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**Condolences to the Family of
the late Mr. Azman bin Nordin,
Deputy Director of SEAMEO SEN**

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WELCOME NOTE



It is indeed an honour for me to be given the chance to say a few words in this edition of SEAMEO SEN's bulletin. First and foremost I would like to congratulate Dr. Yasmin Hussain, the Director of SEAMEO SEN and her dynamic team for their dedication and effort to publish this bulletin. The content of this edition is a testimony of how much work and effort have been done by this very young center. Undoubtedly it takes huge effort to organise training and research programmes given that the center is in only its formative years. I hope that SEAMEO SEN will continue to flourish and become better in delivering services in Special Needs Education in the region within the standard and framework of the GOLDEN SEAMEO.

I am also pleased that SEAMEO SEN has successfully developed its first Five Year Development Plan. The plan is significant as it guides and structures SEAMEO SEN to emerge as a leading SEAMEO center providing services in Special Education area in the region. Strategic planning and alliances with special education institutions would support SEAMEO SEN to be well developed and organised into the coming years and emerge in the framework of Golden SEAMEO. The center's vision to be a leading centre for quality teaching and learning in Special Education Needs and the mission to promote and enhance the quality of Special Education Needs practices among SEAMEO member countries are integral in operational workings of SEAMEO SEN.

The region's diversity of heritages, economic growth as well as cultural and socio-cultural practices are indeed challenges as well as opportunities for SEAMEO SEN to operate. Given that most Special Education Needs practices are developing at different phases, differing standards of growth and governed by non-uniformed policies and contentions, SEAMEO SEN is the key organisation that can harness and use these differences to support and create awareness for understanding the importance to carry out tangible actions to educate children of special education needs. In the long run, given the differences of policy and emphasis on the implementation of special education by each member country, SEAMEO SEN has the ultimate task to synchronise all these differences into one platform that unites and takes in the strength of the uniqueness that each country has to offer. In this perspective educational equity and equality are prime factors for SEAMEO SEN to consider in short term and long term planning of training and researches. Considering the current SEAMEO Post 2015 Education Agenda Study and our aspiration to create the "Golden SEAMEO" in 2020, the groundwork laid in SEAMEO SEN's first five-year plan and its robust strategies that have been developed will serve as a strong foundation for the current and future work of this center.

I wish SEAMEO SEN all the best and for its passion in driving the regional special education activities.

Thank you,

Witaya Jeradechakul

Prof. Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul

Director of SEAMEO SECRETARIAT

WELCOME NOTE



Asslamualaikum w.b.t and Salam 1MALAYSIA.

Alhamdulillah, grace to Allah S.W.T with His blessing we are able to witness the remarkable progress of SEAMEO SEN just after only a year into operation. This 2nd issue of SEAMEO SEN's Bulletin evidently highlight The centre's and its personnel high commitment to deliver services in Special Education.

SEAMEO SEN started to operate in May 2013 and has grown stronger day by day due to the hardwork of its Centre Director, Dr. Yasmin Hussain and her team. I am proud to know that the centre is made up of unique combination of young, dynamic and energetic personnel who are all ever willing to give their very best to the centre.

The

centre has made a smart move to have strategic alliances and cooperations with local and international institutions, government bodies, NGOs as well as International Bodies. This has definitely made the centre more visible to the international community thus attracting more collaborations. The Director of SEAMEO Secretariat, Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul has been very helpful and played a very important role in guiding and supporting the centre.

SEAMEO SEN has indeed brought the community closer especially within Malaysia. I am confidence the centre will be able to minimize the intergovernmental difference and bring the 11 member countries united for the development of education for the special needs children.

As the Chairman of the Board Members of SEAMEO SEN 2013/2014, it is an honour for me to lead the team of highly dedicated Ministry's officers from the 11 Member Countries. If I may speak on behalf of the Board Members, we are priviliged to have the opportunity to be part of SEAMEO SEN and to be able to serve the region.

