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Dear Readers...

I am pleased to share with you our 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of SEAMEO SEN Bulletin (July – December 2014). Here you will find all the training programmes and seminars that the centre has organized and programmes and events that we have participated for the past six months. The journey has been more challenging as the centre is now known by many. The accomplishment is indeed through the hard teamwork of every single personnel of SEAMEO SEN.

The centre has also initiated new partnerships with local and international organizations to further penetrate and gain resources & expertise in the field of Special Education. In August 2014, we have conducted our 1<sup>st</sup> Five-year Plan Development Workshop where experts and education officers were invited to sit down and discuss future training and research to be carried out by the centre. We were also approached and invited by UNESCO to be part of their committee to help address the concerning issues in relation to Children with Disabilities (CWD) covering Southeast Asia.

Currently, we are working with the Special Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Thailand to host the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Special Education (ICSE 2015) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. This will be a platform to put forth the centre's role and position in the region. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to together take part in the event.

The centre will soon approach its second year of operation. As a centre which aims to promote excellence, we look forward to hearing your feedbacks and ideas. Should you require further information, please feel free to drop an email to [director@seameosen.org](mailto:director@seameosen.org)

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

Thank you

*Yasmin Hussain*

**Datin Dr. Hj. 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

# SEAMEO SEN

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

30<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

Bayview Hotel, Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia

Langkawi, Kedah was selected to be the venue for SEAMEO SEN 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting. The selection of venue was from a unanimous decision by all Board Members during the First Governing Board Meeting in Melaka, 2013.

## OPENING CEREMONY



Performances by students from schools around Langkawi, Kedah



The Opening Ceremony for SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Meeting was officiated by YB. Dato' Tajul Urus bin Md. Zin, the State Education Chairman for the State of Kedah accompanied by Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul - Director of SEAMEO Secretariat, Y.Bhg. Dato' Hj. Sufa'at bin Tumin - Chairman for SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Members and Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin binti Hussain - Director of SEAMEO SEN, Malaysia





Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul, Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain and YB Dato' Tajul Urus Mat Zain with SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Members



Media coverage and interview by RTM Malaysia (National Media). YB Dato' Tajul Urus Mat Zain (left), Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain (right)

## MEETING

A total of nine (9) out of eleven (11) Governing Board Members participated in the meeting.

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| 1. <b>MALAYSIA (Chairman of Governing Board Members)</b><br>Dato' Hj. Sufa'at Tumin : Board Member | 6. <b>MYANMAR</b><br>Dr. Myo Thien Gyi : Board Member  |
| 2. <b>SINGAPORE</b><br>Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied : Board Member                                 | 7. <b>BRUNEI</b><br>Mr. Bukit bin Hidup : Board Member |
| 3. <b>THAILAND</b><br>Dr. Payom Chinnawong : Board Member  | 8. <b>LAO PDR</b><br>Mdm. Yangxia Lee : Board Member   |
| 4. <b>INDONESIA</b><br>Dr. Mudjito A.K : Board Member  | 9. <b>CAMBODIA</b><br>Mr. Kann Puthy : Representative  |
| 5. <b>PHILIPPINES</b><br>Dr. Mirla R. Olores : Representative                                      | 10. <b>VIETNAM</b><br>No representative                |
|  | 11. <b>TIMOR LESTE</b><br>No representative            |

SEAMEO SEN also sent out invitation to observers. Five (5) observers were present.

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|--|---|
| 1. <b>MELAKA STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT</b><br>Datuk Hj. Md. Rashid bin Hj. Hussin | 4. <b>MOE INDONESIA</b><br>Mr. Husaini Wardi      |
| 2. <b>KEDAH STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT</b><br>Datin Hj. Azuyah binti Hassan        | 5. <b>MOE THAILAND</b><br>Dr. Samart Ratanasakorn |
| 3. <b>ICEVI</b><br>Dato' S. Kulasegaran  |   |



The Governing Board Meeting was chaired by Y.Bhg. Dato' Sufa'at bin Tumin. From Left: Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain, Dato' Hj. Sufa'at Tumin and Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul



From Left: Governing Board Member from Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Singapore



From Left: Governing Board Member from Brunei, Philippines, and Lao PDR



Standing from left: Governing Board Member from Thailand, Cambodia, Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Rep – Thailand, Rep – ICEVI, Rep – Indonesia

Seated from left: Governing Board Member from Singapore, Philippines, SEAMEO SEN Director, SEAMEO Secretariat Director, Governing Board Member from Malaysia, Myanmar



## EDUCATIONAL VISITS - LANGKAWI ISLAND

Located off the coast of Kedah, Langkawi Island is one of the 99 clusters of islands offering the best of many worlds: beautiful beaches, world-class infrastructure, mangroves rich in flora and fauna, cheap duty-free shopping and fascinating legends. Langkawi is also listed as one of UNESCO World Geopark Site.

Langkawi has a lingering legend woven into its history. One of its famous legends, about the tragic story of a beautiful young lady named Mahsuri, and you'll hear a tale of love, jealousy and a curse that was placed upon the island by her for seven generations.

Today, the seventh generation of Langkawi's inhabitants has long come and gone, but people here still believe that the prosperity and blessings the islands enjoy today and the passing of the curse is no mere coincidence. The mysticism of this legend can be felt in many parts of this island, especially at Makam Mahsuri (Mahsuri's Mausoleum), where Mahsuri is said to be buried.

Alongside the legends, Langkawi is famous for its beautiful preserves nature, from the breathtaking view of Mount Mat Cincang to the serene beaches and islands. This year, SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Members were taken to experience the beauty of Langkawi and the island's famous legend.

Apart from organizing the Governing Board Meeting, the centre believes part of its responsibilities is to promote Malaysia to the region. Let this be the first of the Governing Board Members many visits to Langkawi and Malaysia.





