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Happy Greetings and Happy New Year 2016,

I am pleased and excited as SEAMEO SEN is now going into its third year of operation. I'm also glad to announce our publication of the 5th issue of Voice of SEAMEO SEN, our semi-annual bulletin covering activities from July - December 2015. In the bulletin, you may see that SEAMEO SEN has started to diversify our activities towards community-related events and networking as well as strengthening our role in teacher training and research.

We would like to thank our partners i.e. PERMATA Kurnia, Malaysian Federation for the Deaf, ICEVI and IDPP for their commitment and support throughout the year. SEAMEO SEN definitely looking forward to a more high-impact collaborations in 2016.

For this coming new year of 2016, SEAMEO SEN aspires to upgrade our effort to fulfil our roles in providing quality trainings and research in Special Education. We shall continue to work hand in hand with our partners as we move towards the challenging period of the 21st century. We pray for success and look forward to a positive outcome.

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



Datin Dr. Hj. Yasmin binti Hussain

Centre Director

SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, MALAYSIA





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

ICSE 2015



BACKGROUND

The 1st International Conference in Special Education 2015 (ICSE2015) was held from 28th to 31st July 2015. It provides a unique opportunity for government, academic institutions and non-profit organizations in Special Education to meet and exchange knowledge. Presenters and participants backgrounds includes special educators, teachers, researchers, post graduate students, policy makers and stakeholders in the Special Education from all over the world.

The conference sessions are in the forms of lectures, presentations and exhibition focusing on special education. Highlights include well-known keynote speakers, exchanges of information, practices and workshops.

This first-year conference features the innovation to Enhance Learning and Practices which includes, but not limited to new methods in teaching and learning, development of assistive devices, ICT applied teaching gadget and use of cyber learning.

Date	Activities
15 April 2015	- Abstract submissions deadline
30 April 2015	- Abstract acceptance notification
31 May 2015	- Full paper submissions deadline - Registration deadline for presenters
31 May 2015	- Registration deadline for participants
28 - 31 July 2015	- Conference dates

ICSE 2015 REPORT

Report for International Conference on Special Education 2015 (ICSE 2015)

Theme: Innovation to Enhance Learning Initiatives and Practices

Objectives of the conference:

- Explore new innovation from a range of areas in special education
- Showcase cutting-edge research and innovative development in special education
- Bring together seminar participants from different disciplines in special education
- Use the seminar to develop links between academics and stake holder in special education

Sub-themes:

- Learning and Teaching Innovation for Students with Special Educational Needs
- Innovation in Early Intervention
- Innovation in Inclusive Education
- Innovation in Deafblind and Multiple Disabilities Education
- Transition from School to Employment
- TVET: Teaching Vocational Education Training for SEN
- Networking in Special Education
- Policy on Disabilities
- Gifted and Talented

This auspicious conference was conceptualized at 2nd Governing Board Meeting at Langkawi, Malaysia. Dr. Payom Chinnawong the Governing Board Member from Thailand took up this idea and had further discussion with Dr. Kamol Rodklai the Secretary General of Office of the Basic Education Commission, Ministry of

Education, Thailand. Dr. Kamol then brought this idea to discuss at the Ministry level and it was accepted to collaborate and jointly organize with SEAMEO SEN as this is the first International Conference on Special Education organized by Ministry of Education, Thailand. There were subsequent formal and informal meetings held at Thailand and Malaysia beside the online discussion via Skype, WebEx and WhatsApp application prior to the conference date on 28th – 30th July 2015.

Initially, there were 133 abstracts received but only 97 full papers had been accepted by the reviewing committee for oral presentation and 12 poster presentations which has passed the quality assurance criteria for papers presented. This conference was delighted to have prominent special education educators as keynote speakers and speakers for two plenary sessions. On the 3rd day of the conference, 12 workshops were conducted; six workshops in the morning and the other six workshops in the afternoon.

The conference was started with the Welcome Remarks by Dr. Kamol Rodklai, the Secretary-General, Office of the Basic Education Commission, Ministry of Education Thailand and followed by Welcome Remarks from Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Director of SEAMEO SEN.

A total of 1715 presenters and participants from over 30 countries have participated in the conference which was officiated by H.E. Prof. Dr. Yongyuth Yuthavong, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

The breakdown of presenters and participants are as follow:

No.	Country	Total
1	Australia	2
2	Azerbaijan	1
3	Bahrain	1
4	Bangladesh	2
5	Bhutan	1
6	Botswana	1
7	Brunei Darussalam	1
8	Cambodia	4
9	China	6
10	European Union	1
11	England	1
12	Ghana	1
13	Hong Kong	9
14	India	7
15	Indonesia	48
16	Iran	1
17	Japan	18
18	Korea	2
19	Malaysia	267
20	Myanmar	4
21	Nepal	1
22	Nigeria	1
23	Pakistan	4
24	Philippines	168

25	Seychelles	1
26	Singapore	3
27	South Africa	1
28	Sri Lanka	1
29	Timor Leste	1
30	Uganda	1
31	United Kingdom	1
32	United States of America	6
33	Vietnam	6
34	Thailand	1123
35	Others	16
	Total	1715

A roundtable discussion was held in conjunction with the conference and attended by representatives from SEAMEO countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam including observers and resource persons from Institute of Disability and Public Policy (IDPP), Hong Kong Institute of Education, Consortium of Asia Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU), Perkins School for the Blind, UNICEF, University of Surabaya, University of Bandung, University of Florida and Sultan Idris Education University.