To all the readers, I would like to say Thank you for your support, directly or indirectly to the successful journey of SEAMEO SEN. On behalf of the Board Members we wish SEAMEO SEN a successful journey ahead.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, flowing letters.

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Assalamualaikum w.b.t

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the SEAMEO SEN Bulletin: a half-yearly publication of centre's news that aimed to share training, researches, collaborations and programmes news. This issue marks one year of the operation of SEAMEO SEN at our temporary office in Melaka.

Recently, the entire family of SEAMEO SEN were deeply sadden with the lost of one of our anchor person who was also like a brother to most of us, the Deputy Director for Training and Consultation Division, Mr. Azman bin Nordin. His absence is a lost to SEAMEO SEN and in our hearts. Nevertheless, we will embrace his fighting spirit and continue to move forward.

I have to be honest it has been a very challenging year, but yet a very positive progress towards the establishment of SEAMEO SEN and upholding Special Needs Education. It takes a lot of hard work, passion and patience. I have to congratulate my team for their persistent hard work which has brought us this far. We have added new staff members which I'm confidence, could be a valuable asset to the centre and further strengthen the core team.

I hope this 2nd issue of our SEAMEO SEN Bulletin could further share our functions and roles as the Regional Centre for Special Education. I would like to also take this opportunity to invite any organizations or parties that is directly or indirectly involved in Special Education to have partnerships and collaborations with the centre.

I would like to end this note with Alhamdulillah, praise to Allah s.w.t

Thank you

Yasmin Hussain

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain

Centre Director



MOTTO

Strive For Excellence

VISION

Leading Centre for Quality Teaching and Learning in Special Education Needs

MISSION

To Promote and Enhance the Quality of Special Education Needs Practices among SEAMEO Member Countries

PRIORITY AREAS

Learning Difficulties
Visual Impairment
Hearing Impairment
Gifted and Talented

1ST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

SEAMEO SEN 1ST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING (7 – 9 October 2013)

OPENING CEREMONY



COURTESY CALL TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR OF MELAKA



MEETING



VISITS TO SEAMEO SEN OFFICE



EDUCATIONAL VISITS AROUND MELAKA HISTORICAL CITY

1ST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

DINNER ON BOARD MELAKA RIVER CRUISE



DINNER HOSTED BY MELAKA STATE GOVERNMENT



1ST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

SEAMEO SEN's first Governing Board Member meeting was held from 7th to 9th September 2013 at the Melaka World Heritage Hotel in Melaka. This inaugural meeting was attended by observers from the Special Education Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia, observers from Policy and International Relations Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia and an observer from the Ministry of Education and Culture Indonesia, SEAMEO SEN's key personnel and the Governing Board Members as listed below:

Professor Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul (Director of SEAMEO SECRETARIAT)
Dr. Yasmin bt Hussain (Director of SEAMEO SEN)
Mr. Bukit Hidup (GBM Brunei Darussalam)
Mr. Chhunn Ramy (Representative for GBM Cambodia, Mr Chan Sophea)
Dr. Mudjito AK (GBM Indonesia)
Ms Naoumkham Chantabouly (Representative for GBM Lao PDR, Ms Yangxia Lee)
Dato' Sufa'at b Tumin (GBM Malaysia)
Dr. Lorna D. Dino (Representative for GBM Philippines, Dr. Dina S. Ocampo)
Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied (GBM Singapore)
Dr. Samart Ratanasakorn (Representative for GBM Thailand, Dr. Payom Chinnawong)
Assoc. Prof Dr. Le Van Tac (GBM Vietnam)

The meeting discussed and adopted matters that are important to the operational function of SEAMEO SEN. Among the adopted matters are the appointment of SEAMEO SEN's Director, Dr. Yasmin Hussain. The center's mission and vision, the center's logo as well as programs on trainings that are carried out for 2013/2014. The Governing Board members have also proposed matters that SEAMEO SEN has to response pertaining priorities areas for Special Education Needs, developing the center's first five year development plan and also restructuring the center's organization structure by creating new posts to support the center's role as regional training for Special Education.