Eagle Feeding and Mangroves Tour (UNESCO Geopark Site)



Tun Mahathir's Gallery, Galeria Perdana (Malaysia's Former Prime Minister)



Langkawi Cable Car





Mahsuri Mausoleum (Langkawi's Legend) with a touch of Cultural Performances



## DINNER HOSTED BY KEDAH STATE GOVERNMENT



Guest of Honour: Kedah Chief Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Mukhriz Tun Mahathir. Also present, the State Education Chairman – YB Dato' Tajul Urus bin Md. Zin, Langkawi District Officer – Tn. Hj. Mohd Fuzi bin Mohaidin, assemblymen, Kedah State Education Director – Datin Hj. Azuyah binti Hassan, Melaka State Education Director – Datuk Hj. Md. Rashid Hj. Hussin and LADA Deputy CEO – Dr. Yusof bin Ismail



(Left) Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain delivering the opening speech. (Centre) Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul gave a speech on behalf of SEAMEO Secretariat. (Right) YAB Dato' Seri Mukhriz Tun Mahathir delivered the welcoming speech to the delegates from SEAMEO SEN.



Performances by students from schools around Langkawi.



YAB Dato' Seri Mukhriz on behalf of SEAMEO SEN presenting souvenirs to Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul and Dato' Hj. Sufa'at Tumin, a token of appreciation from SEAMEO SEN.

(Right) Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain presenting souvenirs to YAB Dato' Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

Note: Dato' Hj. Sufa'at Tumin has retired effective 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul will be retiring in March 2015



Group photo during SEAMEO SEN 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting Dinner with the Chief Minister of Kedah





Group photo of Committee Members of SEAMEO SEN 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting

## DINNER HOSTED BY LANGKAWI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LADA)



Dr. Yusof bin Ismail, LADA Deputy CEO welcoming SEAMEO SEN delegates. The delegates were entertained with cultural performances by dancers from LADA



REPORT OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**REPORT**

The second SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Member Meeting was successfully conducted at BAYVIEW HOTEL LANGKAWI, KEDAH, MALAYSIA from 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2014. The meeting was attended by observers from Melaka State Education Department, Kedah State Education Department, Ministry of Education Indonesia, Ministry of Education Thailand, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI East Asia), Institute Pendidikan Guru Malaysia (IPGM), SEAMEO SEN's key personnel and the Governing Board Members as listed below:

**Professor Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul** : Director of SEAMEO SECRETARIAT  
**Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin bt Hussain** : Director of SEAMEO SEN  
**Mr. Bukit Hidup** : GBM Brunei Darussalam  
**Mr. Kann Puthy** : Representative for GBM Cambodia (Mr Chan Sophea)  
**Dr. Mudjito AK** : GBM Indonesia  
**Ms Yangxia Lee** : GBM of Lao PDR  
**Dato' Sufa'at b Tumin** : GBM of Malaysia  
**Dr. Myo Thein Gyi** : GBM of Myanmar  
**Dr. Mirla R. Olores** : Representative for GBM Philippines, Dr. Dina S. Ocampo  
**Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied** : GBM of Singapore  
**Dr. Payom Chinnawong** : GBM of Thailand

The matters that were presented during the meeting includes proposed extension of seconded personnel of Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof and Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir and proposed appointment of Dr. Kway Eng Hock as Deputy Director of Research and Evaluation. The papers were presented and endorsed by board members. Among papers that were presented for approval are the audited financial report of 2013/2014, the programs that were conducted during FY 2013/2014 and most importantly the acceptance and endorsement of SEAMEO SEN's FIRST FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The meeting also highlight SEAMEO SEN's achievement in conducting programs and trainings as well as networking with Institute on Disability and Public Policy, American University. The third Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be in September in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.



## The Establishment of SEAMEO

On 30 November 1965, Ministers of Education and high-level officials from Southeast Asian countries gathered for a meeting in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss the possibility of a mechanism for cooperation to be established through the sharing of existing knowledge, developing expertise, and addressing educational issues for common benefits of the countries in the region. The meeting marked the creation of a regional intergovernmental organisation – SEAMEO. It was the beginning of many success stories and tales of Southeast Asian community, working together to nurture and develop capacities and exploring potentials in human resource development. Over the period of half a century, SEAMEO has expanded and gained strength to stand as a significant regional Organization whose works in education, science and culture continue to improve and enrich the lives of people in Southeast Asia and beyond.

## SEAMEO Now

SEAMEO has come a long way since its establishment. It now comprises 11 Member Countries in Southeast Asia, 3 Associate Members around the world, and 3 Affiliate Members. The Organization has been consistent and steadfast in pursuing various specialisations in education, archaeology, cultural diversity and regional identity, heritage preservation, values, agriculture, biodiversity and biotechnology, natural resources and environmental management, health education and life skills development. The Organization's work is driven by regional needs, fuelled by the spirit of Southeast Asian community.

## Milestones





## Future of SEAMEO

shment in 1965. Today SEAMEO membership in Asia, 8 Associate Member Countries from through its 21 Regional Centres and Network, pursuing activities in its priority areas including biology and history, arts and design, cultural education and cultural management, traditions and technology, disaster management, food and nutrition, environment, preventive health, and reproductive health. Central to the activities is the special focus on Southeast Asian cooperation.

SEAMEO is now on track towards achieving a common vision – Golden SEAMEO 2020 – a vision anchoring on four strategic thrusts; Regional Leadership and International Visibility, Programme Excellence and Dynamism, Internal Capacity Building, and SEAMEO Values and Social Responsibility. This vision is SEAMEO's culmination of strengths and values to equip itself to embrace the challenges of the future.