Three main issues were discussed in the roundtable meeting, the first issue was pertaining to issues and challenges faced by SEAMEO member countries in the implementation of educational provision for children with special needs; second issue was focused on the strategic and workable plans that have been carried out to overcome the identified challenges in fulfilling educational agenda and providing quality educational provision in special education; and the third issue was regarding how can smart

partnership and networking be integrated in the educational agenda and provision for students with special needs.

A resolution was derived from the conference and roundtable discussion. The four key conclusions are

- 1) Inclusive education as a desired aspiration goal;
- 2) The urgency for obtaining child data on SEN;
- 3) Prioritizing the efforts to increase teachers' capacity; and
- 4) Critical role of partnership and professional collaboration.

The climax of the conference was the cruise dinner hosted by Ministry of Education, Thailand. The secretariat received many positive responses from international presenters and participants for the free cruise dinner, free registration for the conference, free accommodation for certain international presenters and participants and free educational visit.

This International Conference on Special Education was the first of its kind for the Southeast Asian Region, the Ministry of Education Thailand had set a very high benchmark for the 1st International Conference on Special Education 2015 at Centra Government Complex and Convention Centre Chaeng Watthana, Bangkok, Thailand.



OPENING CEREMONY

ROUNDTABLE MEETING





***CONCURRENT PRESENTATION
SESSIONS***

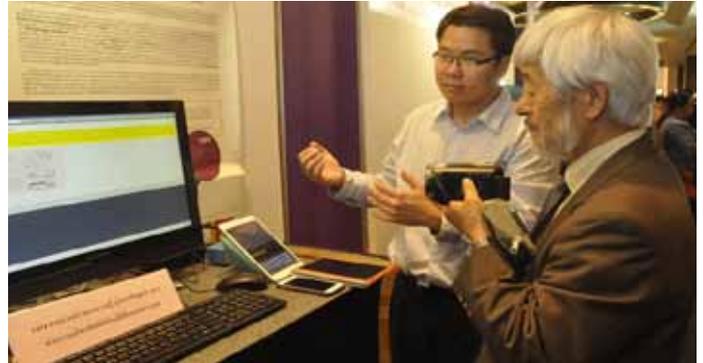


***OFFICIAL LAUNCHING
CEREMONY SESSIONS***





EXHIBITIONS



EDUCATIONAL TOUR



WALK FOR SEN



Date: 3rd September 2015

Venue: Bandar Hilir, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN, Government Agencies and Schools

Participants: 1,315 participants including universities, NGOs, Government Agencies and schools from Melaka and Johor

List of Committee/Partners:

- SEAMEO SEN
- PUSPANITA Melaka
- Kolej Komuniti Bukit Beruang
- Universiti Teknikal Melaka (UTeM)
- Politeknik Melaka
- Perbadanan Perpustakaan Awam, Melaka
- UITM Melaka
- Politeknik Merlimau
- IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu, Melaka
- Jab. Kesihatan Negeri Melaka
- Kolej Profesional MARA, Bandar Melaka
- Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara
- Polis DiRaja Malaysia
- Kolej Antarabangsa Yayasan Melaka
- Perbadanan Teknologi Hijau Melaka (PTHM)
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- Jab. Kebajikan Masyarakat, Melaka
- Kolej Komuniti Jasin
- Kolej Komuniti Masjid Tanah
- Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Johor
- SMK St. Francis
- SK Sacret Heart
- SK Bandar Hilir
- Multimedia University, Melaka
- Majlis Perbandaran Hang Tuah Jaya
- Majlis Bandaraya Melaka Bersejarah (MBMB)
- JKR Melaka
- Kolej Komuniti Selandar
- Bahagian Penyelidikan Pembangunan (R & D CIC), Melaka

List of Participated Schools (Melaka):

SK Duyung	SK Parit Penghulu	SK Dato' Naning
SJK© Yu Ying	SK Merlimau	SK Lesung Batu
SJK© Pay Fong 3	SMK Air Molek	SMK Seri Pengkalan
SK Bukit Beruang	SK Air Molek	SMK Dang Anum
SJK© Bukit Beruang	SK Pernu	SK Merlimau 2
SMK Bukit Baru	SMK Seri Kota	SK Pulau
SMK Nyalas	SK Seri Bandar	SK Malim
SK Nyalas	SK Seri Bandar	SMK Malim
SK Batang Melaka	SK Bukit China	SK Pendidikan Khas
SK Seri Laksamana	SK Batu Berendam	SK Bukit Lintang
SMK Hang Kasturi	SK Seri Bemban	SMK Bukit Katil
SMK Sultan Alaudin	SK Batu Berendam 2	SK Kuala Linggi
SMK Tun Tuah	SK Bachang	SK Othman Syawal
SK.Ujung Pasir	SMK Ayer Keroh	SMK Rahmat
SJK(T) Kubu	SK Tun Syed	SK Parit Melana
SMK Klebang Besar	SK Air Barok	SK Belimbing Dalam
SK Lereh	SK Gangsa	SMK Durian Tunggal
SK Tangga Batu	SJK(T) Jasin	SMK Tun Mutahir
SMK Sungai Rambai	SMK Dato'Bendahara	SMK Jasin
SMK Seri Bemban		

