



Mission Report

57th SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board Meeting

Date: 7th – 10th October 2019

Venue: Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel and Residence
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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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 BIOTROP organised its 57th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) from 7th to 9th October 2019 at Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel and Residence, back-to-back with the special session on focus group discussion on potential collaborative programme on 10th October as well as the Second in-country training course on School Garden for Improving Students' Literacy Nutrition and Entrepreneurship on 11th October.
2. The SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board is the principle policy making body of the Centre. It comprises of one representative from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Board is responsible for the overall operational policies, strategic planning, annual evaluation and review of the Centre's programmes and budget within the framework of its approved five-year development plan.
3. SEAMEO BIOTROP's vision is to be a leading Centre in enriching and promoting the real values of tropical biology. It is committed to provide scientific knowledge and capacity building in conserving and managing tropical biology sustainably for the well-being of communities and the environment of Southeast Asia.

C. Participants

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP Director and Staff
2. A total of 6 Board Members (Indonesia, Cambodia, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand, Singapore and Myanmar) and 2 Official Representatives (Lao PDR and the Philippines) attended the 57th BIOTROP GBM
3. Observers from Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam
4. DDAC, SEAMEO Secretariat

D. Organizer/s

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The GB member from Cambodia remains the Chair of the GBM
2. The GB member from Brunei Darussalam was the chief rapporteur of the GBM.
3. The 57th GBM was officially opened by HE Yuok Ngoy, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia.
4. A special session on focus group discussion on potential collaborative programme and the Second in-country training course on School Garden for Improving Students' Literacy Nutrition and Entrepreneurship were organized back-to-back with the 57th BIOTROP GBM.

F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Secretariat is an ex-officio member of the SEAMEO RELC governing board. On behalf of the SEAMEO Director, DDAC presented the 2017-2018 key significant policies and programmes as well as operational matters taken from all the SEAMEO meetings in 2017/2018.

G. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. The 58th GBM of BIOTROP will tentatively take place at BIOTROP Campus in Bogor, Indonesia during the second week of October 2020 followed by the 4th International Conference on Tropical Biology.

H. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP materials (soft and hard copies) consisting of:
 - 1.1 Programme and Agenda
 - 1.2 List of Participants
 - 1.3 Various Working Papers
 - 1.4 Draft proceedings
2. Speech from SEAMEO Secretariat



GBM members and representatives of BIOTROP for the 57th BIOTROP GBM, representatives from SEAMEO BIOTROP and SEAMES