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Dear Readers...

I am pleased to announce the publication of the 4th issue of Voice of SEAMEO SEN, our semi-annual bulletin covering activities from January to July 2015. The centre has marks its two-year period of operations and as it has now known by many organizations, expectations are now higher.

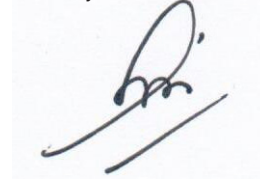
SEAMEO SEN has just completed our 2nd Governing Board Meeting in Langkawi, Kedah in September 2014 with the strong support of Kedah State Government and Kedah State Education Department. Quite a number of important issues have been discussed in order to ensure SEAMEO SEN roles and function is aligning with the current needs. 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.

We are now fast approaching our 1st International Conference on Special Education (ICSE 2015) which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 28th – 31st July 2015. Currently, SEAMEO SEN and the Special Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Thailand are working very hard to make sure the conference serve as a platform for exchanging expertise on Special Needs Education in the region. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to together take part in the event.

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

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

Thank you



Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin binti Hussain
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SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, MALAYSIA





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VISION

Leading Centre for Quality Teaching and Learning in Special Education Needs

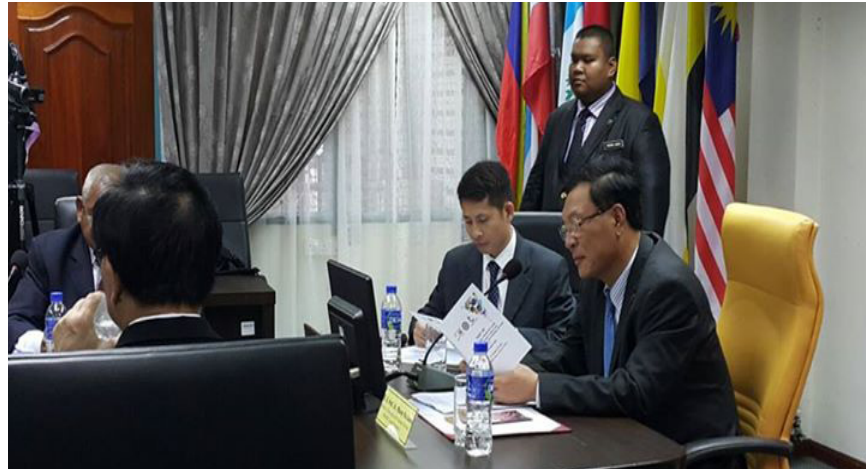
MISSION

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

H.E. PROF. DR. PHAM VU LUAN, PRESIDENT OF SEAMEO COUNCIL (SEAMEC) AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, VIETNAM VISITS TO SEAMEO SEN, MALAYSIA



The meeting was part of the SEAMEC President's official visit to Malaysia from 1st – 2nd March 2015. The SEAMEC President was accompanied by Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul, Director, SEAMEO Secretariat; Mr. Tran Ba Viet Dzung, Advisor to the Minister on SEAMEO and ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Education and Training (MOET); Ms. Phung Thi Hong Van, Senior Officer at MOET's International Co-operation Department; Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Nam, Editor in Chief of the Education and Times Journal; and Mr. Nguyen Dang Khue, Lecturer at Hanoi University of Foreign Studies.

H.E. Prof Dr. Pham Vu Luan was elected as the SEAMEC President by the Ministers of Education from the 11 SEAMEO member countries for a 2-year term beginning from March 2011 ending March 2015.

In his visit to SEAMEO SEN, His Excellency Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan, commended the centre on its accomplishment despite only being in operation for less than two years. The SEAMEC President acknowledged the centre's concerted efforts in contributing to attaining SEAMEO's goals and addressing the concerns of their respective stakeholders in the region. Also present in the meeting on behalf of the Chief Minister of Melaka, was His Honorable Datuk Wira Hj. Md. Yunus bin Husin; Exco for Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Green Technology and Innovation for the state of Melaka; Datuk Hj. Md. Rashid bin Husin; Melaka State Education Director and Cik Siti Norkiah Idris; Director of IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu.

