



**Mission Report**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting**  
**SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition (CHAT)**  
**29-30 September 2017**  
**SEAMEO CHAT**  
**Yangon, Myanmar**

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**A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission**

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**B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

1. SEAMEO Governing Board Meetings (GBM) are conducted annually to get approval from GB members on the Centers activities and direction for the coming Fiscal year.
2. SEAMES, as an ex-officio member is tasked to present updates representing the SEAMEO Director Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto. It is a mandatory function of SEAMES to update GB members of SEAMEO Centres on the key significant operational matters, policies, activities, and projects approved by the SEAMEO Council and other matters discussed during the Execom, High Officials Meeting and the Annual Centre Directors Meeting.
3. SEAMEO DDPD presented opening remarks and updates on SEAMEO's significant policies adopted and programs approved from several SEAMEO meetings from FY 2016/2017.

**C. Participants**

- (1) SEAMEO DDPD
- (2) SEAMEO CHAT Officials and Staff
- (3) SEAMEO CHAT Governing Board Members (See list in Annex 1)

## D. Organizer/s

- SEAMEO CHAT Officials

## E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

Highlights of the 16<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO CHAT GBM are as follows:

Day 1: September 29, 2017

### 1. Opening Session-

The opening session started with the usual formalities of SEAMEO Colours and SEAMEO songs. The 16<sup>th</sup> GBM of SEAMEO CHAT was opened by the Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Education. SEAMES DDPD gave the opening remarks as well.

### 2. Preliminaries

The Acting Director of CHAT gave the opening address and proceeded with the election of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the rapporteur. The elected GB chair is from Singapore then the Vice –Chair is from Vietnam and the Rapporteur is from Myanmar.

The agenda was adopted with SEAMES adding other matters as requested by SEAMEO Secretariat Director.

SEAMEO CHAT presented the following items in order for discussion and approval:

- a. **Matters for Acknowledgements** – updates on new GBM members and other SEAMEO Officials.
- b. **Matters for Approval**- which includes follow up actions on the decisions and recommendations by the 15<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO CHAT GBM, and the Annual Report of Accomplishments of SEAMEO CHAT for FY 2016/2017. The Audited Financial Report was presented as well as the Three –Year Annual Budget for FY 2018-2021.
- c. **Matters for Information** – This includes inter-centre collaboration and the Significant policy, points, agreements and actions taken in the SEAMEO Meetings for FY 2016/2017. SEAMEO CHAT also presented the outcomes of the Workshop on Effective Ways of Teaching History in Secondary Schools of Southeast Asia.
- d. **Other matters:**
  1. SEAMEO CHAT proposal on Training Workshop in Classroom Practices related to History and Culture Lessons for Teachers in SPED.
  2. SEAMEO CHAT also presented the Proposed Workshop on Gross National

Happiness; A Way fro Myanmar Rural Development

3. SEAMEO Secretariat presented the SEAMEO INNOVATION Awards 2018 and the proposed Virtual programmes from Centres.

The MOE sponsored the formal dinner at Shangrila Sule in Yangon, Myanmar.

Day 2: Adoption

The GB members actively commented on all the working papers and the GBM proceedings were reviewed together. It was adopted by the 16<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO CHAT GBM.

#### **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

1. SEAMEO Secretariat DDPD provided the Opening Remarks and presented the Matters for Consideration of the GBM.

#### **G. Follow-up Actions Needed**

The SEAMEO CHAT was invited by the DDPD to look at the Lesson Study Models in Japan and to take part in the SEAMEO- University of Tsukuba Symposium 2018 to be able to observe and learn from the international symposium and strengthen its linkages.

#### **H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs**

- Directory of participants
- GBM working papers

#### **I. 16<sup>th</sup> GBM Photo**

