



## **Mission Report**

### **Planning for International Cooperation Framework Department of Education Ortigas, Metro Manila, Philippines 4-5 January 2018**

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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. The Department of Education was established through the Education Decree of 1863 as the Superior Commission of Primary Instruction under a Chairman. The Education agency underwent many reorganization efforts in the 20th century in order to better define its purpose vis a vis the changing administrations and charters. The present day Department of Education was eventually mandated through Republic Act 9155, otherwise known as the Governance of Basic Education act of 2001 which establishes the mandate of this agency.
2. The Department of Education (DepEd) formulates, implements, and coordinates policies, plans, programs and projects in the areas of formal and non-formal basic education. It supervises all elementary and secondary education institutions, including alternative learning systems, both public and private; and provides for the establishment and maintenance of a complete, adequate, and integrated system of basic education relevant to the goals of national development.
3. The Department of Education seats at the SEAMEO meetings, High Officials, ministerial and attends SEAMEO Centres Governing Board meetings. It also supports other regional initiatives by ASEAN, UNESCO and UNICEF.
4. For this new year, DEPED requested SEAMEO DDPD to help develop an international cooperation framework to harmonize initiatives on international affairs. The SEAMEO Deputy Director rendered technical assistance since her background was on internationalization of education and international affairs and DepED has recognized this expertise to guide them in the process.

### C. Participants

- (1) Director for International Partnerships and Cooperation Office
- (2) International Cooperation Officers
- (3) Partnerships Office

### D. Organizer/s

- Department of Education
- International Cooperation and Partnership Officers and Staff

### E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The meeting was convened on 4-5 January 2016 at the Conference Room of the International Cooperation Office.
2. Day 1 highlights:
  - Review of DepED Vision, Mission and Functions
  - Mapping of the International programs and projects, bilateral and multilateral initiatives, UN SDG plans and programs,
  - Presentation of SEAMEO Education Agenda
3. Day 2 Highlights
  - Workshop 2 - Using appreciative Inquiry in planning for international affairs
  - Identifying individual wishes and goals for 2018
  - Presenting a collage of their desired future
  - Action planning session

### F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. DDPD is the facilitator/ moderator for the planning session

### G. Follow-up Actions Needed

- Finalization of the International Cooperation Framework
- Approval from the High Officials of the draft Framework

### I. Photos