During the 3 day meeting the board members had the opportunity to do educational visits to Melaka historical sites and also enjoy the scenic Melaka River Cruise tour. The Melaka State government had also hosted the first night's dinner as a gesture of welcome for the board members. The adoption of the meeting went smoothly and the board members were also honoured to meet His Excellency Governor of Melaka Tun Datuk Seri Utama Mohd Khalil Bin Yaakob.

The meeting was indeed a significant milestone for SEAMEO SEN's history. With the inception of Dr. Yasmin's appointment approved by the Governing Board Members from SEAMEO member countries, SEAMEO SEN is officially established and endorsed to be a regional center for Special Education in the region.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

MULTI SENSORY AND SENSORY INTEGRATION APPROACHES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Course title: Multi Sensory and Sensory Integration Approaches in Special Education

Date: 6th – 8th November 2013

Venue:

- i) Multisensory Room, IPGK. Perempuan Melayu, Melaka
- ii) Sensory Integration Room, IPGK Perempuan Melayu, Melaka

Organized by:

SEAMEO SEN & Special Education Department MOE & Jab. Pendidikan Khas, IPGK Perempuan Melayu



Course Objectives:

1. To share knowledge and skills in applying Sensory Integration and snoezeland equipment effectively in teaching and learning among teachers and teacher educators of special education.
2. To enhance the teachers and teacher-educators' knowledge and skills in using Sensory Integration and snoezeland equipment creatively.
3. To create a handbook manual on how to use the equipment that is available in the Sensory Integration and snoezeland rooms.



Participants:

Selected school teachers and lecturers from Teachers' Training Institutes

Course Report:

The course was conducted successfully at the Multi Sensory Room and Snoezeland Room at the Malay Women Teachers' Training Institute in Melaka. Facilitators from the Special Education Division of Ministry of Education Malaysia delivered the course. Using the equipment and facilities in the rooms, the participants were given hands-on training on how to use the snoezeland equipment. The participants get to understand how the facilities in the rooms function and came up with a descriptive report on how to utilise each equipment to be used with students with special educational needs.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMME FROM SCHOOL TO CAREER: HIDROCULTURE & HIDROPHONIC

Course Title: Transitional Programme from School to Career: Hidroculture & Hidrophonic

Date: 13 – 14 November 2013

Venue: Bilik Seri Melor, SEAMEO SEN

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & KAZZ HIDROPHONIC



Course Objectives:

1. Knowledge mastery among teachers on career-led skills.
2. To enhance quality of teaching and learning on career-led skills.
3. Transfer of knowledge and skill as well as promote interest to respective special needs students.
4. Take advantage of knowledge gained to pursue further research.



Participants:

29 selected school teachers of Special Education from Melaka State

Day 1 (13th November 2013)

1. Registration of participants
2. Introduction to SEAMEO SEN by En. Azman Nordin, Deputy Director Training and Consultation
3. Introduction to Hydroponic by En Ahmad Yahya
4. Workshop 1 in the Sri Melor Hall
5. The participants were given an introduction to the concept and approaches of Hydroponic.

Day 2 (14th November 2013)

1. Participants are introduced to the equipment available in Sri Melor Room.
2. Introduction to Hydroculture by En Ahmad Yahya
3. Hands on practical session. Participants were asked to try the equipment available.
4. Closing ceremony, Dr. Yasmin Director of SEAMEO SEN gave a closing speech.
5. Group photo session.

The programme has given benefit to all participants and upholding institutions in recognizing student's abilities as well as emphasizing the importance of acquiring multiple skills.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

SEAMEO SEN TEAM BUILDING

Course Title: SEAMEO SEN Team Building

Date: 5 – 7 March 2014

Venue: Eagle Ranch Resort, Port Dickson

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & Counselling Unit,
IPGK Perempuan Melayu



Course Objectives:

1. To establish a working environment where the staff members practices a trustworthy, understanding and positive thinking attitude.
2. To establish a harmony working environment and promote cooperation among staff members
3. To establish an informal sharing platform which aims to indentify and solve working challenges
4. To inculcate in every staff members the motivation to be positive and proactive