List of Participated NGOs:

Persatuan Orang Buta Malaysia
 National Autism Society Malaysia (NASOM)
 Persatuan Orang Kerdil
 PERMATA Kurnia, Jab. Perdana Menteri
 Persatuan Kebajikan Insan Istimewa
 Persatuan Pekak Melaka
 Yayasan Orang Buta
 Persatuan Orang Buta Malaysia

Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Johor
 - 40 special needs students from the state
 of Johor

SUMMARY REPORT ON WALK FOR SEN 2015

Walk for SEN was an inspirational and impactful community programme which promotes opportunity for awareness to help educate the public to accept and support Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Special Needs Children. Walk for SEN was also in conjunction with Malaysia National Day and 50th Anniversary of SEAMEO celebration. The venue itself 'Memorial Pengisytiharan Kemerdekaan, Bandar Hilir Melaka' resembles a historic event for the country, the same spot where Malaysia announced its independence in 1957.

The programme gathers many organizational such as PUSPANITA (The Association of Wives and Female civil servants of Malaysia); three state education departments from Melaka, Johor and Negeri Sembilan; higher learning institutions, welfare department and Melaka state office to work together in realizing the programme. Most of the programme committee members were assigned to be in-charged of the preparations as well as assisting students from special needs schools. The turn out was very rewarding as 1,315 participants from special programmes, community rehabilitation centres, NGOs, including parents and public attended the Walk for SEN. The attendees were honoured with the presence of The Honourable Chief Minister of Melaka and state assemblymen.

Walk for SEN has definitely gave an impact when the Honourable Chief Minister of Melaka announced during his closing remarks that for every local council in Melaka state, at least one representative from the PWDs to be included as permanent observer in the local council meeting representing the PWDs community.

The objectives are:

- to create increase awareness to promote the existence of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in the community
- to serve as platform for government departments and higher learning institutions to be involved with PDWs
- fostering understanding, communication and cooperation with community
- to allow children with special needs to have access to community and be accepted as one
- to celebrate Malaysia National Day and 50th years anniversary celebration of SEAMEO

Activities:

- Walk around Melaka Historical City (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Colouring Contest
- Games
- Best Contingent Award
- Lucky Draw

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

Organized By:

PERMATA KURNIA, Prime Minister Department and SEAMEO SEN

Participants:

346 selected school teachers from six states in Malaysia

States Involved (July - December 2015):

- i. Johor
- ii. Pahang
- iii. Terengganu
- iv. Kelantan
- v. Sabah
- vi. Sarawak



Course Summary:

The seminar was attended by participants from the states of Johor, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Sabah and Sarawak. A total of 346 participants attended the courses from July – Dec 2016 including Special Education teachers, University students, personnel from community rehabilitation centres and academic staff from higher learning institutions. The nationwide seminar was organized by PERMATA Kurnia with the co-operation of SEAMEO SEN. 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. The seminar received positive feedbacks from participants based on the results collected through evaluations.



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

Date: 26th – 27th July 2015

Venue: Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara, Kluang, Malaysia

Participants:

70 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Johor



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

Date: 10th – 11th August 2015

Venue: Institut Latihan Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan, Bukit Tinggi, Malaysia

Participants:

47 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Pahang



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

Date: 6th – 7th September 2015

Venue: Akademi Bomba, Wakaf Tapai, Maran Terengganu, Malaysia

Participants:

47 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Terengganu



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

Date: 4th – 5th October 2015

Venue: Bahagian Teknologi Pendidikan Kelantan, Kelantan, Malaysia

Participants:

62 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Kelantan



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

Date: 19th – 20th October 2015

Venue: IPG Kampus Tawau

Participants:

62 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Sabah



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

Date: 2nd – 3rd November 2015

Venue: Yayasan Sarawak

Participants:

51 Special Education and Mainstream Teachers throughout the state of Sarawak

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

Course title:

Malaysian Sign Language Nationwide Course for Malaysian Special Education Teachers

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN and 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



Objectives:

- i. Provide basic skills to communicate and interact with the Malaysian Sign Language for teachers who teach in Special Education with the Special Education Program Integration and lecture IPG.
- ii. To improve communication and interaction approach teachers of Special Education and further improve themselves as teachers of Special Education.
- iii. The course also is in support of an inclusive program for empowering teachers and lectures IPG to be more competent and dynamic.
- iv. Provide opportunities for Special Education teachers who attend this course to spread and share the skills learned with other teachers in their Special Education School.
- v. As an effort towards partnership between SEAMEO SEN and Malaysian Federation of the Deaf to increase the quality of Special Education teacher's in Malaysia.