## SEAMEO Member Countries



## Associate Member Countries



## Affiliate Members



## SEAMEO SEN INITIATIVES

### Activities Related to SEAMEO 50th Anniversary

- Bowling championship with SEN children jointly organized with Convent School Melaka - 27th March 2015 (Mahkota Parade Complex, Melaka)
- Melaka State Education Carnival  
2nd to 5th April 2015 (Melaka International Trade Center, Melaka)
- Green Awareness Program for Special Education Children  
28th April 2015 (IPGK Perempuan Melayu, Melaka)
- International Conference on Special Education jointly organized with MOE Thailand - 28th – 31st July 2015 (Bangkok, Thailand)
- Walk for SEN, joint organizer: MOE Malaysia, Melaka State Education Department, Public and Private Higher Learning Institutions, SEAMEO Centres, Welfare Department and NGO's  
August 2015 – yet to be confirmed (Melaka)
- Incorporation of SEAMEO 50th logo in letter heads, announcements and webpage of SEAMEO SEN - All year long
- Display of SEAMEO 50th logo in the center's reception and in front of the building entrance - All year long
- Incorporation of SEAMEO 50th logo in SEAMEO SEN's 3rd, 4th and 5th Bulletin - April 2015, August 2015 & December 2015

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# TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

## KURSUS PENINGKATAN PROFESIONALISME

**Course title:** Kursus Peningkatan Profesionalisme, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN & Special Education Division, MOE Malaysia

**Facilitator:** Ms. Kayo (JICA) and Ms. Kimi (JICA)

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To impart best practices in the teaching and learning of Special Needs Children.
- ii. To instil professionalism in the teaching and learning of Special Needs students.
- iii. To encourage exchange of ideas and skills for continuous professional development for special education teachers.

**Participants:**

Selected school teachers from school all over Melaka state

**Course Summary:**

This 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.



Presenting of Certificates to Speakers and Participants

Group Photograph

## SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE – BMKT, LEVEL 1, SERIES 1

**Course title:** Sign Language Course – BMKT, Level 1, Series 1

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To understand the characters or characteristics of a deaf student and the challenges they are facing
- ii. To master the BMKT code
- iii. To help the deaf person to be individuals who are productive and able to support themselves
- iv. To respect the deaf as a person who has feelings and needs attention

**Participants:**

70 Officers, Lecturers and Teachers from school and institutions all over Malaysia.

**Course Summary:**

Special Education teachers who teach student with disabilities must have extensive education and training before they can be fully licensed to teach. Specializations can be obtained in the field of deaf education. Becoming a deaf education teacher requires considerable patience and effort. Through this training, participants are expected to learn a wide variety of communication techniques to enhance the educational experience of deaf students.



The speakers sharing and discussing the importance of communication with the deaf



Group Assignment

## ORIENTATION & MOBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS: VISUAL IMPAIRED

**Course title:** Orientation & Mobility for Special Education Teachers: Visual Impaired

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN and Special Education Division, MOE Malaysia

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To master basic knowledge and skills in orientation and mobility.
- ii. To guide and help the visual impaired student to move with confident , comfortable and safe.
- iii. To apply the knowledge they gain to the visual impaired student at their school.
- iv. To coordinate and harmonize the techniques and teaching approaches for orientation and mobility.

**Participants:**

30 Special Education Teachers from all over Melaka State.

**Course Summary:**

Sight loss affects everyone in different ways. Some people may have enough useful vision to move around independently, while other may require a mobility aid such as a long cane. This course may help teachers to develop the skills required so that they will be able to help their students to build up their confidence in a safe environment.



Outdoor Session



Lecture Session



## SEAMEO SEN 1<sup>ST</sup> FIVE-YEAR PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

**Programme title:** SEAMEO SEN 1<sup>st</sup> Five-Year Development Plan Workshop

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Venue:** Equatorial Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN

### Programme Objectives:

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and structure SEAMEO SEN's training and research activities for the next 5 years which should be in line with Golden SEAMEO. This is the first workshop of such contention for SEAMEO SEN since its establishment in June 2013. The outcome of the workshop shall prepare the centre in delivering quality and relevant education services in the field of Special Education in this region.



Workshop in progress



Workshop in progress



## REPORT

### **SEAMEO SEN First 5-year Development Workshop 2014 – 2018**

14 - 15 AUGUST 2014

EQUATORIAL HOTEL MELAKA

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and structure SEAMEO SEN's training and research activities for the next 5 years which should be in line with Golden SEAMEO. This is the first workshop of such contention for SEAMEO SEN since its establishment in June 2013. The outcome of the workshop shall prepare the centre in delivering quality and relevant education services in the field of Special Education in this region.

#### **The workshop was attended by:**

**SEAMEO Secretariat:** Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul - Director of SEAMEO Secretariat.

#### **SEAMEO SEN's Governing Board Members:**

Dato' Hj. Sufa'at bin Tumin - Timbalan Ketua Pengarah Pelajaran Malaysia & also Chairman of SEAMEO SEN's Governing Board Members, Mr. Bukit bin Hidup – Brunei Darussalam, Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied - Singapore, Mrs. Yangxia Lee - Lao PDR, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi - Myanmar, Assoc. Prof Dr. Le Van Tac - Vietnam, Dr. Samart Ratanasakorn - Thailand (representative), Dr. Mirla R. Olores - Philippines (representative).

#### **Local Experts:**

Dr. Kway Eng Hock - UPSI, Dr. Hasnah Toran - UKM, En. Mokhtar Tahar - UKM, Dr. Safani Bari - UKM, Dr. Loh Sau Cheong - UM, Dr. Siti Fatimah Mohd Yassin - Permata PINTAR, En. Israfi Sayati - IPGKPM, En. Aziz Lani - JPN Melaka, Cik Paizah Zakaria - Special Education Division, MOE, Malaysia, En. Mohd Parawes Abdullah - Special Education Division, MOE, Malaysia

The outcomes of the workshop was very fruitful as the experts and the governing board members have contributed significantly to SEAMEO SEN's FFYDP. The programs for Training and Research Divisions were discussed and structured. The First Five Year Plan is based on SEAMEO SEN's functions and within the contention to enhance the quality of Special Education in the region. The basis of the plan is in line with United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children (1989), Jomtien Declaration (1990), The Salamanca Statement on Special Needs Education (1994), The Dakar Framework for Action (200), BIWAKO Millennium Framework for Action 2003 and United Nations for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006). These are educational agenda that emphasizes on the social justice model that advocates children with special needs are recognized and have rights to quality education and quality of life.