Prior to the meeting His Excellency Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan was invited to a short discussion in Putrajaya with YAB Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Yassin, the Education Minister of Malaysia who is also the Deputy Prime Minister of the country.

The SEAMEO Council, SEAMEO's governing body, is composed of the 11 ministers of education of the SEAMEO Member Countries. SEAMEO is an international and regional intergovernmental organization whose members are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. It has 21 Specialist Regional Centres in Southeast Asia.

SEAMEO collaborates with global and international organizations like UNESCO, UNICEF, Asian Development Bank, ASEAN and others in the execution of its mandate which is the promotion of cooperation in education, science and culture. It is also supported by its Associate Member Countries: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand and Spain. The International Council for Open and Distance Education, Tsukuba University, Japan and the British Council are Affiliate Members. The headquarters of SEAMEO is located in Bangkok, Thailand.

APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ADMIRAL NARONG PIPATANASAI, THE EDUCATION MINISTER OF THAILAND THE NEW PRESIDENT OF SEAMEO COUNCIL (SEAMEC)



His Excellency Admiral Narong Pipatanasai was appointed as the new SEAMEO Council (SEAMEC) President on 7th May 2015.

SEAMEO Council is the policy-making body of the Organization is the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Council. It is composed of the Ministers of Education of member countries. The council makes all decisions that will bind the Organization into commitments internally as well as externally.

The Council elects its own president and appoints the Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat. The Council meets every two years to determine the policies and the main lines of work of the Organization. The council approves all SEAMEO programmes and budgets. The Council's binding acts are in the form of council resolutions.

During their terms, the SEAMEO Council Presidents assume leadership in providing new directions and opening up of new avenues of collaboration. They accomplish this effectively through their visits to the SEAMEO Member Countries and dialogues with the Centres, Governing Boards and the Ministries of Education.

SEAMEO COUNCIL MEETING 2015



The SEAMEO Council Conference is the summit of all SEAMEO meetings. It is the assembly of the SEAMEO Council which is the Organization's governing body and comprises the 11 Ministers of Education of the SEAMEO Member Countries. The SEAMEO Council determines the general policies and strategic directions of the Organization.

Through the years since the establishment of SEAMEO in 1965, the SEAMEO Council Conference has been the highest level of all SEAMEO meetings where the SEAMEO Council sets the directions of programmes and projects of SEAMEO and its units such as the SEAMEO Regional Centres and the SEAMEO Secretariat.

CENTRE DIRECTORS MEETING 2015



The annual meeting of the SEAMEO Regional Centre Directors this year was held on 8th – 9th June 2015 at the S31 Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting focused on actions taken on resolutions of the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference, such as the SEAMEO Online Capacity Building for Southeast Asian Member Countries and the Regional Activities of Celebrating the SEAMEO 50th Anniversary, and Ministerial Round Table Meeting in May 2015, as well as reporting on progress of major initiatives under the SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2011-2020. New initiatives, proposal, plan, and activities through the support of SEAMEO partners, collaborators and among SEAMEO Centres also discussed during the meeting.

The Centre Director Meeting (CDM) serves as platform for discussion among SEAMEO Centres on programmatic and operational issues, as well as a venue to engage partners for collaborative initiative for the region. The result of CDM 2015 will be submitted to subsequent relevant SEAMEO meetings such as the SEAMEO High Officials Meeting and SEAMEO Council Conference. Relevant agenda items and agreements will also be presented to the Governing Boards of the SEAMEO Centres.

SEAMEO SEN was represented by Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain (Director), Dr. Kway Eng Hock (Deputy Director) and Ms. Mazmi Maarof (Training Coordinator). The Director of SEAMEO SEN presented the annual report on trainings, research and collaborations.