Participants: Teachers from MOE Malaysia

Summary:

Special education teachers who teach student with disabilities must have extensive education and training before they can qualify to teach. Becoming a deaf education teachers requires considerable patience and effort. Through this training, teachers are expected to be able to learn a wide variety of communication techniques to enhance the educational experience of deaf students in the classroom. A total of 85 participants attended the course from July – December 2016 inclusive of Special Education Teachers and IPG lecturers.



Course title: Malaysian Sign Language Nationwide Course for Malaysian Special Education Teachers

Date: 8th – 11th September 2015

Venue: Intekma Resort, Shah Alam, Malaysia

Participants:

30 selected Special Education Teacher from the states of Perak, Selangor & Kuala Lumpur



Course title: Malaysian Sign Language Nationwide Course for Malaysian Special Education Teachers – Zon 3, 2nd Series

Date: 28th September – 1st October 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Participants:

28 selected Special Education Teacher from the states of Melaka, N. Sembilan & Johor



Course title: Malaysian Sign Language Nationwide Course for Malaysian Special Education Teachers – Zon 3, 3rd Series

Date: 16th – 19th November 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Participants:

27 selected Special Education Teacher from the states of Melaka, N. Sembilan & Johor

JOB COACH FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER IN SOUTH ZONE



Course title: Job Coach for Secondary School Teachers in Southern Zone

Date: 3rd – 6th August 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & JICA

Participants:

41 selected school teachers from the state of Melaka

Summary:

The Programme aimed at preparing Special Education teachers in supporting their students who are already/about to be placed in the industries. This is a part of the Career for Special Needs Students module in helping to prepare the student before they leave school and venture into workforce. The participants will be exposed to the role of a Job Coach and workforce supporting process for Special Needs Students.

BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: THERAPIES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



Course title: Best Practices in Teaching and Learning in Special Education: Therapies in Special Education

Date: 10th August – 4th September 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN

Participants:

19 Special Education Teachers from Malaysia and SEAMEO Member Countries

Summary:

In collaboration with: Ministry of Health Malaysia, Teachers Training Institute Malaysia, and Melaka Women Teachers Training Institute

The objectives of the course are to share and expose the appropriate therapies that can be applied in classroom settings; sharing of skills from experts in therapist and incorporating therapies in classroom settings.

Summary:

In collaboration with: ICEVI, Melaka Women Teachers' Training Institute, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, SEAMEO RECSAM, University of Southern Philippines and Department of Education of Philippines

The objectives of the course are to share and expose mathematical knowledge and skills to Special Education teachers; hands on application of mathematical elements in arts, dance and music and also developing lesson plan incorporating mathematical elements and skills for SEN children.

Feedbacks from Participants



Prof. Lanie P. Vergara (Philippines)

The course has helped me improve to my teaching skills and extended my knowledge in Mathematics for SEN children.

The varied topics and strategies that each facilitator has presented opened new wisdom of learning and how to make learning fun and creative. Moreover, the opportunity given to me to be participant and to be a facilitator for two days helped me to unleash my potentials from within.

Overall, the whole course put together some unsolved pieces of the puzzle together in helping me to make a difference in the teaching of students with special needs particularly in the subject of Mathematics. Thank you SEAMEO SEN.



Noraini Sadauna (Singapore)

The four weeks course is very beneficial. I have learnt that other subjects, like Arts, Movement and Music can be infused / integrated to teaching and learning of Maths to make learning of Maths more fun. The Arts lecturers are creative and they gave a lot of motivation and ideas such that I was able to produce some Art pieces to be brought home.

Mr Rizal taught us ICT Application. I learnt how to make simple computer games which I could share with my colleagues so that my colleagues could make suitable / appropriate computer games for their students.

Dr Mittal introduced the use of tactile geometric kit which is used by blind pupils in geometry that is different from the technique used in Singapore. I could share this kit with my colleague. I also learnt the use of slate and stylus for the first time.

I always fear of doing innovation however Mr. Rozaili has shared his innovation and showed the process / steps in doing innovation in Mathematics. He made it simple.

I will recommend this course to my colleagues of SEAMEO SEN should conduct further training. I will share my learning with my colleagues and apply them in my class.



Iswandy Bin Pit (Sarawak, Malaysia)

This course is good for me because help me to improve in Mathematics teaching method to student with Learning Disabilities. This course also exposes me about innovation in Mathematics, which that can help me to improve my teaching method. I also got something new knowledge, like abacus for students with Visual Impairment and also about Braille.

This course emphasize 21 century teaching method that also similarly with constructivism pedagogy. The other side, this courses teach me about friendship, respect the others especially our friends from the other countries. When I go back to my school, I plan to apply that pedagogy or teaching method that I have from this course.

