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3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (ICSE 2019)

SURABAYA, INDONESIA, 13th – 15th July 2019 - The 3rd International Conference on Special Education (ICSE 2019) held by SEAMEO Regional Centre for Special Educational Needs (SEAMEO SEN) with collaboration Ministry of Education and Culture Indonesia and State University of Surabaya (UNESA) was successfully held and attended by more than 1112 participants of educators, administrators, field experts from the ASEAN countries and around the world. ICSE 2019 has managed to encapsulate insightful sharing session through our Keynote, Plenaries and also Parallel sessions as well. Concepts and ideas has been shared back and forth to bring a positive progress in Special Needs sphere.



Keynote Session



Plenary Session



Concurrent Session



Exhibition



Opening Remarks by Hajah Salmah Jopri, SEAMEO SEN Director

Under fifteen subthemes, the conference have amass a total of one hundred and forty three papers presented and discussed deliberately. ICSE 2019 received much publicity and media coverage in Indonesia and much support was given by the Ministry of Education and Culture Indonesia and UNESA.



Representative from multi country and organizations

50TH SEAMEO COUNCIL CONFERENCE



KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 22nd – 25th July 2019 – The Ministry of Education, Malaysia in collaboration with SEAMEO Secretariat, hosted the 50th SEAMEO Council Conference on July 22-25, 2019 at the Sunway Hotel Resort and Spa in Malaysia. The three-day conference attended by more than 160 participants comprising of the Ministers of Education and high officials from 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, representatives from SEAMEO Associate Member Countries, Affiliate Members and 26 SEAMEO Regional Centers as well as SEAMEO partners such as the UNICEF and UNESCO Bangkok. At the Conference, H.E. Dr Maszlee Malik, Minister of Education, Malaysia, was unanimously elected the SEAMEO Council President (term 2019 – 2021).

The 50th SEAMEC lasted for four days and was attended by education ministers, high-level government education officials and representatives from all 11 SEAMEO member countries, associate members, affiliate members, SEAMEO regional centres and strategic partners.

It featured multiple fora to discuss responses to the changing education landscape influenced by recent economic and social developments.



Booth Visit by the Malaysia
Minister of Education and SEAMEO
Council President



SEAMEO Awards Presentation

CUSTOMIZED COURSE: TEACHING CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME

SEAMEO SEN, MELAKA, 23rd – 25th July 2019 – In order to provide resources and knowledge to manage Children with Down Syndrome, SEAMEO SEN has conducted a three (3) days course for fifty (50) Malaysia Special Education Teachers. The course was built to explain the abilities of the children and identify the various way of teaching down syndrome. Malaysian Special Education Division were invited as a speakers to develop and contribute efficient delivery of knowledge together with Mrs. Hj. Hasmah binti Hitam, a Freelance Lecturer with almost a lifetime teaching Down Syndrome children. Participants were also experienced with brain gym activities from Malaysian Down Syndrome Association.



Opening Ceremony and Introduction about SEAMEO SEN



Representative from Malaysian Special
Education Division shared about
classroom management



Malaysian Down Syndrome Association
talked about teaching method of
reading to students with
down syndrome

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY WORKSHOP (SE@SEC)

MELAKA, 31 July – 1 August 2019 – Social Entrepreneur for Special Education Community Workshop was held at Kampus Teknologi UTeM that comprised 29 Special Education Teachers, 10 UTeM students and 3 SEAMEO SEN staff. The workshop was organized by UTeM in cooperation with Research and Innovation Division, SEAMEO SEN.



Brief introduction about entrepreneur

This workshop aims to create entrepreneur among special needs community, enhance special needs community household revenue and implement skill and value of entrepreneur among community through student as an entrepreneur agent. The workshop successfully conducted, and SEAMEO SEN hopes all the participants will practice and implement the knowledge and skill of entrepreneurship in their teaching session at school.



Action plan session



Discussion among the participants

SEAMEO CENTRE DIRECTORS MEETING (CDM) 2019



BANGKOK, THAILAND, 6th – 8th August 2019 - The SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2019 was successfully held in Nikko Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand from 6 to 8 August 2019. The meeting served not only as a platform for SEAMEO Units to share updates on SEAMEO new policy directions and their achievements, but also to discuss how SEAMEO can expand its developmental programmes with new partners and strengthen the existing ones.

A total of 28 Working Papers, 9 from SEAMEO Secretariat and 19 from SEAMEO Centres/Network, were presented during Matter for Information section. 23 Multimedia Presentations from SEAMEO Units were displayed between the sessions in the meeting. A total of 11 Multimedia Presentations, 3 from Affiliate Members and 8 from Partners, were shared before the Networking Session of 23 SEAMEO Centres with Affiliate Members and Partners.

Five new Inter-Centre Collaboration (ICC) Proposals by 5 SEAMEO Centres were presented during Special Session for the SEAMEO Centre/Network. SEAMEO SEN has successfully presented our proposal on “Action Research on Advocating Proper Nutrition in Special Education Schools for Children with ADHD and Down Syndrome in Southeast Asia” and has been accepted as one of ICC project for year 2020.



