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Message From The Centre Director



Considering developing and harmonizing higher education in Southeast Asia being the core value of SEAMEO RIHED, we have been able to follow our 4th Five-Year Development Plan on implementations of policy dialogues, programmes, and initiation of regional information gateway. Our development programmes and activities are designed to help empower and enhance cooperations among higher education systems and institutions in the region which need to be accelerated to successfully achieve regional integration and harmonization in higher education. The fiscal year 2014-2015 appears to be more important than ever as the ASEAN Community is upon us.

Among activities implemented to realize the goal of regional harmonization in higher education are university networks, capacities buildings, formulation of regional quality assurance framework and academic transfer framework, and also balanced mobility of students.

Serving our goal to cultivate globalized human resources, university networking programmes such as ASEAN International Mobility of Students (AIMS) Programme, and ASEAN-China Network of Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-EngTech) were launched and expanded.

This past year, stronger partnership between SEAMEO RIHED and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been witnessed with the approval from ADB to fund the Experiment Phase of the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA). In addition, ADB recognizing the significance of higher education institutions (HEIs) synergy supported the formation of the Greater Mekong Subregion University Consortium (GMS-UC). While partnership with the European and ASEAN consortium led by DAAD continued to enhance capacity building on quality assurance for the ASEAN universities under the ASEAN-QA Project.

More exciting collaborations in higher education between ASEAN and Europe are to be witnessed beginning 2015 to 2018. It is the European programme on Support for Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (SHARE). The European partners led by the British Council are DAAD, Campus France and Nuffic. Representing higher education in the Southeast Asian Region, SEAMEO RIHED is pledged to work at our full capacity to the realization of the goals and objectives of SHARE for the Southeast Asian Region and to synchronize SHARE mission with our missions in the harmonization of higher education in this region and its contribution in the realization of ASEAN Community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chantavit Sujatanond
Director, SEAMEO RIHED

About SEAMEO RIHED

About Us

SEAMEO RIHED is the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization - Regional Center for Higher Education and Development specializing in higher education development. Its main activities, in line with other SEAMEO centres, include training, research, and information dissemination with special focuses on fostering efficiency and effectiveness of higher education policy and planning, management, and administration in SEAMEO Member Countries.

Our Mission

SEAMEO RIHED's mission is to foster efficiency, effectiveness, and harmonization of higher education in Southeast Asia through system research, empowerment, collaboration and development of mechanisms to facilitate sharing in higher education.

Our Vision

A dynamic, strategic, and internationally recognized regional centre for promoting understanding, collaboration, and synergy in higher education for regional development.

Our History

Initially founded as the Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development in Singapore in 1959, the Regional Institute or RIHED, was reorganized and established in Bangkok, Thailand in 1993, as The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization - Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED). Since its establishment, SEAMEO RIHED has retained its original acronym and yet played a crucial role in the capacity building and capability development of SEAMEO Member Countries in the field of higher education.



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Priorities

1. Programmes serving 5 Objective Areas

1. Empowering Higher Education Institutions
2. Developing Harmonization Mechanisms
3. Cultivating Globalized Human Resources
4. Advancing Knowledge Frontiers in Higher Education System Management
5. Promoting University Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development

2. Higher Education Policy Dialogue

1. Annual Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia
2. Annual Meeting of SEAMEO Governing Board with back-to-back Regional Seminar

3. Regional Higher Education Information Gateway

1. E-Learning and E-Database of higher education information

2014-2015 Overview

Organized Activities

1-4 September 2014, Guiyang, China

The 2014 ASEAN-China University President Forum on International Cooperation

15 September 2014, Danang, Vietnam

SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting

16 September 2014, Danang, Vietnam

Regional Seminar on Linkage and Collaboration between the HEIs and industries

2-8 November 2014, Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, China

The 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-ACC Study Visit Programme to China on University-Industry Cooperation in Research and Development: Experiences and Insights from National University Science Parks

2-3 December 2014, UBD, Brunei Darussalam

The 8th Review Meeting of the AIMS Programme

26-28 March 2015, Tianjin, China

ACNET-EngTech Work Meeting and Unveiling Ceremony of the Secretariat

12-16 May 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

2015 International Workshop on "Innovative, Rigorous, and Open-minded IROs"

16-17 June 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Planning Meetings of the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) and the GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)

