC Conference in 2016 was conducted successfully. The SEAMEO Council President, General Dapong Ratanasuwan inaugurated the event. It was attended by 388 participants from 30 countries.
7. The 52nd International Conference will be held from 13-15 March 2017 with the theme “Dimensions of Language Education: Policy, Perspectives, Practices”

8. It was suggested that the sub-theme of the conference should include “leadership for language teachers” and “ICT in language education”.
9. SEAMEO RELC is pursuing the “business excellent model” for the implementation of its programmes and activities.
10. SEAMEO RELC has a joint Master Degree program in Teaching Chinese with Jinan University, China.
11. SEAMEO RELC cooperates with Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand to deliver Master Degree in TESOL.
12. The next Meeting will be 2-3 October 2017.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Gave an Opening Remark on behalf of the SEAMEO Secretariat
2. Gave a presentation on 7 Priority Areas and the activities of each priority areas to inform the meeting.
3. Provided input to the discussion on the programmes and activities of SEAMEO RELC.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Send an update list of SEAMEO Desk Officers to Ms. Melissa, SEAMEO RELCE for their information. (c/o Napavadee)
2. Send an invitation letter to the GBM from Malaysia to help disseminate the info on SEA-teacher project to Teacher Education Universities in Malaysia to join the project. (c/o Napavadee)
3. Assist SEAMEO RELC to post information on scholarship on SEAMEO Secretariat Website when the info. is available. (c/o Thanit)

H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Pictures from the meeting
2. Meeting documents are store n SEAMES Library.