Participants:
SEAMEO SEN personnel



TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

SEN'S WORKSHOP ON DEFINITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIORITY AREAS

Course Title: SEN's Workshop on Definition of Special Education Priority Areas

Date: 17 – 19 April 2014

Venue: SEN HALL, SEAMEO SEN

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN



Course Objectives:

1. To construct an agreed definition and priority areas for Special Education Needs as applied to SEAMEO SEN.
2. To pool expert opinions and insights from representatives of the Ministries of Education from member countries in the construction of the priority areas of Special Education Needs
3. To provide a platform for consultation from the SEAMEO member countries to share suggestions and ideas in training courses and research areas that would be included in SEAMEO SEN's First Five Year Strategic Plan FY 2013-FY 2018
4. To establish networking and linkages officers and experts in the Special Education field.



Participants:

Representatives of Ministries of Education from eleven member countries, representative from Malaysia Higher Institutions and officers from Special Education Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia

Report:

The two and a half day workshop was conducted by request of the Governing Board Members to prioritize the areas of Special Education Needs that SEN will be focussing. The participants presented short overview of SEN in their countries as to give a general understanding of the SEN scenarios.

The two day workshop resulted in the success of clarifying that SEN's focus would be providing service for teachers of students with disabilities in this region. The participants also discussed and gave ideas on activities and researches that SEAMEO SEN can carry out.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

CUSTOMIZED COURSE: AUTISM, DYSLEXIA, ADHD

Course Title: Autism, Dyslexia, ADHD

Date: 30 April 2014

Venue: SEN HALL, SEAMEO SEN

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & JICA, Japan



Course Objectives:

1. To improve teachers of special education in professionalism teaching and learning of students.
2. To produce special education teachers who high competence in the field of teaching and learning of students with special educational needs.
3. To share experience and best practices for foreign experts in the managing students with special educational needs.
4. To enhance partnership and collaboration between SEAMEO SEN, Melaka State Education Department and 3PK

Participants:

Selected teacher-educators and teachers of Special Education Needs from schools in Melaka

Course Report:

The programme has given benefit to all participants. The knowledge and expertise shared would definitely contribute to the betterment of teacher training quality as well as giving positive impact on SEN children under their care.

REGULAR COURSE: DIETARY FOOD PREPARATION & FOOD TECHNOLOGY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Course Title: Regular Course: Dietary Food Preparation & Food Technology for Special Education

Date: 5 – 30 May 2014

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Kolej Komuniti Bukit Beruang, Technology University of Malaysia (UTM)

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN, UTM, Kolej Komuniti Bukit Beruang, IPGK Perempuan Melayu

Course Objectives:

1. To expose and provide special education educators with proper theory and hands on techniques in food preparation and technology.
2. To establish best practices for school nutrition programs that serve special education students with special food and/or nutrition needs.
3. To provide skills and knowledge in food commercialization in vocational trainings suitable for students with special educational needs

Participants:

19 selected teachers of Special Education from MOE from SEAMEO Member countries.

Course Report:

The 4 week course was conducted in collaboration with the Technology University of Malaysia and Bukit Beruang Community College Melaka. For four weeks the participants from Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Malaysia were exposed to the techniques of cooking as well as preparation and hands on exposure to food commercialization. Participants from each country were instructed to develop a module on teaching a recipe of their choice for students of special needs. Apart from core subjects, the participants were also exposed to Arts and Music Therapies in Special Education. presented certificates.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS



TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

FUNDAMENTAL IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, SERIES 1

Course Title: Fundamental in Special Education, Series 1

Date: 15 – 16 May 2014

Venue: SEAMEO SEN

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN, IPGK Perempuan Melayu



Course Objectives:

1. To share the meaning and categories of Special Education
2. To share experience and best practices in managing students with special educational needs.
3. To provide a platform for collaborations

Participants:

School teachers, PDK Supervisors and lecturers from higher learning institutions

Day 1 (15th May 2014)

1. Registration of participants
2. Introduction to SEN Definition, History of Special Education, Special Education Act in Malaysia by En. Amerrudin Bin Othman
3. In 2nd session, En. Amerrudin Bin Othman gave explanation about Learning Difficulties (ADHD, Slow Learner and Down Syndrome)
4. Next, the participants were introduced to Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment and Inclusive Education by Dr. Yasmin Binti Hussain.