SEAMEO SEN – CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXTENSION, UKM CONTINUING THE STRONG COLLABORATION FOR THE SECOND INTAKE OF MASTERS IN EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION) EXECUTIVE PROGRAM



The first discussion between SEAMEO SEN and Centre for Education extension, UKM was initiated on 12th November 2013. It was later became materialized upon the first batch intake of Masters students in March 2014. The programme shall has an annually enrolment and currently, thirty three students are pursuing their Masters in Education (Special Education) with SEAMEO SEN - Centre for Education extension, UKM programme. Classes are conducted during weekends (Fridays & Saturdays) in every semesters at SEAMEO SEN, Melaka.

First Intake (March 2014): 20 students

Second Intake (March 2015): 13 students

Pusat Kembangan Pendidikan (Centre of Educational Extension) or better known as PKP is an entity of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) managed by wholly owned company of the university registered as UKM Holdings Sdn Bhd. PKP is responsible for the promoting and managing of UKM academic programs especially to the working population. PKP has been very successful in projecting its image and UKM's reputation side by side in order to enhance its academic standing and viability; along with this is the propagation of a set values such as efficiency, affordability, friendly, service which will appeal to PKP key audiences; PKP represents; as a tagline "Professional Knowledge Provider".

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TEACHING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) FOR MALAYSIAN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Organized By:

PERMATA KURNIA Prime Minister Department and SEAMEO SEN

Participants:

70 selected schools teachers every state from MOE

Course Summary:

The scope of the workshop 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 chance for participants to discuss and share their understanding on autism.



Course title: Teaching Children With ASD For Malaysian Special Education Teachers

Date: 9th – 10th February 2015

Venue: PLGDP, Kedah, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & Permata Kurnia

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from schools of Kedah state.



Course title: Teaching Children With ASD For Malaysian Special Education Teachers

Date: 18th – 19th May 2015

Venue: INSPEN, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & Permata Kurnia

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from schools of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor state.

ACTION RESEARCH COURSE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS



Course title: Action Research Methodology Course for Special Education Teachers

Date: 10th – 12th February 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN

Participants:

40 Special Education teachers from schools in Melaka , Negeri Sembilan & Johor

Course Summary:

Action Research in education can be defined as the process of studying a school situation to understand and improve the quality of the educative process. It provides practitioners with new knowledge and understanding about how to improve educational practices or resolve significant problems in classrooms and schools. Action research uses a systematic process, is a participatory in nature and offers multiple, beneficial opportunities include facilitating the professional development of educators increasing teacher empowerment and bridging the gap between research and practice.



MALAYSIA (BAHASA ISYARAT MALAYSIA) SIGN LANGUAGE NATIONWIDE COURSE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Course title:

Bahasa Malaysia Sign Language Nationwide Course For Malaysian Special Education Teachers

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & Malaysian Federation for The Deaf (MFD)

Zon 1 – Sarawak and Sabah

Zon 2 – Kelantan and Terengganu

Zon 3 – Melaka/Negeri Sembilan /Johor

Zon 4 - Kedah/Perlis /Pulau Pinang

Zon 5 - Perak /Selangor /K.Lumpur

Participants: Teachers from MOE Malaysia

Summary:

Special education teachers who teach student with disabilities must have extensive education and training before they can be fully to teach. Becoming a deaf education teachers require considerable patience and effort. Through this training, teachers are expected to learn communication techniques to enhance the educational experience of deaf students.



Borneo Zone: Sabah & Sarawak

Date: 24th – 27th February 2015

Venue: Hotel Penview, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from Sabah and Sarawak state.



Southern Zone: Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Johor

Date: 24th – 27th March 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Johor state.



East Coast Zone: Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan

Date: 18th – 21st May 2015

Venue: TH Hotel, Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from Pahang, Terengganu and Kelantan State.



Northern Zone: Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis
Date: 27th – 30th April 2015
Venue: Park Avenue Hotel, Sg. Petani, Kedah, Malaysia

Participants:

Selected Special Education teachers from Pulau Pinang, Kedah & Perlis state.

INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY & PUBLIC POLICY-SEAMEO SEN TRAINING SEMINAR

Course title: IDPP-SEAMEO SEN Training Seminar On Global,Regional And National Disability Policy

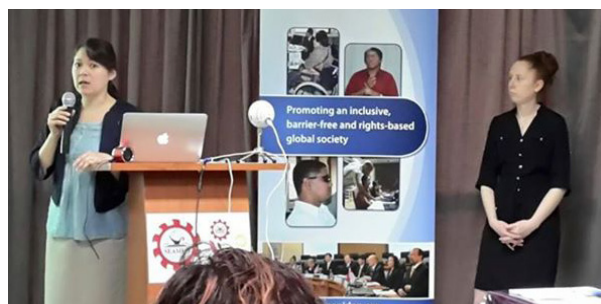
Date: 24th – 28th March 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Course Summary:

The training seminar IDDP and SEAMEO SEN on Global, Regional and National Disability Policy was a joint effort by IDDP and SEAMEO SEN to increase awareness and understanding how policy on disability can directly influence a country's policies to provide services for SEN children and those with disabilities. The six months training seminar inculcated blended method of face to face interaction and virtual learning sessions. The phase in March was the face to face interaction that exposes the participants with the basic policies related to disabilities policies such as ASEAN Disability Frameworks: Biwako Millennium Framework, ASEAN Vision 2020, ASEAN Decades on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Bali Declaration, AICHR and ADF.

The second phase was done in April 2015. It was the virtual sessions in that the participants involved in the virtual discussion session with topics and guided discussion. The final phase was in August. IDDP and SEAMEO SEN held a closing ceremony for all the participants followed by a 3 day evaluation session.



SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Course title: Sexuality Education for Students with Special Needs

Date: 6th – 30th April 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN

Course Summary:

The course was a joint collaboration with Ministry of Health Malaysia. Participants of SEAMEO member countries were exposed to the theory and practice of sexuality education for SEN children, techniques for teaching sexuality for children with special needs, application of topics on sexuality to be incorporated into lesson plans and action plan to carry out peer training on the national/ district/ school levels. The trainers were health personnel from Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and SEAMEO TROPMED. The 4 week training was based on best practices for teaching SEN children and participated by 18 special education teachers from SEA region.



STANDARDIZING BRAILLE CODE WORKSHOP

Course title: Standardizing Braille Code Workshop

Date: 26th – 28th May 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & National Council for The Blind, Malaysia

Course Summary:

The National Council for the Blind Malaysia (NCBM) jointly with Southeast Asia Minister of Education Organisation on Special Needs (SEAMEO SEN) held a workshop from 25 - 28 May 2015 to standardise the Braille codes used in Malaysia (Malay, English, Maths, Science, Music and Arabic). This workshop was attended by 52 experts mostly comprising of teachers of blind who are visually impaired themselves, officials from various departments within the Ministry of Education and member-organisation of NCBM.

Among the significant recommendations from this workshop were:

- i. To mandate the Braille Council of Malaysia which was established by NCBM to be the authority in charge of matters related to Braille in Malaysia.
- ii. Malaysia to adopt the Unified English Braille Code by 2017. A transition plan will be mapped out for this purpose which will include training of teachers, policy change at the Ministry of Education and create awareness among the blind and visually impaired users.
- iii. The composition of experts in future revision of the Malay Braille Code should include those who are proficient in Malay Braille, linguists, and computer programmer to ensure that the changes can be used smoothly in Braille Translation Softwares.





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.

Milestones



SEAMEO Now

SEAMEO has come a long way since its establishment in 1965. Today SEAMEO membership comprises 11 Member Countries in Southeast Asia, 8 Associate Member Countries from around the world, and 3 Affiliate Members. Through its 21 Regional Centres and Network, SEAMEO has been consistent and steadfast in pursuing activities in its priority areas including various specialisations in education, archaeology and history, arts and design, cultural diversity and regional identity, heritage preservation and cultural management, traditions and values, agriculture, biodiversity and biotechnology, disaster management, food and nutrition, natural resources and environmental management, preventive health, and reproductive health education and life skills development. Central to the activities is the special focus on regional needs, fuelled by the spirit of Southeast Asian cooperation.

