



Mission Report

EDUCATION WORLD FORUM 2020

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

1. Dr Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela, Director

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

- The Education World Forum 2020 aims to review the past decade in education and discuss the challenges faced by the education sector in reaching the global SDG targets.
- SEAMEO was invited by the UK Department of Trade to present at the ASEAN Ministers meeting with UK Education officials.

C. Organizer/s

- Department for Education, UK
- Department for International Trade, UK
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office, UK
- Department for International Development, UK
- British Council
- BESA

D. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

- **ASEAN MINISTERIAL BREAKFAST MEETING**
20th January 2020 0800 – 0900 Cinnamon Club London

Aim

The aim of this private breakfast is to host a discussion on two topics illustrating the UK's expertise in Teacher Training and Soft and Employability Skills to Ministers from the ASEAN region. Education providers are represented by knowledgeable trade bodies who will contribute to and introduce some of the discussions.

Background UK & ASEAN

In March 2019, the UK launched its International Education Strategy. This strategy sets out a cohesive approach to further strengthen the UK's position at the forefront of global education and as an international partner of choice for institutions and governments around the world. ASEAN has been identified as one of our high value campaign regions. The ASEAN Education campaign has been active for three years, working with all ASEAN countries and key regional bodies including SEAMEO & ASEAN Development Bank. The campaign promotes the full breadth of the UK education sector, including Higher Education providers, schools, ELT, skills and training providers, Edtech and TNE in addition to UKs excellent universities. The UK government has already funded

over £1 million of education related activity over the past three years. These include most notably Going Global, ASEAN TVET Roadshow, Bett Asia, the Wilton Park Thought Leadership Education Conference, Study UK-Discover You, TNE/HE Roadshow and a number of trade missions in the region.

2. EWF Sessions at QH II

The EWF 2020 's overall theme was “One generation – what does it take to transform education?”

- The Ministers panel talked about how the world is changing quickly; and long-term visions for education are challenging. The sessions presented high level policy dialogue on learning assessment, policy transformation through engaging minds; encouraging people’s innovation; securing their support; and working together.
- The experts such as OECD, World Bank presented new ways of thinking, and new vision for education. To achieve a new vision, part of the approach might be associated with building partnerships, coalitions and cooperation. Such cooperation might include working across governments and between departments.
- Some sessions talked on innovation, authentic transformation and the kinds of education that support and fuel aspirations of learners and, ultimately the success of countries and indeed the world.

E. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. SEAMEO Director presented overview of educational system in Southeast Asia and the key policies and practices under the SEAMEO seven priority areas.
2. In the EWF, SEAMEO Secretariat Director introduced SEAMEO and linked to different organizations and sought for collaborative projects.

F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. Visit to UK Embassy in Thailand for enhanced partnership
2. Meeting with the British Council Thailand for SEAMEO Congress sponsorship

G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

1. Directory of Pax in the ASEAN Ministers Meeting
2. PISA Results and World Bank Report (To the Documentation Office)

H. Photos



Annex I. Asean Ministers Meeting Participants

Main table

No.	Name	Designation
1.	Minister Michelle Donelan	Minister Children and Families
2.	H.E Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Hamzah	Minister of Education
3.	H.E Mr Sam Heng Ith	Minister of Labour and Vocational Training
4.	H.E Mr Sour Heng	Secretary of State – Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
5.	H.E Mrs Sengdeuane Lanchanthabone	Minister of Education and Sports
6.	Prof Dr Myo Thein Gyi	Union Minister, Ministry of Education
7.	Hon Minister Mohagher Iqbal	Minister of Basic, Higher and Technical Education of the BARMM (Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)
8.	Sec Leonor Briones	Secretary of the Department of Education
9.	Dr Perfecto Alibin	Deputy Minister Commission of Higher Education
10.	Secretary Isidro Lapena,	Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA)
11.	Dr Suvit Maesincee	Minister of Higher Education, Science Research and Innovation
12.	Dr Ethel Agnes P Venezuela	SEAMEO Secretariat Director
13.	Pearson	
14.	HE/Teacher Training	UK HE
15.	Alison Barnet	EA British Council
16.	Geoff Gladding	Education Sector Lead
17.	Jonathan Ledger	DIT TVET
18.	Aisling Conboy	DIT HE Specialist
19.	Ross Hunter	UK ABC

Table 2 (Observers)

1	Warren Pain	DIT Country Director
2.	Mark Smithson	DIT Deputy Country Director
3.	Husna Hamimi Hashim	Education Lead APAC
4.	Richard Leach	Deputy Director ASEAN and LATAM
5.	Prof. Dr. Somsy Gnophanxay	President of the National University of Laos
6.	Dr Daravone Kittiphanh	Deputy Permanent Secretary
7.	Dr. Kitipong Promwong	President of the Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council
8.	Dr. Apichai Somboonpakorn	Spokesman of Ministry and Advisor to Minister
9	Nepomuceno Malaluan	Undersecretary Department for Education
10.	Ms Marietta Gudoy	Department for Education
11.	Mr Haron Meling	Basic, Higher and Technical Education of the BARMM
12.	Dr Rogelio Galera	Commission of Higher Education
13.	Dr Victor Soliman	Commission of Higher Education
14.	Rosanna Urdaneta	Deputy Director General TESDA
15.	Gladys Rosales	Deputy Director General
16.	Ms Pilar Aramayo-Prudencio	Country Director British Council
17.	Ly Tran	First Secretary Education Counselor
18.	Robin Hart	Wilton Park