With structured and coordinated strategies and Key Area Results to be achieved, the plan prepares the platform for strengthening SEAMEO SEN's capacity to deliver effective Special Education Needs agenda in this region. The trainings and researches are designed within the 21<sup>st</sup> century global changes and current issues that pertain to educational agenda in Special Education. It is aspired that the plan would help to create the right momentum to direct SEAMEO SEN into delivering quality and effective services in Special education needs that embrace challenges and opportunities in the forthcoming years.

## REGULAR COURSE – BEST PRACTICES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING : AUTISM

**Course title:** Regular Course – Best Practices for Teaching & Learning: Autism

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:**

SEAMEO SEN in collaboration with Kolej Komuniti Bukit Beruang and IPGK Perempuan Melayu

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To impart best practices in the teaching and learning for teaching students with autism.
- ii. To give deeper perspectives and increased skills in the teaching and learning of students with autism.
- iii. To encourage exchange of ideas and skills for continuous professional development for special education teachers.

**Participants:**

25 selected teachers of Special Education from MOE of SEAMEO Member Countries.

**Course Summary:**

The course was attended by 25 special education teachers from Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines. The course was designed and conducted with the help of Assoc. Prof Dr Hasnah Toran from the Autism Lab University Kebangsaan Malaysia, College Community Bukit Beruang and trainers from the Malay Women Teachers Training Institute Melaka.



Ice-breaking activities



Sharing session by Dr. Hasnah Toran from Austim Lab, UKM



Course Participants visiting the Autism Lab in UKM



Briefing on the Autism Programme in UKM



Activities with Autism Children



Group Activities



## REGULAR COURSE – BEST PRACTICES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

**Course title:** Regular Course – Best Practices for Teaching and Learning: Visual Impairment

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:**

SEAMEO SEN in collaboration with IPGK Perempuan Melayu, ICEVI and PERKINS School for the Blind (Indonesia)

**Course Objectives:**

- i. To impart best practices in the teaching and learning for teaching students with visual impairment.
- ii. To give deeper perspectives and increased skills in the teaching and learning of students with visual impairment.
- iii. To encourage exchange of ideas and skills for continuous professional development for special education teachers.

**Participants:**

20 selected teachers of Special Education from MOE of SEAMEO Member Countries

**Course Summary:**

The course was attended by 20 special education teachers from Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. The course was designed with the help of International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment, Perkins School for the Blind and Ministry of Education Thailand.



Classroom session



Pair Assignment:  
Assisting the Blind



Therapy for Special  
Needs Children



Experiencing the Blind World: Daily  
Activities for the Blind



ICT for the Visually  
Impaired Students



Sports for the Blind



Sharing Session with PERKINS  
School for the Blind



Group Photograph

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – VISIT TO SARAWAK STATE EDUCATION OFFICE

**Course title:** Staff Development Programme – Visit to Sarawak State Education Office

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** Sarawak, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN

**Participants:** SEAMEO SEN Personnel

### Course Summary:

SEAMEO SEN has organized a staff development programme held in Sarawak for with a duration of 3 days. The programme aimed to inculcate in every staff members the motivation to be positive and proactive; to establish a harmony working environment and promote cooperation among staff members. Meetings were also held with the Sarawak Education Department and Public Higher Education Institutions i.e. UNIMAS, IPGK Batu Lintang.



Group photo with State Education Department



Presentation of Souvenirs to the Director of State Education Department



Cultural Performances organized by the



Presentation of Souvenirs to Datuk Fatimah Abdullah, Minister of Welfare, Women and Family Development



Wednesday 12 Nov 2014

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Nation

Sports

## Special education teachers to receive training from SEAMEO SEN

By : NewsDesk

Date Posted : Monday 03-Nov-2014

KUCHING: More special education teachers in the State will have the opportunity to receive training from South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation for Special Education Needs or SEAMEO SEN.

This was disclosed by the director of the organisation Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain at a dinner held in conjunction with her visit here recently.

"In the past, we invite special education teachers from Sabah and Sarawak for courses in Peninsula Malaysia. Now we think it is better we bring the facilitators to this State so that more special education teachers will benefit from the training," said Dr. Yasmin.

She hoped the visit would enhance tie between the State government and SEAMEO SEN in the development of special education for children with special needs.

Teachers chosen for the course should capitalize on the chance as it would help them on their way to be a professional or expert in the field, she said.

She disclosed SEAMEO SEN is presently making an effort to work along with all states in Malaysia so that more teachers on special education can be produced to meet the needs of special children in the country.


Assistant Minister of Early Childhood Education and Family Development Rosey Yunus in her speech said the State welcomed such initiative from SEAMEO SEN.

"This will assist us in our effort to provide education for the special children so that they will not feel isolated from the society and able to receive formal education like other children," she said.

She added the special children have needs that are different from normal children, the teaching of them needed different approaches also.

"With the development of more training chances for the teachers like this, more special children can succeed in education and hence realize their potentials and talents to live an independent life in future," said Rosey.

Also present at the dinner were Green Technology Melaka CEO Datuk Hj Kamaruddin Mat Shah, Chairman of Sarawak Parents and Teachers Association Hj Wan Zain Mohdzar, heads of government department and SEAMEO SEN delegation members.

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# SEMINARS

## ASEAN COMMUNITY AWARENESS SEMINAR



Talk by Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Visiting SEAMEO SEN's ASEAN section



Presentation by Regular Course Participants



Group Photograph

**Title:** ASEAN Community Awareness Seminar

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:**

SEAMEO SEN, Ministry of Education - Malaysia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Malaysia

**Speakers:** YM Dato' Nazrin Aznam (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Regular Course Participants

**Objectives:**

The ASEAN COMMUNITY AWARENESS SEMINAR is a programme that aimed to share information mostly on culture, similarities and background of the establishment of ASEAN.