Future of SEAMEO

SEAMEO is now on track towards achieving a common vision – Golden SEAMEO 2020 – a vision anchored 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 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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Affiliate Members



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA REGION, 5TH SERIES



Title: International Seminar on Special Education for Southeast Asia Region, 5th Series

Date: 29th January 2015

Venue: Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA), Surabaya, Indonesia

Organized by:

UKM, UPI, UNESA and SEAMEO SEN

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

Summary:

SEAMEO SEN was invited to present in a keynote session in the International Seminar on Special Education for Southeast Asia Region. Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain presented the keynote speech session by sharing the Roles and Functions of SEAMEO SEN as well as inclusive education implementation in Southeast Asia.

FORUM ON INVESTING YOUNG CHILDREN GLOBALLY



Title: Forum on Investing Young Children Globally

Date: 15th March 2015

Venue: Hong Kong University

Organized by: Institute of Medicine and National Research Council

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain and Dr. Kway Eng Hock

Objectives:

Discuss the science and economics of coordinating investments in children and their caregivers using existing platforms across areas of health, education, nutrition, and social protection.

- i. Identify and define a set of platforms that include settings, such as schools and community based centres as well as other types of platforms such as community outreach, child rights, and funding streams.
 - a. Examples will be drawn from low, middle, and high income countries and focus on vulnerable populations, such as children who are indigenous, migrating, or with disabilities.
- ii. Highlight public and private sector efforts in financing, governance, and accountability.
 - a. Uncover systems and governance issues that facilitate or create barriers to coordinating investments and service delivery.
 - b. Present data on costing and financing service integration within existing platforms.
- iii. Explore questions about what it takes to set up, implement, and scale integrated or coordinated services within existing platforms.
 - a. Special attention will be paid to diverse cultural contexts within which children and families access and receive services.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ACHEH, INDONESIA



Date: 23rd January 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss of having a formal collaboration, cooperation and assistance from SEAMEO-SEN in training the newly recruited teachers, in-service teachers and administrators that administer the special education in Aceh. It is also aimed at improving the quality of all areas of special education in Aceh. Aceh is represented by Dr. Qismullah & Prof. Dr. Said Muhammad

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

MEETING ON PROGRESS REPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION CHAIRED BY DR KOMAL RODKLAI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BASIC EDUCATION, MOE THAILAND



Date: 11th June 2015

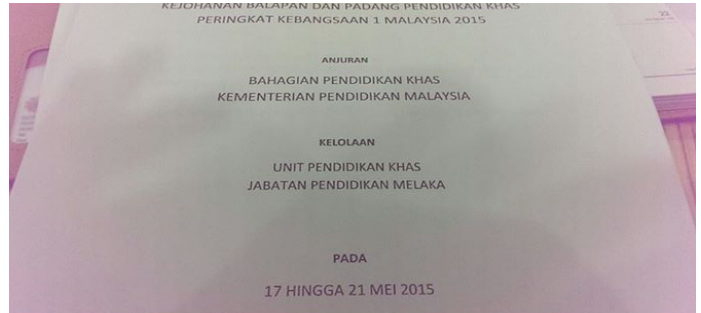
Venue: MOE Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand

Objective:

The meeting was a sharing of information on the preparation of International Conference on Special Education 2015. Technical aspects of the conference such as the updated number of participants and presenters were shared. MOE Thailand also reported on the preparation of the venue of the conference and detailing all the logistics and updating of each committee, mascot as well as the activities that will be carried out during the conference.