7 July 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR

The 9th Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia

8-9 July 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Kick-off Meetings of the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) and the GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)

Co-organized Activities

12 July 2014, Singapore

ASEAN-QA Technical Working Group Meeting

17 October 2014, Bali, Indonesia

AQAN Roundtable Meeting

17-21 November 2014, Potsdam/Berlin, Germany

ASEAN-QA High Level Information Visit

13-17 February 2015, Tsukuba, Japan

The 2nd University of Tsukuba International Symposium on AIMS and Trans-ASEAN Global Agenda Education (TAG) Programme

23-27 February 2015, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ASEAN-QA Train IQA Workshop I

26 August 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

AQAFHE Task Force Meeting No.1/2014

2014-2015 Overview

Invitations to be Guest Speakers

28-29 July 2014, Tokyo, Japan

NEAT Working Group on "Enhancing People to People Connectivity - Education, Tourism and Cultural Exchange"

1-4 September 2014, Guiyang, China

The 7th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW)

12 September 2014, Sydney, Australia

2014 ASEAN Forum: Celebrating 40 years of Australian Engagement in ASEAN

7 October 2014, Brisbane, Australia

IEAA International Research Roundtable

9-10 October 2014, Manila, Philippines

Forum on Increased Mobility of Skilled Labour

16 October 2014, Bali, Indonesia

The 2nd ASEAN Plus Three Working Group on Student Mobility of Higher Education and Ensuring Quality Assurance of Higher Education

21-22 October 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

SEAMEO Congress

25 October 2014, Beijing, China

China Annual Conference for International Education (CACIE 2014)

29-30 October 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam

The 13th Meeting of the Working Group on Human Resource Development (WGHRD-13)

10-11 November 2014, Riga, Latvia

The 1st Senior Officials' Meeting

4 December 2014, Seoul, Korea

2014 International Workshop: Building Education-Hub in Asia

13 December 2014, Tokyo, Japan

Higher Education Harmonization and Networking in East and Southeast Asia:
How AIMS Programme Can Contribute to an Emerging ASEAN Community

6 March 2015, Bangkok, Thailand

Sophia ASEAN Hub Centre Opening Symposiums

12 June 2015 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

AQAN Executive Committee Meeting No.1/2015

27-28 April 2015 Riga, Latvia

The 5th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME5)



The Annual Report

2014-2015

Every year, SEAMEO RIHED publishes its annual report to publicize what have been done by the center during the past fiscal year. SEAMEO RIHED, as the Regional Organization for Higher Education and Development in Southeast Asia, consistently carried out a number of programmes and activities in the 2014-2015 fiscal year in accordance with our 4th Five-Year Development Plan which comprises of 3 key main components; Programmes serving 5 Objective Areas, Higher Education Policy Dialogue, and Regional Higher Education Information Gateway.

The 5 Objective Areas consist of programmes that strengthened and reinforced our core objectives to enhance and empower higher education institutions, develop harmonization mechanisms, cultivate globalized human resources, advance the frontiers of knowledge for the development of higher education in the region, and promote university social responsibility and sustainable development.

Higher Education Policy Dialogue, on the other hand, focuses on regional cooperation based on common interest and collective actions. For the last point, Regional Higher Education Information Gateway purposedly aims to develop and implement information gateway and database for higher education in Southeast Asia.

More importantly, SEAMEO RIHED has continuously pursued to promote regional collaboration and cooperation within ASEAN Community through policy dialogues and extensively established network collaborations with SEAMEO Member Countries and a various number of organizations on the basis of ASEAN +3 and other regions as well.

Warmly Welcome the ASEAN Delegation!



Empowering Higher Education Institutions

SEAMEO RIHED encourages universities and higher education institutions that are empowered accountable and ready to embrace the challenges presented by a globalized world. In order to meet this objective, we have created programmes for universities to build capacity in the areas of higher education governance and management, and provide opportunities for networking.

Outstanding achievements during 2014-2015 fiscal year included ASEAN-China University President Forum on International Cooperation, SEAMEO RIHED-ACC Study Visit Programme to China on University-Industry Cooperation in Research and Development: Experiences and Insights from National University Science Parks, and SEAMEO RIHED-Fulbright Thailand 2015 International Workshop on “Innovative, Rigorous, and Open-minded IROs”.