- i. To share information on socio-cultural of ASEAN countries with Malaysian teachers and educators
- ii. To increase awareness on the concept of ASEAN community 2015
- iii. To get a general overview of the differences and similarities of the socio-cultural aspects among people of ASEAN region



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, ICEVI 2014 (VISUAL IMPAIRMENT)



SEAMEO SEN Delivering the Keynote Speech



Performances by Local School Students



Newspaper Article on the Conference



Visits to Special School in Lombok

**Title:** International Conference, ICEVI 2014 (Visual Impairment)

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia

**Organized by:** ICEVI Indonesia and Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia

**SEAMEO SEN Representatives:**

Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain bin Abdul Wahab and Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak

**Summary:**

SEAMEO SEN was invited to present in a keynote session In the International Conference, ICEVI 2014. Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, assisted by Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak presented the keynote speech session by sharing the Roles and Functions of SEAMEO SEN in Southeast Asia. ICEVI expressed great interest to be an active partner to SEAMEO SEN for the development of Visual Impairment education in the region.

ICEVI has officially signed a MOU with SEAMEO SEN on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

## ■ UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM ACROSS THE SCHOOL YEARS: LEARNING FROM THE UK AND SINGAPORE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM ACROSS THE SCHOOL YEARS: LEARNING FROM THE UK AND SINGAPORE



Dr. Laura Cockburn and Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied presentation session

**Title:** Understanding and Supporting Students on the Autism Spectrum across the school years: Learning from the UK and Singapore

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN

**Speakers:** Dr. Laura Cockburn and Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied

**Objectives:**

- i. Creating awareness on the characteristics of children with autism
- ii. Understanding the needs of educational systems to cater students with autism
- iii. The roles of agencies related to cater the needs of students with autism

**Participants:**

43 participants attended the seminar from various agencies in Malaysia including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, University students, staff from community rehabilitation centres and academic staff from various academic institutions.

**Summary:**

The one day seminar was conducted by Dr. Sharifah Mariam from MOE of Singapore and Dr. Laura Cockburn from National Autistic Society United Kingdom. The scope of the seminar is comprehensive and aims at creating awareness on understanding ASD as a developmental disorder and also examples of good practice and strategies for supporting students as well as a chance for participants to discuss and share their understanding on autism.

## SEMINAR: BEST PRACTICES IN PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION



Dr. Kway Eng Hock, SEAMEO SEN Deputy Director Delivering The Welcoming Speech to the Participants



Presentation Session



Presenting Souvenirs to Representative for Special Education Division, MOE

**Title:** Seminar: Best Practices in Preschool Special Education

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN and Special Education Division, MOE Malaysia

**Objectives:**

- i. To improve teachers of special education in professionalism teaching and learning of students
- ii. To share experience and best practices for local experts in the managing students with special educational needs
- iii. To produce special education teachers who high competence in the field of teaching and learning of students with educational needs.

**Participants:** 73 selected school teachers from MOE Malaysia

**Summary:**

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



## SEMINAR BEST PRACTICES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (JAPAN PERSPECTIVES)



**Title:** Seminar Best Practices in Special Education (Japan Perspectives)

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** IPGK Perempuan Melayu, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:**

SEAMEO SEN, Tsukuba University, Institute of Disability and Public Policy (IDPP)

**Objectives:**

- i. To share experience and best practices in managing students with special educational needs
- ii. To provide a platform for collaborations

**Participants:** 175 participants attended the seminar

**Summary:**

The speakers for the one-day seminar were Prof. Dr. Inho Chung, Asst. Prof Dr. Ami Sambai (University of Tsukuba), Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn (Institute on Disabilities and Public Policies for the ASEAN Region - IDPP) and Dr. Kway Eng Hock (Deputy Director Research, Innovation and Evaluation Division SEAMEO SEN). Participants were given exposure and sharing of best practices in learning and teaching of special need children. Despite focusing on Japan perspectives, the knowledge shared can still be applied locally. SEAMEO SEN will discuss with University of Tsukuba, Japan to have more programmes together.

## SEMINAR BEST PRACTICES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



Seminar Best Practices in Special Education. Invited Speakers (left) Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn and (right) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasnah Toran

**Title:** Seminar Best Practices in Special Education

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** Bayview Hotel, Langkawi, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO SEN

**Objectives:**

- i. To improve teachers of special education in professionalism teaching and learning of students
- ii. To share experience and best practices for foreign experts in the managing students with special educational needs
- iii. To produce special education teachers who high competence in the field of teaching and learning of students with educational needs

**Participants:** 83 Teachers from schools in Kedah State

**Summary:**

The seminar was in conjunction with SEAMEO SEN 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting held in Langkawi, Kedah. It aimed to expose and educate teachers from nearby schools on the current methodology used by SEAMEO member countries. In addition to that, invited speakers such as Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasnah Toran (Permata Kurnia) and Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn (IDPP) presented on Autism and Policy respectively.



## SEMINAR 47<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN DAY CELEBRATION



Dr. Laura Cockburn and Dr. Sharifah Mariam Aljunied presentation session

**Title:** 47<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day Celebration

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Venue:** University Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), Terengganu, Malaysia

**Organized by:** University Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)

**SEAMEO SEN Representatives:** Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Muhammad Asyraf Maarif

### Summary:

SEAMEO SEN took part in the 47<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day Celebration held at UMT Terengganu. The seminar is a programme to promote awareness for the public, especially to higher learning institution and school students. As a regional centre that service countries of Southeast Asian, SEAMEO SEN took the initiatives of sharing information about the region in the seminar.

## SEMINAR SEHARI BERSAMA INSAN ISTIMEWA

(A DAY WITH SPECIAL CHILDREN)



Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Delivering A Talk On Child Development

Activities with Special Children



PUSPANITA Melaka Participating in Activities



Sharing Session





Media Coverage of the Event

**Title:** Seminar: Sehari Bersama Insan Istimewa / A Day with Special Children

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Venue:** IPGK Perempuan Melayu, Melaka, Malaysia

**Organized by:** PUSPANITA Melaka, SEAMEO SEN, LPPKP and Melaka Chief Minister's Office

**Objectives:**

- To expose the public to understand more closely the needs of people with disabilities
- To enhance partnership and collaboration between SEAMEO SEN and
- To respect of children with disabilities as people who have feelings and special need
- To share experience and best practices from experts in the managing students with special educational need

**Participants:**

150 children with special needs and 150 teachers & 50 family members.