SEAMEO SEN proposal being presented by SEAMEO SEN Director



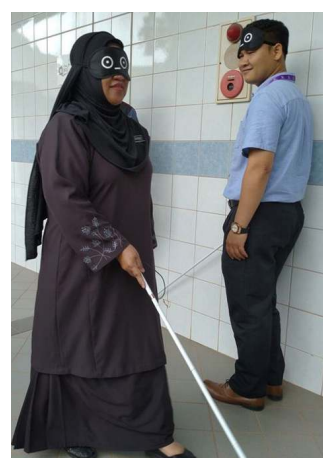
Networking and Discussion on SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2011-2020

IN COUNTRY COURSE: LAO PDR - SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING (VISUAL IMPAIRMENT, HEARING IMPAIRMENT, AUTISM)

LAO PDR, 19th – 21st August 2019 – Forty-eight (48) teachers and lecturers in Lao PDR completed a training course on Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment and Autism Spectrum Disorder on 19-21 August 2019 at National University of Laos, Lao PDR. The in-country training was a collaboration between SEAMEO SEN, National University of Laos, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR and SEAMEO CED. Throughout the 3-day training, the participants received lectures and practical instructions regarding Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment and Autism Spectrum Disorder where their learning will be focused on their respective content areas.



Hearing Impairment Session



Visual Impairment activities



Introduction to Special Education and SEAMEO SEN

5TH HIGH OFFICIALS MEETING ON SEA-TVET

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, 9th – 10th September 2019 – The meeting was attended by approximately 104 delegates who are Secretary Generals/Director Generals/Directors on TVET of Ministries of Education, Ministries of Labour and Training, Ministries of Science and Technology, Ministries of Higher Education and other related Ministries from the Southeast Asian countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor Leste. The theme of the 5th HOM SEA-TVET “Strengthening Efforts Towards TVET 4.0” is timely to prepare to embrace the digital revolutions that will influence both ways of living and ways of preparing the future workforce.



Progress Report on TVET Training for Special Education Needs Teacher and Proposal presented by SEAMEO SEN Director



SEAMEO SEN representative Hajah Salmah Jopri, the Centre Director of SEAMEO SEN and Mohd Anis Abdul Razak, the Research Officer for SEAMEO SEN

CUSTOMIZED COURSE: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

SEAMEO SEN, 11th – 13th September 2019 – Occupational therapy (OT) treatment focuses on helping people with a physical, sensory or cognitive disability be as independent as possible in all areas of their lives. OT can help kids with various needs improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills and enhance their self-esteem and sense of accomplishment. 40 Special Education Teachers in Malaysia were given the knowledge to develop skills of occupational therapy for special educational needs. The training consists of Child Development and Stimulations, Sensory Motor Skills, Pre-Writing and Handwriting Skills, Practical Assessment in Handwriting Skills, Visual Perception Skills, Cognitive Skills, Sensory Integration for Special Needs Children, Sensory Intervention for Sensory Behaviour Difficulties, and Attention and Behaviour module.



Mrs Mahfuzah Zainol showing the instrument that can be used and applied to their students to increase their sensory includes brain gym



Balancing technique to help teachers to teach their students to improve motor skills



Sharing session about behavior management strategies and principles of behavior management

SEAMEO SEN 7TH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING



LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA, 23rd – 25th September 2019 - SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Meeting is an annual meeting whereby all the eleven (11) SEAMEO SEN governing board members (GBM) from Southeast Asia countries will sit down together for 2- 3 days, focusing to discuss, evaluate, ratify or make decisions on management structure flows, activities and programs for the near future.

For the 7th SEAMEO SEN Governing Board Meeting, the meeting was held in Langkawi, Malaysia for three (3) days. The meeting took place at Bayview Hotel and registered a total of twenty-three (23) participants comprising of seven (7) GBM, ten (10) observers from different organizations, one (1) official from SEAMEO Secretariat and two (2) external rapporteurs.

In summary, there were a total of seventeen (17) working papers are being discussed along with the presentation from GBM and the observers.



Seven (7) representative SEAMEO Country Members along with SEAMEO SEN Director & SEAMEO Secretariat Director



Welcome Remarks by Hajah Salmah Jopri, SEAMEO SEN Director



Each SEAMEO Country Members report presentation

SEMINAR ON SPECIAL EDUCATION



LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA, 23rd September 2019 – SEAMEO SEN has hosted a Seminar on Special Education aimed to provide knowledge and exposure particularly on Career Transition Program: School to Work to special education teachers, lecturers and school administrators. The seminar serves as a platform to disseminate information relating to Special Education in Malaysia and the development of Special Education in countries around Southeast Asia. 121 teachers and lecturers from Langkawi, Kedah attended and completed the Seminar on Special Education which was held in conjunction of SEAMEO SEN 7th Governing Board Member Meeting on 23 September 2019 at Bayview Hotel Langkawi, Kedah. The in-seminar was a collaboration between SEAMEO SEN, Kedah State Education Office and Galuh Handayani Inclusive School, Surabaya.



