



Mission Report

7th Evaluation Meeting: Pre-Service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia (SEA-Teacher Project)

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Grand Alora Hotel
Alor Setar, Kedah, Malaysia

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

In October 2014, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) through the SEAMEO Council has issued seven priority areas for SEAMEO to work together to improve the quality of education in Southeast Asia. “**Revitalizing Teacher Education**” is one of the priority areas in achieving quality education in the region. In order to fulfill this mandate, the SEAMEO Secretariat has embarked on a project titled “**Pre-Service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia (SEA-Teacher Project)**” in 2016 with the aims to promote global competitiveness of pre-service student teachers in other countries.

To evaluate the programmes, commitments and implementation steps among the participating institutions in the programmes were identified by the SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and thus the 7th Evaluation Meeting: Pre-Service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia on 28 March 2019 at Grand Alora Hotel, Alor Setar, Kedah, Malaysia was organised for this purpose.

Objectives of the Meeting

1. To review and evaluate the implementation of the 7th batch of pre-service student teacher exchange taking into account best practices and lessons learnt.
2. To discuss and plan for the 8th batch of pre-service student exchange in the year 2019.

C. Participants

Representatives from universities and teacher education institutes from Cambodia, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam as per the attached file.

D. Organizers

1. Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)
2. SEAMEO Secretariat

E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

Session 1: Overview of the SEA-Teacher Project and programme evaluation of 7th batch by Ms Anti Rismayanti

Below were some highlights:

- Ms Anti started the presentation with the background of SEA-Teacher Project, the programme evaluation by coordinators and student teachers, and partnership evaluation respectively.
- The top 11 outstanding blogs were announced. The SEAMEO Secretariat committed to give them the e-certificate of recognition through coordinators' email within April 2019. Those whose blogs failed or lack of performance evaluation form had to improve within April 2019.
- She emphasized that no withdrawal after mapping finish otherwise those universities were not allowed to join the following batch. They could apply again after being punished for one-batch skip.

Session 2: Panel Discussions SEA-Teacher for the 21st Century

This session was led by Dr Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, the Director-Designate, in order to share the best practice of the last batch and the way forward to the 8th batch.

The session was separated into 2 rounds. Each round consisted of 3 universities from Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand volunteered to be interviewed on the stage by Dr Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela as listed below.

First Round

- Universitas Sriwijaya, Indonesia
- Philippine Normal University, Philippines
- Pibulsongkram Rajabhat University, Thailand

Second Round

- Universitas of Muhammadiyah Prof Dr HAMKA, Indonesia
- Tarlac Agricultural University, Philippines
- Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University, Thailand

Below were the main topics for discussion:

- Placement process, pre-departure procedure and practicum location
- Student teacher evaluation form, e-certificate and evaluation scheme
- Coordination between SEAMES and participating universities
- Emergency situation and traveling issues
- Overall recommendations

Session 3: Wrapping Up and Signing of the LoA

Below were some highlights:

- There were 106 universities, 49 from Indonesia; 43 from Philippines; 12 from Thailand, and 2 from Vietnam expressing their interests to participate in the 8th batch which will be within 1 August– 30 September 2019 for 1 month (30 days) (equivalent to 2 credit semester) for practicum (teaching experience) in the school networks of receiving universities.
- The sending university of pre-service students shall provide support in arranging for the airfare, meals/pocket money, health, accident, and travel insurance of the participating students.
- The major/specialization will be but not limited to Math, Science, English, Economics, Physical Education, Elementary School, Social Studies, and Pre-School Education.
- The receiving university will be responsible for determining practicum schools that will provide opportunities for students to do assisted teaching, teach (minimum 20 hours), and other arrangement as stated in the SEA-Teacher guidelines.
- The receiving university will be responsible for facilities for accommodation and transportation service from and to the nearest airport.
- The receiving university must provide faculty mentors and buddies for participating students.
- The receiving university may provide educational/cultural activities or trips preferably during the weekend time
- The eligibility of the students will be ensured by the sending and receiving universities.
- The sending university shall conduct the pre-departure orientation for the participating students.
- SEAMEO Secretariat will issue e-Certificate of Completion only for the student teachers who have met the requirement of blog, programme, and evaluation form based on the standard of SEAMEO Secretariat.
- The 8th evaluation meeting will be hosted by Pibulsongkram Rajabhat University, Phitsanulok, Thailand, in October 2019. The next batch of program of SEA-Teacher 2019 will be discussed at the meeting.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Co-hosted with Universiti Utara Malaysia.
2. Sent invitation letter and coordinated with prospective universities.
3. Run the meeting programme.
4. Finalized the Letter of Agreement to be signed by the authorized signatory of the participating universities.
5. Issued the certificate of appearance, certificate of participation for participants and the certificate of appreciation for Universiti Utara Malaysia.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Update SEA-Teacher website.
 - Upload meeting documents
 - Announce activity schedule of the 8th batch
 - Upload the certified LoA of 8th batch
2. Send the letter to the universities that would like to participate in the 8th batch asking for their e-Signature for the LoA of 8th batch.
3. Send the letter of appreciation to Universiti Utara Malaysia.
4. Send the letter of appreciation to participants who attended the meeting and request them to submit the application form on or before May 15, 2019.
5. Coordinate with Pibulsongkram Rajabhat University, Phitsanulok, Thailand for co-hosting the 8th Evaluation Meeting.

H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. List of participants
2. General information note
3. Meeting programme
4. Meeting documents: <http://seateacher.seameo.org/seateacher/>