Arts and Mathematics are good to attract students to learn Mathematics in purpose to avoid that subject become bored. The important is, I and my friends plan to have a workshop in March to share what we got from this course.



Fitri Wahyuni (Aceh, Indonesia)

After I followed Regular Course: Mathematics Made Easy for SEN Children. I can clearly understand now how to recognize a special need child. Honestly, I never learn this subject before. The first time, I follow this course. I am afraid and not confident because I don't have background this subject. But after I knew all the programs in this course I can know about special need children. I got a lot of knowledge here such as, how to teach Maths to SEN children, learning Maths with game, teach the blind students easily. And also learning Maths with art. It's really fun. From this course, give me a lot idea to prepare what's the good material that I should use in my class. Perhaps, in next quarter at my school or next year, I will give the responsibility to teach SEN children, especially in Maths.

Not only that, in this course I got a lot of friends from other countries. They want share their knowledge anytime about special needs children. I am really grateful have an opportunity to follow this course. I got a lot of experiences, knowledge and friends from this course.

Thank you SEAMEO SEN, you give me a lot of knowledge, how to learn Mathematics easy and fun for special need children and normal children. I will share this knowledge to all teachers in Kiddos. So that, they also know how teach Mathematics easy and fun to SEN children.



Agung Dani R (Indonesia)

One month learn and stay in SEAMEO SEN, many thing that I learn among them. How to innovate, to create, to modify methods for teach the children (SEN) especially in Mathematics. Also my knowledge about SEN Children ever increasing (more grow) from the previous. How to teach, how about their character, how to know their handling methods etc.

For learn anything no need difficult methods. Just fun, enjoy and play games. So students feel so happy to receive a lesson.

I think, what the SEAMEO SEN do is very good for developing teachers quality. So continue programs the next time.

TRAINING SEMINAR ON GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DISABILITY POLICY – 3RD PHASE & CLOSING CEREMONY



Course title: Training Seminar on Global, Regional and National Disability Policy – 3rd Phase & Closing Ceremony

Date: 10th – 13th August 2015

Venue: Dewan Sri Kandi, IPG Kampus Perempuan Melayu, Malaysia

Organized by: SEAMEO SEN & Institute of Disability and Public Policy (IDPP), Washington University, USA

Participants:

Nine (9) Ministry of Education Officers from SEAMEO Member Countries

1. Singapore – Ms. Wong Swee Gek
2. Philippines – Ms. Saluacion Olinares
3. Lao PDR – Mr. Thongsook Keomany
4. Thailand – Ms. Nantanoot Suwannawut
5. Malaysia – Hjh. Ipun Bt. Shamsudin

6. Malaysia – Ms. Siti Hafizah Bt. Berahim
7. Aceh, Indonesia – Ms. DM Ria
8. Aceh, Indonesia – Ms. Fajraini
9. Cambodia – Mr. Pen Chancanap

Facilitator:

United States of America – Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn (IDPP-Institute of Disability and Public Policy) Philippines – Maya Aguilar



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.

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

The programme has an annual enrolment and currently thirty eight students are pursuing their Masters in Education (Special Education) with the SEAMEO SEN - Centre for Educational Extension, UKM programme. Classes are conducted on weekends (Fridays & Saturdays) for every semester at SEAMEO SEN, Melaka.



First Intake (March 2014): 25 students
Second Intake (March 2015): 13 students

Third Intake (March 2016): To be announced soon

Centre of Educational Extension (Pusat Kembangan Pendidikan) 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".

Source: <http://www.ukm.my/pkp/en/>

3rd SEAMEO SEN GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER MEETING

Date: 14th – 16th September 2015

Venue: Sarawak, Malaysia

Organized by:

SEAMEO SEN with the assistance of Parents and Teachers Association, Malaysia (PIBGM), State of Sarawak and Education Department of Sarawak

Governing Board Member Meeting



Governing Board Member



Courtesy Call to His Excellency TYT of Sarawak



Courtesy Call to The Honourable State Speaker of Sarawak



State Welcoming Dinner hosted by The Honourable Chief Minister of Sarawak & Minister of Tourism



Educational Tour



The third SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Member Meeting was successfully conducted in KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA from 14th – 16th September 2015. The meeting was attended by observers from SEAMEO Secretariat; Policy and International Relations Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia; Special Education Division Ministry of Education Malaysia; Sarawak State Education Department; Ministry of Education and Culture Indonesia, International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI East Asia); Teacher Training Institute Malaysia (IPGM); Teacher Training Institute Tun Abdul Razak Campus (IPGK TAR); Hong Kong Institute of Education; Perkins International; Consortium of Asia Pacific Education Universities; SEAMEO SEN's key personnel and the Governing Board Members as listed below:

Dr. Tinsiri Siribodhi - Deputy Director, Administration and Communication of SEAMEO Secretariat

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain - Director of SEAMEO SEN