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

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD) CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING



Date: 3rd April 2015

Venue: Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

The meeting was held to discuss the roles of each committee members and the current progress of the National Special Education Athletics (Track & Field) Championship preparations. It is estimated around 1000 students from 14 states of Malaysia will take part in the championship. The meeting was chaired by the Director of Melaka State Education Department and led by the Special Education Unit.

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

SHARING SESSION WITH DR DONNA TALBOT AND ERIC ARCHER FROM WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, USA



Date: 15th May 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

The meeting was an exchange of ideas and understanding of how the three organizations work; SEAMEO SEN, the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology in Higher Education Western Michigan and the Department of English, Department of Education and Department of Special Education of the Malay Women Teachers Training Institute. A lot of aspects have been discussed in terms of how each organization can possibly link and collaborate on training and research for teachers in the field of Education and Special Education. The representative of the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology in Higher Education Western Michigan expressed the necessity for their post graduate students to have the international exposure especially the ASEAN values. The sharing session was very informative and created interesting perspectives for all representatives.



Attendees:

Dr. Donna Talbot, Dr. Eric Archer and Lecturers of IPGK PM

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Hazzlan Sama and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab



SEAMEO SEN MEETING WITH HEAD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT, STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Date: 20th May 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

Seven out of 14 Head of Special Education Units were attended the meeting which was held on 20th May 2015 at SEAMEO SEN, Melaka.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- i. To discuss the collaboration between SEAMEO SEN and State Education Department
- ii. To ensure that the teachers nominated by State Education Department to participate in SEAMEO SEN courses have high commitment and good command in English.

Attendees:

Head of Special Education Unit, State Education Department

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Hazzlan Sama and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

COURTESY CALL BY PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS FROM IPG KAMPUS PULAU PINANG



Date: 2nd April 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

SEAMEO SEN received a group of pre-service teachers consist of 13 teacher trainees and two escort lecturers from IPG Kampus Pulau Pinang.

Among of the objective of the visit were:

- i. To understand better the function of SEAMEO SEN
- ii. To know more pertaining to the past, present and future plans of SEAMEO SEN on trainings and researches

Attendees:

Pre-Service Teachers, IPG Kampus Pulau Pinang

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin and Ms. Mazmi Maarof

MEETING WITH UPSI – DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILE APPS ‘SIGN LANGUAGE M-POCKET’ FOR HEARING



Date: 22nd June 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

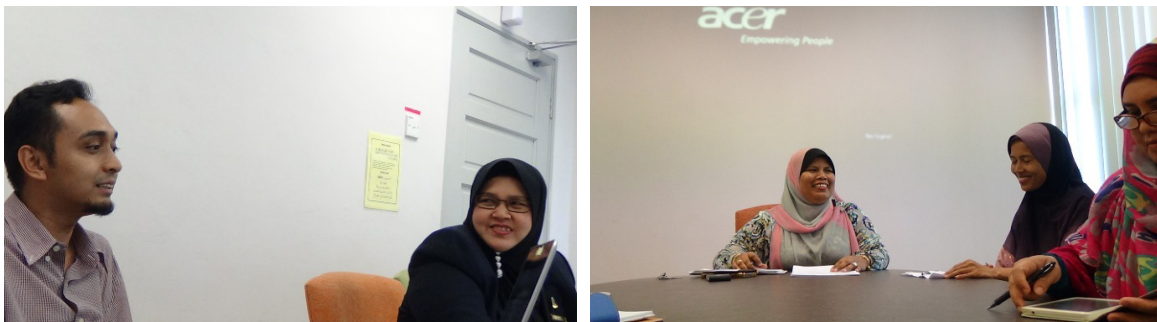
Objective:

The purpose of the collaboration is to develop mobile application ‘Sign Language M Pocket’ for students with hearing impairment between SEAMEO SEN with Sultan Idris Education University and presentation of the research proposal by Dr. Abdul Rahim Razalli as a head researcher

Attendees: Dr. Abdul Rahim Razali - Lecturers of Sultan Idris Education University

