



Mission Report

The 11th SEA HI-ED SOM and the 2017 SEA HI ED Forum 4-5 April 2017 Manila, Philippines

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

The Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education (DGs/SG/CHE in Southeast Asia is a formal forum where national government authorities responsible for higher education in Southeast Asia can set directions collectively for the future of higher education policies and practices at both national and regional levels. This year the meeting of DGs/SGs/CHE is renamed as Senior Officials Meeting of Higher Education.

The meeting tackled many potential areas and subsequently were agreed for collaboration in higher education development for the region, including: 1) University Governance; 2) Capacity Building; 3) Research Collaboration; 4) Quality Assurance; 5) Student Mobility; and 6) Higher Education Financing; 7) leadership and governance. SEAMEO RIHED's projects on these areas were presented to the SOM ED for notation and information or clarification.

The second day of the meeting is on SEA HIED Forum on Leadership. All member countries shared what they have been doing in terms of higher education leadership and governance.

C. Participants

- Senior Officials of Higher Education in 11 member countries
- Partners of RIHED (Eu Share, MEXT, AKEPT Malaysia, ADB)
- SEAMEO RIHED Team
- SEAMEO Secretariat
- Philippine Commission on Higher Education

D. Organizer/s

SEAMEO RIHED Team

E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

- During the 24th SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting held in 2016 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the Governing Board Members collectively reached the consensus was collectively reached to replace the title of the Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia by a simplified and accurate title of **“Southeast Asian Higher Education Senior Officials Meeting”** or **“SEA Hi-ED SOM”**. The Manila meeting officially used for the 11th Meeting of SOME ED in Higher Education in 2017 in Manila, Philippines and onwards.
- The SOMED meeting reported the Progress in the Four Priority areas, including 1) Student Mobility 2) Enhancement, 3) Leadership Development, 4) E-Learning and Mobile Learning and ARC and ACI and noted several outcomes for Student Mobility Enhancement, including the Republic of Korea’s participation in the to AIMS Programme.
- Achievements in the Asian Citation Index was reported by Thailand OHEC , including the continued development of the ACI database to cover 162 journals from 5 regional countries and 74,544 articles published from 2004 to 2016.
- The meeting considered the ARC initiative, where agreement was reached to merge the focus on researchers with Student Mobility Enhancement and expand Priority Area I to cover additional aspects of mobility, including faculty, and research mobility. As such Priority Area I was renamed to: **“Academic Mobility Enhancement”**.
- Additionally, at the representatives from regional partners such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the European Support to Higher Education in the Southeast Asian Region (EU SHARE) , MEXT and AKEPT presented their work esp those contributing to higher education development in the region.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

- SEAMEO Deputy Director welcomed the participants during the opening Ceremony.
- SEAMEO DDPD is in-charge of Higher Education in the priority areas of SEAMEO.
- As a higher education expert, some bilateral meetings were arranged like the June EU Share meeting to be hosted by the Philippine government etc

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

- a) The SEAMEO RIHED projects for ADB and ASEAN have to be supported by SEAMEO Secretariat.
- b) SEAMEO RIHED’s academic mobility projects have to be supported by SEAMES and encourage other partners to invest in higher education.

H. Photos



I. Documents

- All conference materials will be handed over to documentation officer.
- Meeting Agenda Folders
- PPTS of the participants included