Transition from School to Work session from Mr. Kumaresan a/l Muniandy, SMPKV, Merbok



Inclusive Education Model of Galuh Handayani School, Surabaya, Indonesia



Closing Ceremony of seminar by the Director of Langkawi Education Office with the presentation of certificates and memento

TRAINING ON URBAN AGRICULTURE FOR SE TEACHERS

BANDUNG, INDONESIA, 30th September – 3rd October 2019 –The Directorate of Secondary Education and Special Education Teacher Development, in collaboration with PPPPTK TK and PLB and SEAMEO, had hold Urban Agriculture Training for Special Education teachers, from 30 September to 3 October 2019 at the PPPPTK TK & PLB, Bandung West Java. This event was attended by 45 teachers from various regions in Indonesia and participants from Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, two people each.



SEAMEO SEN's DIRECTOR, Mdm Hajah Salmah Jopri was also invited to deliver a presentation on "Special Education Overview".



Participants also visited the Agri Hi-Tech Research and Development Centre of Ho Chi Minh at Cuci District



Group action activities

CUSTOMIZED COURSE: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

MELAKA, 22nd October – 8th November 2019 – The training attended by 22 teachers of special education from Malaysia which, aims to enhance the capacity of teachers of Special Education, in particular, special education and mainstream teachers through better understanding in delivering classroom instructions and practices. The training also expects teachers to be able to develop IEP for their special needs students. It is our goal to also increase special education and mainstream teachers’ passion in teaching for special education.



“Zero Reject Policy” was explained to ensures that all children in the country, including those with special educational needs (SEN)



Sport stacking demonstration (cup stacking) by Mr. Mohd Hadi Mohd Nor from SK Kuala Linggi, Melaka



Addressing the issues and challenges towards special needs inclusive classrooms



Dr. Safani Bari, SEAMEO SEN Deputy Director talks about the concept of inclusion and segregation

REGULAR COURSE: BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

MELAKA, 22nd October – 8th November 2019 – This Regular Course continued from the Customized Course Inclusive Education for Teachers with the sharing of experiences from Indonesia perspective in Special Education Learning. The participant then were learning about Disabilites Education Act (IDEA) from Dr. Koay Teng Leong, former Associate Profesor. IDEA is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.



Sharing the ideas about action plan among the participants



Disabilites Education Act (IDEA) from Dr. Koay Teng Leong



School Visit to study the pattern of inclusive students



Photo session with SEAMEO's representatives and facilitator

42ND SEAMEO HIGH OFFICIALS MEETING



BANGKOK, THAILAND, 27th – 28th November 2019 - The SEAMEO High Officials Meeting (HOM) is an annual program organised by the SEAMEO Secretariat. It attempts at reviewing existing programmes, expenditures, legal aspects and matters concerning SEAMEO as an intergovernmental organization’s administration and activities. The 42nd SEAMEO HOM was made up of two parts: The In-Camera Session on 26 November 2019, and the Plenary Session on 27-28 November 2019. The meeting presented the working papers on SEAMEO Regional Centres, SEAMEO Associate Members Countries, Affiliate Members, and Partners, as well as Inter-Centre Collaboration (ICC) on core interventions and programmes to promote education, culture, and science in the region, and highlighted the ongoing projects and programmes.

A total of 149 participants from 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, two Associate Member The High Officials discussed and endorsed decisions on SEAMEO working papers for the In-Camera Session and 34 working papers for the Plenary Session.

The 42nd SEAMEO HOM concluded in positive results, productive discussions, and close links between the SEAMEO Member Countries, SEAMEO Associate Member Countries, Affiliate Members, and Partners, which are necessary to further strengthen and support education, science and culture growth in Southeast Asia and beyond.



Discussion of collaborating among the SEAMEO centre



SEAMEO SEN’s representative by Hajah Salmah Jopri, SEAMEO SEN Director and Ahmad Heikhal Amir Hamzah, SEAMEO SEN International Relation Officer

DON’T BOTHER, LET’S TALK

UiTM, MELAKA, 5th December 2019 – “Don’t Bother, Let’s Talk, ” program organized by the Young Leaders Club aims to increase the skills of students to learn Sign Language more deeply to communicate with people with disabilities in general. SEAMEO SEN was invited to teach the basics of sign language such as the alphabet and some easy sign language movements for students. This program attended by thirty-two (32) UiTM students.



UiTM students from different courses attended the program



Sign language presented by SEAMEO SEN Deputy Director, Dr. Safani Bari



Photo session with the Young Leaders Club community



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VISION

LEADING CENTRE FOR QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



MISSION

TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PRACTICES AMONG SEAMEO MEMBERS COUNTRIES



PRIORITY AREAS

- VISUAL DISABILITY
- HEARING DISABILITY
- SPEECH DISABILITY
- PHYSICAL DISABILITY
- LEARNING DIFFICULTIES
- MULTIPLE DISABILITIES



ACTIVITIES

- TARGETED TRAINING PROGRAMMES
- RESEARCHES ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
- AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
- NETWORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION
- SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES



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