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Hazzlan Sama and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

1ST MEETING WITH UTEM – TVET IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Date: 12th May 2015

Venue: Technical University of Malaysia, Melaka (UTEM)

Attendees:

Prof. Madya Dr. Jariah Mohamad Juoi and Prof. Madya Dr. Faaizah Shahbodin (Lecturers of Technical University of Malaysia, Melaka) and En. Helmi Adly Mohd

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah and Mr. Amiruddin Abu Samah

2ND MEETING WITH UTEM – TVET IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Date: 22nd June 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

The purpose of the discussion is to enable cooperation between SEAMEO SEN and Technical University of Malaysia Malacca (UTeM) for the benefit of Special Education Needs Children where UTEM have expertise in technical areas while SEAMEO SEN has an extensive network in the field of special education

Attendees:

Prof. Madya Dr. Jariah Mohamad Juoi, Prof. Madya Dr. Faaizah Shahbodin, Prof. Madya Dr. Hanipah Hussin and Ms. Syarifanor Hisham (Lecturers of Technical University of Malaysia, Melaka)

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Mr. Hazzlan Sama and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

PUBLICATION OF HYDROPONIC HANDBOOK



Date: 21st - 23rd April 2015 & 25th - 26th May 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Objective:

- i. Appointment of panel of authors
- ii. Discussion on the content that should be included in hydroponic cultivation handbook
- iii. Discussion on assignments based on areas of expertise
- iv. Discussion on the final draft of handbook

Attendees:

En. Mohd Nasir Mohd Nor, Pn. Wan Normah Wan Abdullah, Pn. Subaidah Bibi Mohd Shariff, En. Nordin Abdul. (Special Education Teachers)

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir and Mr. Amiruddin Abu Samah.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

SEAMEO SEN, in its recent plans, has been putting efforts on covering a greater coverage in understanding how Special Education Programmes are implemented across SEAMEO Member Countries. This is also to promote awareness among the major stakeholders in their help to reach out to the areas in need. Apart from efforts on building mutually beneficial and cooperative relationships, SEAMEO SEN aimed towards fulfilling its mandate to improve the Special Education system and the rights of children with Special Needs in Southeast Asia.

Along this line, SEAMEO SEN has approached Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Hong Kong to better understand their effort in promoting Special Needs educations.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO INDONESIA

Title: Educational Visit to Indonesia

Location:

Galuh Handayani School, Surabaya, Indonesia

Date: 27th January 2015

Organizer: SEAMEO SEN & MOE, Indonesia

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Dr. Kway Eng Hock, Ms. Rozilawati Abd Kadir, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO PHILIPPINES

Title: Educational Visit to Philippines

Location:

1. Pasay City SPED Center: Principal - Ms. Leny Ballesteros
2. Philippines School for The Deaf: OIC Principal - Ms. Lovely Bacera
3. Philippines National School for The Blind: Principal - Ms. Rosalie Conder
4. Department of Education (DepEd), Manila
5. SEAMEO INNOTECH
6. Baguio SPED Center – Dr. Nino
7. Binalonan North Central School SPED Center – Dr. Marites M. Tabuga

Date: 24th February 2015

Organizer: SEAMEO SEN & DepEd, Philippines

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah, Mr. Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

All the schools and SPED centers that SEAMEO SEN visited adopts the national inclusive curriculum and at the same time promoting extra curricular activities such as music, athletics, technical vocational and sports that specifically catered to the special needs children. Some of the SPED centers have programmes catering the 'gifted and talented' children starting at a very young age right after the screening. SEAMEO SEN were also brought to see SPED centers outside Manila to allow us to see the challenges faced by the centers. This will assist SEAMEO SEN in our Training Needs Analysis in planning our future training programmes.





The courtesy call to the Department of Education, Philippines allows SEAMEO SEN to personally meet the national special education team which are responsible for the special needs curriculum in the Philippines. A number of questions were asked regarding the implementation and screening methods of Special Education practices in the Philippines.