Day 2 (16th May 2014)

1. Participants were introduced to the Learning Difficulties such as Intellectual Disabilities, Physical Disabilities and Multiple Disabilities by En. Mohd Israfi Bin Sayati.
2. Introduction to Learning Difficulties (Emotional and Behavioral & Language and Communication) by Pn. Rozilawati Binti Abd Kadir.
3. Last session, the participants were introduced Autism Spectrum, Dyslexia, Gifted and Talented by Tn. Hj. Mustaffa Bin Jantan
4. Closing ceremony. Dr. Yasmin Binti Hussain, Director of SEAMEO SEN gave a closing speech and presented certificates.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE RESEARCH COURSE, SERIES 1

Course Title: Quantitative & Qualitative Research Course, Series 1

Date:

28 – 30 May 2014 – Series 1 (26 participants)

16 – 18 June 2014 – Series 2 (21 participants)

Venue: SEN HALL, SEAMEO SEN

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN



Course Objectives:

1. To provide information on research and its importance to the organization.
2. To discuss the research process as well as journal writing method that can be accepted internationally.
3. To identify the types and methods used in the experiments carried out through activities and sample.
4. To enhance participants understanding in distinguishing various forms of research.



Participants:

Amongst the course participants are researchers and potential researchers from local universities, polytechnics, IPGM, Community Colleges and the State Education Departments. All the participants gave satisfactory remarks as well as commend the interesting hands on activities.

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

Course Title: Early Intervention Programme

Date: 18 – 20 June 2014

Venue: Dewan Tun Fatimah, IPGK Perempuan Melayu, Melaka

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN and Special Education Department, MOE Malaysia



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Course Report:

Participants have learned how to learn and teach effectively using ICT and technology which can be applied to their students.

Course Objectives:

1. To share experience and best practices from experts in the managing students with special educational needs.
2. To enhance partnership and collaboration between SEAMEO SEN, Melaka State Education Department and 3PK.
3. To identify the problem faced by children with disabilities who experience disability and thus provide an effective early intervention.
4. To respect of children with disabilities as people who have feelings and special need.
5. To enhance the development and education of children with disabilities.
6. To understand the difference between injury, disability and barrier.

Conclusion:

The programme has given benefit to all participants. The knowledge and expertise shared would definitely contribute to the betterment of teacher training quality as well as giving positive impact on SEN children under their care.

Digital Age in Teaching and Learning Workshop

Course Title: Digital Age in Teaching and Learning

Date: 23 – 27 June 2014

Venue: SEN HALL, SEAMEO SEN and Computer Lab, IPGK Perempuan Melayu

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN and SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, Indonesia



Course Objectives:

1. Managing Cyber Class;
 - Developing digital book;
 - Developing a simple presentation video;
 - Conducting online communication; and
2. Strengthen synergy and collaboration opportunities among local and regional schools.
3. Enabling teachers and students to interact, share ideas and best practices among local and regional schools.

Participants:

20 lecturers & teachers as participants from IPGK, Kolej Komuniti, IPTA, IPTS & Jabatan Pelajaran

SEMINARS

ASIAN EDUCATION LEADERS FORUM (AELF)

Title: Asian Education Leaders Forum (AELF)

Venue: Queen Sirikit International Convention Centre, Bangkok

Date: 9 – 11 October 2013

Organizer: SEAMEO Secretariat, Worlddidac, Reed Tradex

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Mr. Azman bin Nordin, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab



CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION IN CURRICULUM SEMINAR

Title: Creativity and Innovation in Curriculum Seminar

Venue: Nouvelle Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: 25 – 28 November 2013

Organizer: SEAMEO Secretariat, Worlddidac, Reed Tradex

Objectives:

1. To retrieve feedbacks for future curriculum planning and development
2. To expose participants with hand knowledge from notable speakers in exploring creativity and innovation especially in teaching

Among the speakers are:

Dr. Masnah binti Ali Muda; Director Bhgn. Pembangunan Kurikulum, KPM, Y.Bhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Zaini Ujang; Ketua Setiausaha 2, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, Prof. Dr. Alma Harris; University Malaya, Datuk Prof. Dr. Yusof Othman; Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Dr. Raslan Ahmad; Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), Dr. Mazalan Kamis; Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia, Dr. Mohd bin Samsudin; Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Tn. Hj. Sofian Azmi bin Tajul Arus; Bhgn. Pembangunan Kurikulum (BPK) KPM, Y.Bhg. Dato' Radin Firdaus Radin Lockman

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab



SEMINARS

AFRICAN MINISTERIAL FORUM ON ICT INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Title: African Ministerial Forum on ICT Integration in Education and Training

Date: 9 – 11 December 2013

Venue: Ramada Plaza Tunis Hotel, Tunisia

SEAMEO SEN Representative: Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (SEAMEO SEN – UKM – UPI)

Title: International Seminar on Special Education (SEAMEO SEN – UKM – UPI)

Date: 25 January 2014

Venue: National University of Malaysia (UKM), Bangi

Organizer: SEAMEO SEN, UKM, UPI

Among the speakers are::

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain; SEAMEO SEN Director, Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied; Principal Specialist, Educational Psychology, MOE Singapore, Mdm. Yangxia Lee; Deputy Director General, Dept. of Pre and Primary Education, MOES Lao PDR, Mr. Kann Puthy; Officer, MOEYS Cambodia, Pengiran Sarimah Pengiran Hj. Ahmad, MOE Brunei, Prof. Dr. Djadja Rahardja; Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI).



SEMINARS

SEAMEO WORKSHOP ON POST 2015 AGENDA



Title: SEAMEO Workshop on Post 2015 Agenda

Venue: Empress Hotel, Chiangmai, Thailand

Date: 28-30 January 2014

SEMINAR ON INNOVATION ORGANIZED BY MELAKA STATE GOVERNMENT



Title: Seminar on Innovation by Melaka State Government

Venue: UTC, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 25 February 2014

Organizer: Melaka State and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia (MOSTI)

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Mazmi binti Maarof, Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir, Ms. Shahidah binti Abd. Rahman

SEMINARS

DOUSA HOU SEMINAR

Title: Dousa Hou Seminar (Japanese Massage Therapy Approach)

Date: 19 March 2014

Venue: PLPP, Bangi, Malaysia

Organizer: Department of Social Welfare, Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN Representative:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Mazmi binti Maarof, Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir, Ms. Monishah binti Md. Shah



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON AUTISM

Title: International Seminar on Autism

Date: 22 – 23 April 2014

Venue: PICC, Putrajaya, Malaysia

Organizer: Bahagian PERMATA, Jabatan Perdana Menteri

Presenters from SEAMEO SEN:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain; SEAMEO SEN Director, Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied; Principal Specialist, Educational Psychology, MOE Singapore, Dr. Samart Ratanasakorn; Educator, MOE Thailand



SEMINARS

SEAMEO CENTRE DIRECTOR MEETING



Title: SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting

Venue: Sukhumvit Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 24 – 26 June 2014

Organizer: SEAMEO Secretariat

BRAGA 2014: EMBRACING INCLUSIVE APPROACHES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



Title: BRAGA 2014: Embracing Inclusive Approaches for Children and Youth with Special Needs

Venue: University of Minho, Braga, Portugal

Date: 14 – 17 July 2014

Presenters from SEAMEO SEN:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain - Inclusion in Special Education in Southeast Asia: SEAMEO SEN's Roles and Initiatives