**Summary:**

The main objective of the seminar is to be a platform to share knowledge especially the needs of people with disabilities to educators, NGO's, government bodies, community rehabilitation centres, pre-service teachers and parents. The program which gathers department and agencies under one roof among others aims to create good relationship among the attendees.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE



**Title:** Special Education Needs Access and Engagement Conference

**Paper Title:** Windows of Inclusion: The Experience in Southeast Asia

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** Zayed University, Dubai, UAE

**Organized by:** Zayed University and British Council

**SEAMEO SEN Representatives:** Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain , Ms. Mazmi Maarof

### ABSTRACT

#### Special Educational Needs: Access and Engagement Conference

9 - 10 December 2014

Zayed University, DUBAI UAE

British Council

#### Attended by:

Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain, Director of SEAMEO SEN

Miss Mazmi Maarof, Training Coordinator, SEAMEO SEN

Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain presented a paper entitled "Windows on inclusion: the experience in Southeast Asia"

#### Abstract

The presentation describes the current practice and issues of inclusive education for students with disabilities among 11 SEAMEO member countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor Leste). SEAMEO SEN's initiatives in providing services to cater for the development of inclusive education in the region is also shared. Findings are gained through articles, journals and reports written in workshops for Special Education conducted by universities and institutions in the region and workshop conducted by SEAMEO SEN and educational visits to member countries. Current development of inclusive education in the countries are highlighted to inform on the progress of inclusion in the SEA region.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, CULTURE AND EDUCATION (ICLLCE)



**Title:** International Conference on Language, Literature, Culture and Education (ICLLCE)

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** PNB Darby Park, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Organized by:**

Stratford Language Centre, SEAMEO SEN, University College Sabah Foundation, Infobase Creation Sdn Bhd

**SEAMEO SEN Representatives:** Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

### Summary:

The conference was one of the steps taken by SEAMEO SEN to create awareness across other education segments. SEAMEO SEN presence in the conference gave the opportunity for the centre to share with educators on the education for people with disabilities. It is the ambition of the centre to see special needs children have an equal education opportunity alongside their peers in the mainstream program.



# EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION MEETINGS

## MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA)

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Attendees:** Mr. Ueda (JICA), Ms. Kayo (JICA Volunteer), Mr. Zaidee (JPN Melaka)

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Hazzlan Sama, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab



## INSTITUTE ON DIPLOMACY AND PUBLIC POLICY (IDPP) DELEGATES VISIT TO SEAMEO SEN, MELAKA & DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE COLLABORATION

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Venue:** Avillion Legacy Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, Ms. Shahidah Abd Rahman, Ms. Noor Addlina Oshman, Ms. Jayanthi Arumugam



## MEETING WITH BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, MOE THAILAND

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** Bangkok, Thailand

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof





## IDPP COURTESY CALL TO SEAMEO SECRETARIAT AND DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATION ORGANIZED BY SEAMEO SEN

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO Secretariat, Liberty Plaza Building, Bangkok, Thailand

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof



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### SEAMEO Joins IDPP Partnership Network



The IDPP is pleased to welcome the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) as its fourth outreach partner and newest member of the IDPP global partnership network. SEAMEO joins outreach partners Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies (G3ict); Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD); International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI); and 19 renowned universities across ASEAN and around the world focused on building an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based ASEAN region.

Following an initial meeting between the IDPP and SEAMEO's Special Education Network (SEAMEO SEN) during the 2014 IDPP Annual Meeting, IDPP and SEAMEO have continued to work toward creating a strategic collaborative work partnership. During an extended executive mission to ASEAN in September, IDPP Executive Director Dr. Derrick Cogburn, along with IDPP Executive Committee Member and Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation Mr. Shuichi Ohno, visited the SEAMEO secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand to meet with SEAMEO Director Dr. Witaya; SEAMEO SEN Director Dr. Yasmin binti Hussain; and other senior officials to continue to discuss the formation of a partnership. Subsequently, the IDPP and SEAMEO SEN organized a series of meetings and collaborative work opportunities throughout the month that culminated in an invitation to present on a prospective SEAMEO-IDPP partnership during the Annual SEAMEO Board Meeting held from 28-29 September in Langkawi, Malaysia.

The IDPP is now working on plans to host a delegation of approximately 20 SEAMEO senior officials and research center directors for a study tour to Washington, DC and New York in January 2015. During their stay, members of the SEAMEO delegation will make several key site visits in both cities, including visits to American University's campus, the U.S. Department of State, USAID, several ASEAN member country embassies, and United Nations headquarters in New York.

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is a regional intergovernmental organization established in 1965 to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture.

As an organization that has continued to nurture human capacities and explore peoples' fullest potential, SEAMEO maintains its work and aspirations for development with peoples of the region to make lives better in quality and equity in education, preventive health education,



## TECHNICAL MEETING: AUTISM SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS IN LOW RESOURCE SETTINGS - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE RESEARCH AND SERVICES WORLDWIDE

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**Venue:** Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA

**Organized by:**

Autism Speaks, John Hopkins School, International Society for Autism Research (INSAR), World Health Organization (WHO)

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain



The meeting objectives are:

- i. To better understand the state of the science on screening and diagnostic approaches for autism spectrum disorder
- ii. To review the global experience with existing and potentially new instruments for screening and diagnosis for the detection and assessment of autism spectrum disorder
- iii. To identify opportunities and barriers to developing these tools for use in public domain that can advance autism research and enhance services worldwide
- iv. To identify opportunities and barriers to developing these tools for use in public domain that can advance autism research and enhance services worldwide
- v. To create a plan with next steps on development of this broad-based initiatives

A number of presentations were presented:

- i. Global Perspective: Making the Case by Maureen Durkin
- ii. Systematic review on DD/mental health screening and diagnostic tools by Mark Tomlinson
- iii. Systematic review on ASD screening and diagnostic tools by Tony Charman
- iv. Feasibility Opportunities – Country Experiences and Practices (China, Uganda, South Africa, Argentina, Russia)
- v. Feasibility Challenges and Barriers – Translation and Adaptation by Richard Grinker (Diagnosis Cultre), Amina Abubakar (Cultural adaptation), Cathy Rice (Adaptation/ Translation and training processes)

- vi. Potential Screening and Diagnostic Approaches in LAMIC
  - o Chris Sheldrick (SWYC – US)
  - o Wendy Stone (STAT – US)
  - o Amy Wetherby (Video-based Assessment – US/South Africa)
  - o David Skuse (3Di – UK)
  - o Thomas Layton (Chinese Autism Diagnostic Scale/CADS – China)
  - o Melissa Gladstone (MDAT – Malawi)
  - o Farzana Islam (TQP, RNDA – Bangladesh)
  - o Vikram Patel – INCLEN (NDST, CCC – India)
- vii. Global Mental Health Perspective on Autism Screening and Diagnosis: What Needs to Happen?  
By Vikram Patel

## ■ MOU BETWEEN SEAMEO SEN AND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION OF PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (ICEVI) ■

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**Attendees:** Dr. M.N.G. Mani, Dr. Suwimon Udompiriyasak, Dato' S. Kulasegaran

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain and all SEAMEO SEN Officers

SEAMEO SEN Regular Course “Best Practices for Teaching and Learning: Visual Impairment” marks the first collaboration between the two organizations. For 2015, it has been confirmed that ICEVI will co-sponsors five (5) training programmes under the topic of visual impairment which will involves participants from all over Southeast Asia.



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MELAKA HARI INI MAJU FASA II



# SEAMEO SEN tumpu pelajar berkeperluan khas

Oleh AFLIEZA ARSHAD

DURIAN DAUN 3 Nov. - Pusat Seranta Pertubuhan Menteri-Menteri Pelajaran Asia Tenggara dalam Bidang Pendidikan Khas (SEAMEO SEN) akan melaksanakan pelbagai usaha terbaik membantu para pelajar berkeperluan khas.

Pengarahannya, Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain berkata, pi-

haknya serta agensi berkaitan akan memikirkan inisiatif bagi membantu pelajar terbahagi mengasasi kemahiran sesuai supaya mampu meningkatkan bidang pelajaran dan kerjaya mereka.

Katanya, SEAMEO SEN bertanggungjawab menjalankan usaha ini dan tidak akan meminggirkan golongan pelajar istimewa ini, bahkan kita merancang banyak perkara

untuk tujuan peningkatan taraf pendidikan mereka.

"Kita akan terus berusaha merapatkan jurang pencapaian pelajar istimewa dan pelajar normal dalam bidang pendidikan agar mereka juga akan memperoleh manfaatnya sama ada untuk pendidikan dan

masa depan mereka pada masa akan datang," katanya.

Yasmin berkata demikian ketika berucap pada majlis menandatangani Perjanjian Persefahaman (MoU) di antara SEAMEO SEN dan *International Council for Education of People With Visual Impairment*

(ICEVI) di pejabatnya dekat sini, hari ini.

Hadir sama, Ketua ICEVI Asia Timur, Dr. Suwimon Udompiriyasak, Deputy Chairman, Timbalan Ketua ICEVI Datuk Dr. Kulasegaran dan Ketua Pegawai Operasi ICEVI, Dr M.N.G. Mani.



YASMIN dan Suwimon bertukar dokumen selepas selesai majlis MoU.



ANTARA wakil SEAMEO SEN dan ICEVI yang hadir dalam majlis tersebut.

## SEAMEO BASIC EDUCATION STANDARDS (SEA-BES) AND THE SOUTHEAST ASIA PRIMARY LEARNING METRICS (SEA-PLM)

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO RECSAM, Penang, Malaysia

**Organized by:** SEAMEO Secretariat, SEAMEO RECSAM, UNICEF EAPRO

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Ms. Mazmi Maarof and Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir





## COURTESY CALL BY SEAMEO VOCTECH DIRECTOR, MR. SHARIFUDDIN

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak and Ms. Siti Nadia Sahak



## UNICEF: RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** Phnom Penh Cambodia

**Organized by:** UNICEF

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Dr. Kway Eng Hock and Ms. Mazmi Maarof



## MEETING WITH MR. CHAN SOPHEA, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMBODIA

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Dr. Kway Eng Hock and Ms. Mazmi Maarof



## MEETING WITH IDPP ON TRAINING PROGRAMME COLLABORATION

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab and Mr. Hazzlan Sama



## MELAKA STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak and Mr. Hazzlan Sama



## MEETING WITH DR. LAURA COCKBURN AND DR. SHARIFAH MARIAM ON AUTISM PERSPECTIVES

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah and Mr. Hazzlan Sama





## COURTESY CALL BY DELEGATES FROM UNIVERSITAS LAMBUNG MANGKURAT, KALIMANTAN SELATAN, INDONESIA

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:**

Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, , Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Mr. Hazzlan Sama, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak Ms. Noor Adila Ab. Khalim, Ms. Shahidah Sahak and Ms. Siti Nadia Sahak



# EDUCATIONAL VISITS

## SEAMEO-UK EDUCATION AND RESEARCH LINK

**Title:** SEAMEO –UK Education and Research Link

**Location:**

UK Institutions (British Council, University College London, Queen Mary University of London, National Centre for Universities and Business, University of West England, University of Bristol, University of Swansea)

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Organizer:** SEAMEO Secretariat and British Council

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain

SEAMEO, in the recent years, has been putting efforts on fostering greater awareness and greater participation among the major stakeholders in the region and reaching out to new partners beyond the region. The efforts on building mutually beneficial and cooperative relationships are aimed towards fulfilling its mandate to improve the education system and life of people in Southeast Asia.