YBhg. Dato' Sri Hj Khairil b Hj Awang - Governing Board Member of Malaysia

Mr. Bukit b Hidup - Governing Board Member of Brunei Darussalam

Mr. Chan Sophea - Governing Board Member of Cambodia

Ir. Sri Renani Pantjastuti - Governing Board Member of Indonesia

Madam Yangxia Lee - Governing Board Member of Lao PDR

Dr. Sharifah Mariam Al-Junied - Governing Board Member of Singapore

Mr. Jose Monteiro - Representative of Timor Leste

Dr. Ni Ni San - Representative of GBM Myanmar

Dr. Nancy C. Pascual - Representative of GBM Philippines

Dr. Samart Ratanasakorn - Representative of GBM Thailand

Dr. Le Thi To Uyen - Representative of GBM Vietnam

WORLD CONGRESS ON SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (WCSNE-2015)



Title: World Congress on Special Needs Education (WCSNE-2015)

Date: 18th - 20th August 2015

Venue: Temple University, Philadelphia, USA

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain

Summary:

WCSNE 2015 provides the opportunity for academicians and professionals from various educational and industrial sectors with cross-disciplinary interest to bridge the knowledge gap, promote research esteem and evolution of special needs education. Speakers shared their knowledge on issues in special needs education as well as presenting analysis, case studies and performance evaluation.

KOLUKIUM PASCA IJAZAH 2015



Title: Kolokium Pasca Ijazah 2015

Date: 9th - 11th October 2015

Venue: Temple University, Philadelphia, USA

Organized by: Education Malaysia-Chicago, Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain

Summary:

The program served as a platform for post graduate educators to gain knowledge on areas of interest. Participants were invited to discuss the current issues and challenges faced by academicians generally as well as their respective challenges. The program also collected research abstracts produced by the participants for the research bank. Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain represented SEAMEO SEN, Malaysia.

SEAMEO WORKSHOPS ON THE NEW EDUCATION AGENDA: 7 PRIORITY AREAS



Title: SEAMEO Workshops on the New Education Agenda: 7 Priority Areas

Date: 14th - 16th November 2015

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Organized by: SEAMEO Secretariat & SEAMEO SEAMOLEC

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain & Ms. Mazmi Maarof

Summary:

The workshop aims to promote programs/projects/activities/initiatives of the SEAMEO Centres related to the 7 Priority Areas to SEAMEO Member Countries starting with Indonesia as host. The workshop also aims to explore potential collaboration between SEAMEO Centres and Indonesia on programs/projects/activities/initiatives of SEAMEO Centres related to the 7 Priority Areas. Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain represented SEAMEO SEN, Malaysia.

DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION TRAINING WORKSHOP



Title: Development Evaluation Training Workshop

Date: 30th November - 4th December 2015

Venue: Centara Watergate Pavilion Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Organized by: SEAMEO TROP MED

SEAMEO SEN Representatives: Dr. Kway Eng Hock

Summary:

The “Development Evaluation Training Workshop” was organized by SEAMEO TROP MED Network as part of the commitment of SEAMEO TROP MED Network to the Centre Mentoring Program. The training workshop was officiated by Prof. Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon the Secretary General of SEAMEO TROP MED Network.

There were more than 30 participants from 21 SEAMEO Centers attended this Evaluation Training Workshop. SEAMEO SEN was represented by Dr. Kway Eng Hock.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION 2015



Title: Gifted and Talented Educational Convention 2015

Date: 3rd December 2015

Venue: PERMATA Pintar, Bangi, Malaysia

Organized by: PERMATA Pintar

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

Summary:

SEAMEO SEN was invited to take part in the Gifted Talented Educational Convention 2015 with the theme “Leveraging Diversity for Global Talent”. Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain represented Malaysia as a panel speaker together with the representative from Philippines, Kazakhstan and Yemen.

ICEVI REGIONAL CONFERENCE, EAST ASIA REGION



Title: Regional Conference of the ICEVI East Asia Region: EFA –VI Beyond 2015: Asian Perspectives

Date: 28th September - 1st October 2015

Venue: Sanur Paradise Plaza, Bali, Indonesia

Organized by: ICEVI, East Asia Region

SEAMEO SEN Delegates:

1. Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Binti Hussain – Director
2. Mazmi Maarof – Training Coordinator Officer
3. Hazzlan Sama – Training Coordinator Officer
4. Rozilawati Abd Kadir – Researcher
5. Mohd Anis Bin Abdul Razak – ICT Officer

Summary:

The ICEVI East Asia regional conference I focused on ICEVI's Global campaign on Education for All Children with Visual Impairment that is implemented in partnership with the World Blind Union and its impact beyond 2015. Supported by the Government of Indonesia the conference was attended by more than 120 participants who mostly were presenters in the conference. The Plenary sessions of the conference focus on global and regional educational initiatives, higher education, legislation, technology and multiple disabilities. There were 48 presentations and 12 concurrent session which focus on inclusive education practices, personnel preparation, independent living, technology, visually impaired children with additional disabilities, low vision, etc. Dr Yasmin Hussain, Director of SEAMEO SEN presented in the Plenary Session on 30th September entitled "Legislation for Inclusion: the ASEAN Experience: SEAMEO."

