



Mission Report

10th China ASEAN Education Week & the Preparation Workshop for the SEAMEO-China Cultural Twinning Programme for TVET

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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 11,834 participants, 2,77 colleges or universities, as well as educational organisations from China, ASEAN, and other countries, with 1,088 education agreements and cooperation memorandums being signed.

The 10th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) was held from 31 July-3 August 2016 at China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week Permanent Site, Guiyang, Guizhou Province, P.R. China under the theme "Share A Decade Achievements in Educational Cooperation, Start A New Chapter along with the Belt and Road Initiative."

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 education institutions 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 leaders from Colleges and Higher education institutions on TVET in Southeast Asian region from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam totally 51 persons from 34 institutions.

2. Participants invited by ASEAN-China Centre includes leaders from Colleges and Higher education institutions on TVET, totally 72 persons from 29 institutions.

3. Others invited by the CAECW Secretariat such as 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 3 activities as follows.

1. The Meeting with Department of Education of Hainan Province.
2. Inaugural Ceremony of ASEAN-China Consortium for TVET Cooperation & Forum on Integration of Industry and Education (SEAMES supported ACC)
3. Preparation Workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme (SEAMES with Guizhou Institute of Construction, and ACC)

F. Highlights of Activity/Summary Points

Highlights of Activity consisted of

1. 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.
2. Preparation Workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme which allowed institutes from China and Southeast Asia to have a one-on-one discussion about future collaboration.
3. Visit to Guizhou Institute of Construction to allow the principals to know further on the institute in PR China.
4. Meeting with the Department of Education of Hainan Province and its institutes. The meeting was attended by 10 delegates from Hainan Province and 19 delegates from Southeast Asia. Each institute shared its vision, specialty and expectation. For example, the Hainan Medical University presented its excellence in medicine and expressed the need to work closer with a partner from Southeast Asia.

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 2 meetings and a visit. The meetings were with Department of Education of Hainan Province and the Cloud Silk Road (Guizhou) International Seminar. The visit was arranged to Guizhou Institute of Construction which was a part of the preparation workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme.

2. Visibility of SEAMEO

SEAMES presented SEAMEO as an organization through keynote speeches at three of the Week activities: the Inaugural Ceremony of ASEAN-China Consortium for TVET Cooperation & Forum on Integration of Industry and Education, the Preparation Workshop of the SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme, and the Cloud Silk Road (Guizhou) International Seminar.

3. Collaboration Establishment

SEAMEO co-organised two networking fora. They were 1) Inaugural Ceremony of ASEAN-China Consortium for TVET Cooperation & Forum on Integration of Industry and Education, 2) Preparation Workshop of the SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme (SEAMES with ACC, Guizhou Institute of Construction).

In addition to these networking activities, SEAMES participated a meeting with the Education Department of Hainan Province. The discussion was to update current development and expectation among principals 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 of the Preparation Workshop (**Interns**)
2. Volunteers from GPDE to work at SEAMEO units (**PO1**)
3. Connection of Hainan Medical University and SEAMEO TROPED Network (**PO1**)
4. Monitor the SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme (**ERO**)

I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

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