ABSTRACT

INCLUSION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: SEAMEO SEN'S ROLES AND INITIATIVES

This paper explicates the current trends of Inclusion in Special Education practices in Southeast Asian countries. Through analysis of current journals, publication and materials gained from seminars and documents by Ministries of Education in the countries on inclusive education it can be concluded that the practice and implementation of inclusive education for students of special needs in the region are partly determined by the respective countries' Ministries of Education policies and community involvement. Inclusive education practice and implementation in SEA region reflect emerging trends that move beyond education for the blind and deaf and gearing towards providing inclusive education for children of intellectually disabled. This shift is very significant and forward looking for the countries in the Southeast region as it is steered in the contention to provide quality and equality of access to education for students of special education needs. In this course of direction SEAMEO SEN's establishment funded by Malaysian government reflects the commitment of the member countries for the betterment of the Special Education field. The inception of SEAMEO SEN fits the rights of children with special needs to gain access to quality education and quality of life embracing the United Convention on the rights of the Children (1989), Jomtien Declaration(1990), BIWAKO Millennium Framework for Actions (2003) and United Nations' The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006). The best practices in inclusive education from Brunei, Singapore and Thailand would be focussed on and compared with the practices from Malaysia, Lao, Cambodia, Philippines, Timor Leste, and Vietnam. The findings from these comparative analyses are invaluable resource for educators of disabilities from other regions to learn and be informed of the SEA's region perspective on inclusive education in Special Education. These insights facilitate SEAMEO SEN in providing initiatives for educators of Special Education in SEA region and comprehensive guide for Special Education educators from all over the world to share and opine the improvement of Special Education practice in the 21st century

NOTE: For full paper, please contact SEAMEO SEN



EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

ACADEMIC SESSION WITH DR. ARIS LARRODER FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE

Title: " Science Giftedness Education "

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 18 November 2013



MASTERS IN EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION) BRIEFING BY NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA

Title: Masters in Education (Special Education) briefing by National University of Malaysia

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 12 November 2013



EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

FIRST BATCH OF MASTERS PROGRAMME

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: March 2013



COURTESY CALL TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MALAYSIA - YAB TAN SRI DATO' HJ. MUHYIDDIN BIN YASSIN

Venue: Casa Del Rio Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 26 November 2013



EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

COURTESY CALL TO DATUK WIRA MD. YUNOS BIN HUSIN, MELAKA STATE EXCO OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 4 February 2014



DISCUSSION WITH Y. BHG DATUK SAIDATU AKHMA, PERMATA DEPARTMENT, PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT & DR. HASNAH TORAN, AUTISM LEARNING LAB

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Date: 10 February 2014



EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MALAYSIA

Venue: Meeting Room, Department of Social Welfare

Date: 18 March 2014



MEETING WITH PUSPANITA MELAKA, MALAYSIA

Venue: IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu

Date: 7 May 2014



EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE UNDER THE POST EXCO OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION, STATE OF MELAKA

Venue: Meeting Room, IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu

Date: 1 April 2014 (1st meeting) & 16 June 2014 (2nd Meeting)

Chairperson: Datuk Wira Md. Yunus bin Husin

Objectives:

1. To uphold the Special Needs education standard especially for the State of Melaka
2. To assist special needs students/children in the State of Melaka
3. To organize support programmes for Special students/children



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

SEAMEO SEN STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

SEAMEO SEN Staff Development Programme & Meeting with SEAMEO Qitep & GBM of Indonesia

Venue: Bandung & Jakarta, Indonesia

Date: 3 – 7 December 2013



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

EDUCATIONAL VISIT – MALAYSIA (JANUARY 2014)

Delegates:

MOEY Lao PDR, MOEYS Cambodia, MOE Brunei, Kementerian Hal Ehwal Ugama Negara Brunei, MOE Singapore

SEAMEO SEN Officers:

Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir, Mr. Mohd Anis bin Abdul Razak



Educational Visit to Pusat Autisma (Autism Centre)

Venue: National University of Malaysia (UKM), Bangi

Date: 27 January 2014



Educational Visit to Pusat Permata Pintar Negara (Gifted & Talented)

Venue: UKM, Bangi

Date: 27 January 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Educational Visit to Pusat Permata Pintar Negara (Gifted & Talented)