RECEIVING DELEGATION FROM SK SIMPANG AMPAT (INTEGRATION SCHOOL), PERLIS



Date: 29th October 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, Melaka, Malaysia

38th SEAMEO HIGH OFFICIAL MEETING



Date: 29th - 30th November 2015

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

SEAMEO SEN Personnel:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Era Zaffura Md. Sin and Ms. Mazmi Maarof

Objective:

Heading the Malaysia delegation was YBhg. Dato' Sri Hj. Khairil bin Hj. Awang, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education, Malaysia. The two-day programme discussed the issues and challenges faced by SEAMEO Centres and future directions toward excellence.

PRESS CONFERENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2015



Komik percuma selami kehidupan OKU

Oleh **FUAD RAMDAN**

PETALING JAYA 3 Dis. -Sebuah majalah khas berbentuk komik mengenai Orang Kelainan Upaya (OKU) bakal diterbitkan dalam menyampaikan pendedahan kepada masyarakat umum mendekati golongan OKU.

Pengarah Pusat Serantau Pertumbuhan Menteri-Menteri Pelajaran Asia Tenggara mengenai Pendidikan Khas (SEAMEO SEN), Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain berkata, kandungan komik itu punyai segala resipi asas pendedahan kepada masyarakat bagi membantu OKU.

Katanya, fokus utama majalah itu adalah bagi mereka yang menghadapi masalah penglihatan seperti melintas jalan raya selain menerangkan kedudukan an makanan dalam pinggan.

"Komik ini sangat menarik, kalau kita lihat isinya banyak mengajar masyarakat tentang cara mendekati golongan OKU.

"Antara lain, komik ini akan diedarkan secara percuma kepada orang ramai bermula 5 Disember 2015 ini.

"Komik ini akan diedarkan di Pudu Sentral Kuala Lumpur dan pihak saya sendiri akan turut sama mengedarkannya," katanya sempena International Day Of Persons With Disabilities di Petaling Jaya di sini hari ini.

Justeru, Yasmin berharap pendekatan tersebut dapat menarik minat pembaca menerapkan nilai murni dalam kehidupan bermasyarakat.

Komik tersebut dilancarkan oleh Yayasan Orang Buta Malaysia dengan sokongan Yayasan Salam Malaysia.



KETUA Pegawai Eksekutif Yayasan Orang Buta, Silatul Rahim Dahman menyerahkan bunting dan komik kepada Yasmin pada Majlis Pelancaran Komik OKU di Petaling Jaya, Selangor, semalam.



DR. Yasmin semasa berucap pada program tersebut semalam.

Date: 3rd December 2015

Venue: Yayasan Salam, Selangor, Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN Personnel:

Datin Dr. Yasmin Hussain, Ms. Mazmi Maarof, and Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab

Objective:

SEAMEO SEN participated in the press conference organized by Yayasan Salam together with Malaysian Foundation for the Blind and E-Homemakers in conjunction with International Day of Persons With Disabilities and the launching of a leaflet (comic-based approach) on ways to assist People with Visual Impairment meeting was chaired by the Director of Melaka State Education Department and led by the Special Education Unit.

MEETING WITH BRAC INTERNATIONAL



Ms. Limia was later invited to give a talk and sharing knowledge on BRAC's initiatives to the regular course's participants.

Date: 6th - 8th December 2015

Venue: SEAMEO SEN, SK Ujong Pasir, PERMATA Kurnia

BRAC Representatives:

Ms. Limia Dewan, Mr. Md. Monwer Hossein Khandker

Objective:

BRAC is an International Development Organization based in Bangladesh. It recognises the existing and potential contributions made by persons with disabilities to the overall well-being and diversity of their communities. For over 40 years, BRAC has been empowering communities to harness their own human and material resources to rise out of poverty. Its holistic approach geared towards inclusion gives poor and marginalised groups the chance to seize their own lives and make a lasting change. BRAC is always on the move to look for best practices and ideal support system for person with disabilities.

Two representatives from BRAC visited SEAMEO SEN in Melaka and later were taken to PERMATA Kurnia Autism Centre and SK Ujong Pasir, Melaka (an integrated school) for a better view on how Malaysia implemented inclusion. On their last day of visit, Ms. Limia and Mr. Monwer participated in the a discussion session on Braille Literacy with representatives from National Council for The blind (NCBM), Malaysia Foundation for the Blind and Perkins International.

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 Cambodia and Vietnam to better understand their effort in promoting Special Needs educations.