It is in this light that SEAMEO-UK Education and Research Link: SEAMEO's Study Visit to UK Education and Research Institution was organized to strengthen the relationship with British Council for possible support form the UK-ASEAN Knowledge Partnership Framework

The initiative, which seeks to raise the bar of international collaboration on education and research, is in line with the goal of UK-ASEAN Knowledge Partnership to create new partnerships between UK and Southeast Asia in knowledge-related fields of education, research and development and innovation.



## WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS - PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, USA

**Title:** Understanding Deafblindness Services

**Location:** Perkins International, Watertown, MA, USA

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Organizer:** Bureau of Special Education, MOE Thailand & Perkins International

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Hussain

As a centre that has long established since 1829, Perkins International has done a lot of programmes internationally for those who are blind, deafblind and visually impaired. The centre welcomes guest to learn and understand more on their educational strategies, training and as well as resources.

SEAMEO SEN look forward to further discuss on programs such as Transition program, Partnership program, Outreach program, Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library, Assistive Technology and Learning Media for the use of training and research.





## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DECLARATION CEREMONY, ENREKANG, MAKASSAR AND PALU, INDONESIA

**Title:** Invitation as Presenter in the Inclusive Education Declaration Ceremony, Enrekang, Makassar, Indonesia

**Location:** Makassar and Palu, Indonesia

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Organizer:** Special Education Department, MOE Indonesia

**SEAMEO SEN Personnel:** Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin Hussain and Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir



# HIGHLIGHTS

## THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Centre Government Complex Hotel & Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand  
28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

### Registration Form

The international Conference on Special Education  
28th July - 31st July 2015

Centre Government Complex Hotel & Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

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Bangkok, 10300, THAILAND  
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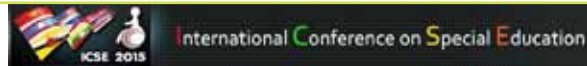
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### ICSE 2015 The International Conference on Special Education:

Innovation to Enhance Learning Initiatives and Practices  
28th July - 31st July 2015  
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Innovation is very important in Education. It presents new ways of teaching and learning and presents challenges and opportunities or those who are involved in Special Education. This conference will be a unique experience that includes evidence-based research of pedagogical innovations in education. In many societies, person with disabilities face a lot of challenges to function 'normally' especially to gain access and the rights to receive appropriate education that cater to their needs. Therefore with innovation new methods in teaching and learning, development of assistive devices, ICT applied teaching gadget and use of cyber learning, students with disabilities are given the opportunities to get better access to education. The latest research on these strategies and approaches will be presented by researchers and practitioners. This conference will offer lectures, presentations, and exhibition on a variety of models of innovative and best practices.

### Objectives

- Explore new innovation from a range of areas in Special Education
- Showcase cutting edge research and innovative developments in Special Education
- Bring together seminar participants from different disciplines in Special Education
- Use the seminars to develop links between academics and stakeholders in Special Education

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We are inviting abstracts/proposals for paper presentations and posters/exhibits addressing the Innovation and special education through one of the following themes:

- Learning and Innovation for Student with Special Education Needs
- Innovation in Early Intervention
- Innovation in Inclusive Education
- Transition from School to Employment
- TVET :Technical Vocational Education Training for SEN
- Innovation in Deafblind and Multiple Disabilities Education
- Networking in Special Education
- Policy on Disabilities
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### Important Deadline

- Abstract submission: 15th April 2015
- Abstract acceptance notification: 30th April 2015
- Full paper submission: 31st May 2015
- Registration for Presenters: 31st May 2015
- Registration for Participants: 20th June 2015
- Conference date: 28th July - 31st July 2015

### Language of Presentation

Presentation will be delivered in **English** and **Thai** with simultaneous interpreters

**Types of presentation:** Oral Presentation / Poster Presentation

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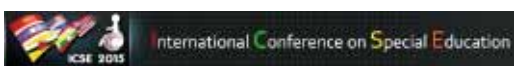
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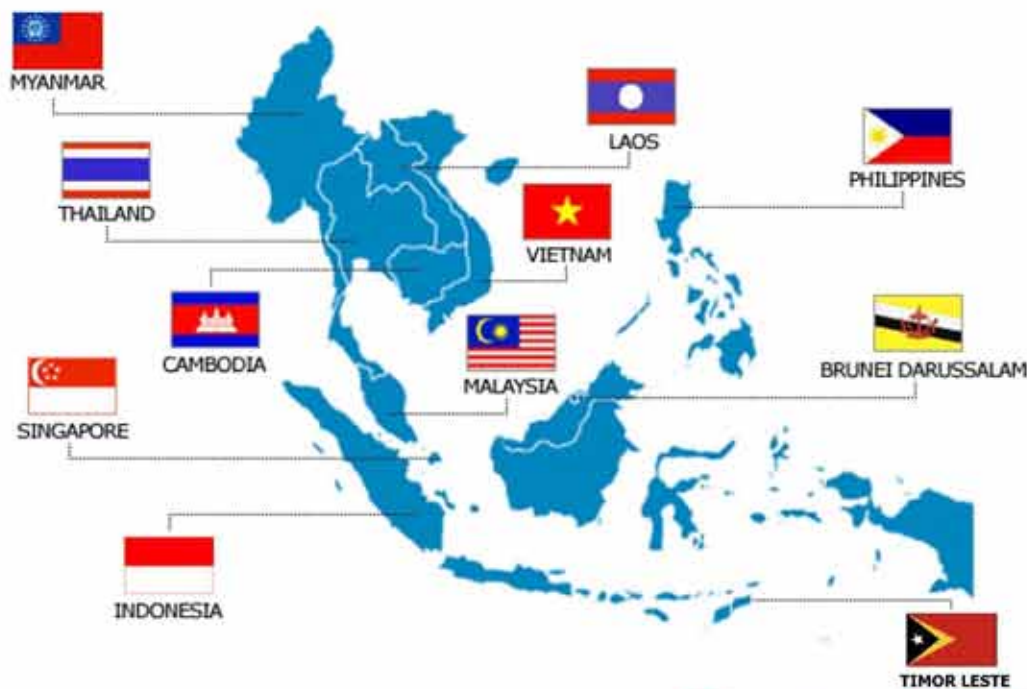




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