Venue: Bandar Sunway

Date: 27 January 2014



Educational Visit to Buying Seats Programme

Venue: Ganda Akademik Sdn Bhd, Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Date: 27 January 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

PROGRAMME WITH SEAMEO CHAT – MYANMAR (FEBRUARY 2014)

Programme with SEAMEO CHAT, Myanmar

Venue: Myanmar

Date: 3 - 12 February 2014

SEAMEO SEN Representative: Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir



EDUCATIONAL VISIT – HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM (MARCH 2014)

SEAMEO SEN Officers:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Mazmi binti Maarof, Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir, Ms. Monishah binti Md. Shah, Ms. Era Zaffura binti Md. Sin, Mr. Mohd Anis bin Abdul Razak



Center for Supporting and Developing Inclusive Education for People with Disabilities, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 24 March 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Inclusive Kindergarten No. 8, Quarter No. 3, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 24 March 2014



National College of Education, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 26 March 2014



Primary Inclusive School Ho Thi Ky, Quarter No. 10, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 24 March 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS



SEAMEO RETRAC, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 25 March 2014



SEAMEO CELL, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 25 March 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Toung Lai Special School for the Intellectual Disabilities, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 24 March 2014



University of Pedagogy, HCMC, Vietnam

Date: 26 March 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

EDUCATIONAL VISIT – PATTAYA, BANGKOK & CHIANGMAI, THAILAND (MAY 2014)

SEAMEO SEN's Delegates:

Y.Bhg. Dato' Hj. Sufa'at bin Tumin; Deputy Director General, MOE Malaysia, YB. Datuk Wira Md. Yunus bin Husin; Melaka State Exco for Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Green Technology and Innovation, Datin Mariani Yahaya; Melaka State Education Officer, Ms. Musalmah Mohamad; Melaka State Education Officer.

SEAMEO SEN Officers:

Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Mazmi binti Maarof, Ms. Rozilawati binti Abd. Kadir, Mr. Mohd Anis bin Abdul Razak.



Educational Visit to School for The Blind, Pattaya

Date: 19 May 2014



Educational Visit to Redemptorist Vocational School for People with Disabilities, Pattaya

Date: 19 May 2014



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Courtesy Call to the Director of SEAMEO Secretariat

Date: 20 May 2014



Educational Visit to Central Special Education Center, Bangkok

Date: 20 My 2014



Educational Visit to Setsatian School for The Deaf, Bangkok

Date: 21 May 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Educational Visit to Phyathai School (Inclusive Education), Bangkok

Date: 21 May 2014



Educational Visit to Northern School for The Blind, Chiangmai

Date: 22 May 2014



Educational Visit to Special Education Center, Chiangmai

Date: 22 May 2014

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

SEMINAR AND EDUCATIONAL VISIT TOKYO, JAPAN

SEAMEO SEN Officers: Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain,
Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab, Ms. Era
Zaffura Md. Sin.



Presenting on SEAMEO SEN and Inclusive in a
Seminar organized by Tsukuba University, Japan.

Date: 9th June 2014



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational visits to Special Needs School for the Physically Challenged, Special Needs School for the Visually Impaired, Special Needs School for the Mentally Challenged around Tokyo City, Japan. These special needs schools are attached with Tsukuba University

Date: 10th June 2014



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



Meeting and Discussion with Tokyo University of Science, Japan

Date: 11th June 2014



Presenting on SEAMEO SEN and Inclusive in a Seminar organized by University of Waseda, Japan

Date: 11th June 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

Yassin recital and tazkirah with IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu



Date: 28 Februari 2014
Venue: SEN HALL, SEAMEO SEN

Visit by Definition Workshop's Participants to the late Mr. Azman bin Noordin, SEAMEO SEN's Deputy Director

Date: 18 April 2014
Venue: Mr. Azman's residence

Mr. Azman bin Nordin has peacefully passed away on the morning of Saturday, 14th June 2014.

"To Allah we belong and to Him we return."
Al-Fatihah.



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