The courtesy call to SEAMEO Innotech, Philippines took place right after the meeting with DepEd. The visit gave SEAMEO SEN the opportunity to look at the surroundings and placement of buildings facilities which is unique and practical. It will be taken into considerations in designing SEAMEO SEN permanent complex.

The Deputy Director of SEAMEO Innotech gave a presentation on the roles and functions of the centre. A number of questions were asked regarding the collaborations between the two centres and programmes offered by SEAMEO Innotech.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE

Title: Educational Visit to Singapore

Location:

1. Pathlight School (Autism Centre)
2. St. Andrew Mission School

Date: 11th March 2015

Organizer: SEAMEO SEN & MOE Singapore

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain

Singapore has a very advanced inclusive education and education for autistic child. Pathlight schools has lots to offer in education for children in Autism. Pathlight Mall is worth a visit as lots of items sold are made and designed by the children at Pathlight.



EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO HONG KONG

Title: Educational Visit to Hong Kong

Location:

1. Hong Kong Institute of Education
2. Department of Special Education and Counselling, Hong Kong

Date: 16th March 2015

Organizer: SEAMEO SEN

SEAMEO SEN Personnel: Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain and Dr. Kway Eng Hock

The educational visit to Hong Kong Institute of Education was very fruitful. The meeting was held at the office of Dr. Hue Ming Tak, the Head of Department of Special Education and Counselling and followed by visit to special education laboratories.

Among the highlights from the visit were:

- To foster academic collaboration between SEAMEO SEN and Hong Kong
- As one of SEAMEO SEN partners and participated in the 1st International Conference on Special Education 2015 which was held from 28th – 30th July at Bangkok, Thailand.
- Hong Kong Institute of Education is willing to share their innovation on special education with teachers and educators from Southeast Asia Countries.



HIGHLIGHTS

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Date: 18th May 2015

Venue: Teacher's Day Celebration at IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu Melaka, Malaysia

Teacher's Day is celebrated every 15th May in Malaysia. SEAMEO SEN took part in the campus level Teacher's Day Celebration organized by IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu, Melaka which was officiated by YB Datuk Wira Hj. Md. Yunos bin Husin, the Exco for Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Green Technology and Innovation, Melaka

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ATHLETICS (TRACK & FIELD) CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: 17th – 21st May 2015

Venue: Hang Jebat Stadium, Melaka, Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN was appointed as one of the committee for the National Special Education Athletics (Track & Field) Championship. The 5 day event involves hearing impairment, visual impairment and learning difficulties students from all over Malaysia. This event has served as a learning curve for SEAMEO SEN officers in understanding sports for Special Education students.

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



Date: 19th April 2015

Venue: Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

The event was organized by PERMATA KURNIA a centre under the Patron of YABhg. Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor. It is an outreach event attended by teachers and parents who are involved with ASD children. A short seminar was held given by Ass. Prof. Dr Hasnah Toran the center Director. Workshops for parents and teachers on how develop visual strategies and managing behavior children

MELAKA STATE EDUCATION CARNIVAL



Date: 2nd - 5th April 2015

Venue: Melaka International Convention Centre (MITC)

SEAMEO SEN participated in the Melaka State Education Carnival held from 2nd to 5th April 2015 to allow public's understanding on our role as the Regional Centre for Special Education. The booth was visited by many visitors ranging from educators, pre service teachers to school students. The

GOING GREEN TOGETHER



Date: 28th April 2015

Venue: IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu, Melaka

SEAMEO SEN with the collaboration of Melaka Green Tech Corporation and Melaka State Education Department has organized the Going Green Together program aimed at educating the Special Needs students in promoting a better and healthy lifestyle. The program successfully attracted 200 special needs students from all over Melaka state and was officiated by YB Datuk Wira Hj. Md. Yunos bin Husin, the Exco for Education, Higher Education, Science and Technology, Green Technology and Innovation, Melaka.

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