



Mission Report

The 7th SEAMEO-ASEAN Secretariats Meeting, Meetings with Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education, and Directorate General of Primary and Secondary Education of Ministry Education and Culture

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A. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

The SEAMEO Council has tasked SEAMEO to work closely with the ASEAN Secretariat in implementing projects related to education, science and culture in the Southeast Asian region. Since 2011, SEAMEO and ASEAN Secretariats have jointly organised “SEAMEO-ASEAN Collaboration Meeting” to serve as a mechanism for sharing on-going policies, programmes and projects in Southeast Asia. Each Secretariat takes turn to host the meeting. This year marks the 7th ASEAN-SEAMEO Secretariats Meeting.

Taking the opportunity while in Jakarta, the team from SEAMES consisting of the SEAMES Director, DDAC and POI also discussed the possibility of joint activities with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education.

1. The objectives of this mission are as follows:
 - 1.1 To strengthen collaboration between SEAMEO Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat and to share information on policies, programmes and projects of both Secretariats in Southeast Asian region in education, science, and culture.
 - 1.2 To present the projects, SEA-Teacher, SEA-TVET and SEA-MOOCs to the Director General of Learning and Student Affairs of the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education.
 - 1.3 To discuss with the Director of Technical and Vocational Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia on the possibility of a joint project on In-Service Teacher Exchange Programme.

B. Organizer/s

ASEAN Secretariat and SEAMES

C. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. Highlight 1: The meeting between the SEAMEO and ASEAN Secretariats reviewed the coordination protocols and common calendar proposal. It was agreed that the SEAMEO-ASEAN Secretariats Meeting should take place twice a year instead of just one meeting per year, the first one during January of each year and the second one prior to the Centre Directors' Meeting (CDM) in July. The 8th SEAMEO-ASEAN Secretariats Meeting in 2019 will be in Singapore so the ASEAN Secretariat can learn about the works of RELC. The joint meeting will rotate to each Southeast Asian country so the ASEAN Secretariat can better understand the works of each SEAMEO Regional Centre.
Highlight 2: The meeting between the two entities helped to clarify projects in the pipeline and avoid duplication.
Highlight 3: SEAMES were informed that the new SG of the ASEAN Secretariat is from Singapore and the thematic priorities of Singapore include innovative ASEAN capacities, resilience in all aspects not limited to crisis and disasters, ASEAN Smart City Network, etc.
2. Highlight 1: The Directorate General of Primary and Secondary Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia has expressed interest to participate in the In-Service Teacher Exchange project. It can fund some lower secondary school teachers from Indonesia to observe schools in Southeast Asia.

D. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat's DDAC discussed on the modality of the ASEAN SEAMEO coordination protocols and common calendar proposal as well as how both entities could help to enhance each other's visibility.
2. SEAMEO Secretariat's DDPD discussed the SEAMEO proposals such as the 1) SEA PLM; 2) RIHED proposal on Academic Mobility; and the 3) INNOTECH proposal on ASEAN Excels. ASEAN reminded SEAMEO on the use of the name "ASEAN" in the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS). The workplan and the 2018 activities of SEA PLM were presented in detail by DDPD,
3. SEAMEO updated ASEAN Sec on the projects SEA-Teacher, SEA-TVET and SEA-MOOCs to inform and solicit interest from the Ministry of Research, technology and Higher Education.

E. Side Meeting/s

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F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. SEAMES will need to examine the mechanism of conducting the In-Service School Teacher Exchange Programme should we really want to conduct this project.
2. SEAMES will also need to discuss with the relevant departments of the ministry of education of the concerned countries on the feasibility of the In-Service Teacher Exchange project.
3. For SEA PLM proposal for ASEAN Funding, the following are the action needed:
 - 3.1 SEAMEO has to make sure that SEA PLM is an ASEAN-wide project. It means that Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia should take part in the

project. *A mission to these countries to present and sell SEA PLM and discuss their roles in the Main Survey implementation is necessary.*

3.2 SEAPLM Secretariat – explore the sustain ability aspect of SEA PLM to be lodged in one SEAMEO Centre or SEAMEO Office (if necessary). *SEAMES to explore SEAMEO centre willing to be the lead Centre for SEA PLM. A mission to the Centres is necessary.*

3.3 SEA PLM Justification- SEA PLM must be able to sell as the regional assessment, as such making it the “PISA” of Southeast Asia is necessary, *This has to be indicated in the revised SEAMEO SEA PLM proposal.*

4. SEAMEO ASEAN Coordination Task Force Meeting-

4.1 A SEAMEO ASEAN task Force meeting is set on 26th Feb a day before the ASEAN Switzerland TVET Workshop. Each side will think of programmes to make ASEAN part of the incoming CDM meeting by July 2018.

4.2 SEAMEO will also be invited to take part in the ASEAN Malaysia OSCY Workshop tentatively set on 14-15 February 2018. It will generate programs for SEAMEO’s priority no 2, and secure funding and programmes which will be helpful for SEAMEO and ASEAN.

5. Issue a memo to all SEAMEO Centres on the use of ASEAN (by Director’s Office)

G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

The hard copies of the agenda, WPs and PPTs are available at the SEAMES library.

H. Photos