COURTESY CALL TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS OF CAMBODIA AND VISIT TO INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS IN PHNOM PENH

Date: 22nd - 25th November 2015

SEAMEO SEN Delegates:

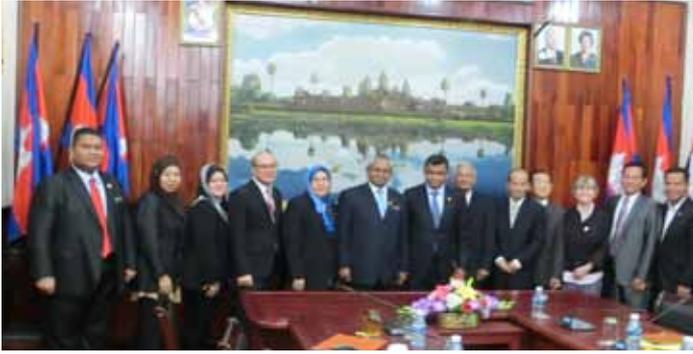
1. **YB Datuk Wira Hj. Md. Yunos Bin Husin** – Melaka State Education Minister
2. **Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Binti Hussain** – Director
3. **Dr. Kway Eng Hock** – Deputy Director
4. **Era Zaffura Binti Md Sin** – Administrative Executive
5. **Mazmi Maarof** – Training Coordinator Officer
6. **Mohd Anis Bin Abdul Razak** – ICT Officer

Places visited:

- a) The Office of Cambodia Ministry of Education and Sports
- b) Krousar Thmey Special School
- c) Phnom Penh Thmey Primary School
- d) Al-Ihsan Muslim Primary School

Summary of Visit:

The visit was aimed at established networking and introducing the roles and functions of SEAMEO SEN to the Minister of Education MOEYS Cambodia and the officers and personnel in the Ministry. The visit was also a courtesy call to the Cambodia Minister of Education to discuss partnership and training courses that can be conducted for Special Education teachers in Cambodia. SEAMEO SEN delegates were also given a comprehensive view of the Special Education system of education and the current implementation of inclusive schools in Phnom Penh. During the school visits, SEAMEO SEN delegates were given the overall picture of the types and inclusion programs that are made available for children with visual and hearing impairment and those with learning difficulties. The visit yielded positive results as SEAMEO SEN and the Ministry of MOEYS of Cambodia agreed to work together and provide consultation to MOEYS to set up Special Education Department and foundation training in Special Education for Special Education educators in Cambodian Special Education Schools.



Media Coverage: Melaka Hari Ini (MHI)

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO HANOI, VIETNAM

Date: 12th - 14th July 2015

SEAMEO SEN Delegates:

1. **Datin Dr. Hjh. Yasmin Binti Hussain** – Director
2. **Dr. Kway Eng Hock** – Deputy Director
3. **Era Zaffura Binti Md Sin** – Administrative Executive
4. **Monishah Md. Shah** – Training Coordinator Officer

Institution/School Visited::

- a) Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES), MOET, Hanoi Vietnam
- b) Inclusive Elementary School Nguyen Dinh Chieu (School for the Blind Children)
- c) Practical Unite, Hanoi.

Summary of Visit:

The visit was aimed at established networking and introducing the roles and functions of SEAMEO SEN to the officers and personnel in VNIES, MOET. The visit was also intended to discuss partnership and training courses that can be conducted for Special Education teachers in Hanoi. SEAMEO SEN delegates were also given a comprehensive view of the Special Education system of education and the current implementation of inclusive schools in Hanoi. During the school visits, SEAMEO SEN delegates were given the overall picture of the types and inclusion programs that are made available for children with visual impairment. This visit is very beneficial since it can increase SEAMEO SEN's Officers' knowledge and understanding of SEN practices in Vietnam as well as building one's capacity and capability in managing international body and help us to perform more efficiently in the organization.



A VISIT TO PERMATA KURNIA, MALAYSIA

Date: 13th November 2015

Location: PERMATA Kurnia, Sentul, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Organized by: PERMATA Kurnia, Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN Representatives:

Ms. Mazmi Maarof, Ms. Monishah Md. Shah and Mr. Hazzlan Sama

Summary of Visit:

In conjunction with PERMATA Kurnia's inaugural operations in its new centre, SEAMEO SEN together with a few Autism-related NGO's were invited to a briefing session as well as a centre tour. The new centre is located in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The one of its kind centre in Malaysia is equipped with internationally recognized facilities and experienced support personnel.





Source: Program Permata (www.programpermata.my)

HIGHLIGHTS

EXPO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURIAL INVENTORS (EYEI 2015)

Date: 31st October 2015

Venue: Mydin Mall Ayer Keroh, Melaka, Malaysia

Organized by: Technical University of Malaysia (UTeM)

The Entrepreneur Club from UTeM together with SEAMEO SEN participated in the “Social Entrepreneur” competition with the assistance from teachers and special students from SMK Bukit Katil (Learning Difficulties Integration Program), Melaka. The group won first prize from more than 30 contestants showcasing the best model for PWD’s in marketing their products. Congratulations!.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2015

Date: 5th December 2015

Venue: Pudu Sentral, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

SEAMEO SEN personnel together with Yayasan Salam and Malaysia Foundation for the Blind participated in an awareness campaign for public awareness at Pudu Sentral, Kuala Lumpur. The programme is in conjunction with International Volunteer Day and International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2015, 3rd December 2015.





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