The 2014 ASEAN-China University President Forum on International Cooperation

1-3 September 2014, Guiyang, People's Republic of China

Since 2012, SEAMEO RIHED has been actively involved in co-organizing activities with the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) to promote understanding and the mutual promotion of good practices between China and Southeast Asia. The CAECW has become a renowned and important regional platform for China and Southeast Asian countries to develop higher education cooperation and exchange and enhance understanding and friendship.

During the 7th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week, the Network for Cooperation and Exchanges among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-EngTech) was officially established to promote collaboration between the E9 Universities (9 Excellent Alliance of Universities in China) and Southeast Asian universities in the field of Engineering and Technology. Currently, the Network consists of E9 Universities from China and 8 universities from Southeast Asian Countries.



The 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-ACC Study Visit Programme to China on University-Industry Cooperation in Research and Development: Experiences and Insights from National University Science Parks

1-7 November 2014, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou, People's Republic of China



SEAMEO RIHED and the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) have been exploring opportunities for collaboration since 2012 in order to foster regional cooperation in higher education and promote greater interaction among Chinese and Southeast Asian universities. One of the key initiatives developed is the SEAMEO RIHED-ACC Study Visit to China on University-Industry Cooperation in Research and Development, which has run on an annual basis since 2013 and aims to provide regional participants with in-depth understanding of the higher education system in China as well as the role of universities in research and development.

Notable outcome of the study visit in 2013 was the development and strength of ties between Chinese and Southeast Asian higher education institutions, including MoU signing, research collaboration and student exchange programmes.

Following the success and outcomes of the first visit, the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-ACC Study Visit to China was organized from 1-7 November 2014.

A total of 19 participants, including government officials, university presidents, and directors responsible for university–industry linkages from Cambodia, Laos PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam visited Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hangzhou.

SEAMEO RIHED, ACC together with Guangxi Autonomous Regional Department of Education will organize a Seminar back-to-back with the third Study Visit to Nanning and Guilin in November 2015, focusing on collaboration and research in the field of arts and cultural heritage/preservation, as well as the development of hospitality and tourism.

SEAMEO RIHED-Fulbright Thailand 2015 International Workshop on “Innovative, Rigorous, and Open-minded IROs”

13-15 May 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



To strengthen capacity building and enhance knowledge in Higher Education Internationalization, SEAMEO RIHED in cooperation with Fulbright-Thailand, organized the 2015 International Workshop on “Innovative, Rigorous, and Open-minded IROs” during 13-15 May 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The international workshop focused on the attention of executives and officers of international relations officers as well as administrative and academic staff actively involved in their institution's international relations, particularly those participating in the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme. The highlight of the international workshop was the general's session opening, keynote speaker, special talk, panel discussion, and productive workshops stimulating in broadening participants'

views and understanding to conveying concepts on the basis of higher education internationalization.

During the 3-day program, participants from Southeast Asian Higher Education Institutions met together as a group of international relations officers(IROs) to explore the roles of international relations officers in higher education internationalization with a view to drawing linkages and reciprocal supports between the two, to revisit practices and challenges of IROs focusing on the common issues in order to develop mutual standards and practices, and to observe cross-cultural management in the private sector and discuss its application for higher education institutions.

Developing Harmonization Mechanisms

Quality Assurance is a key mechanism that will enlighten the future success of harmonization of higher education. To achieve it, we need to genuinely understand the systems of quality assurance which have been being applied in Southeast Asian countries. Recognizing this importance, SEAMEO RIHED has continued to clarify the definition and importance of quality assurance in higher education.

In 2008, SEAMEO RIHED collaborated with the Malaysian Quality Assurance Agency to help establish the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN). AQAN was designed to promote collaboration in regional quality assurance.

In line with the intentions of policy makers in the region, SEAMEO RIHED promotes the harmonization of Southeast Asian higher education systems. This process allows national systems to work together more efficiently, while recognizing both national authority and the diversity of higher education systems in the region.



Quality Assurance



Quality assurance has become the centre of attention in the development of higher education for the past few decades. Regional and national best practices have been shared among university academias in a vast number of forum. Quality improvement in higher education has been placed as national agenda by all governments. Attempts to align national practices can be witnessed through policy dialogues, action research, capacity building and so on.

SEAMEO RIHED, being a vehicle of SEAMEO to strive for the alignment and harmonization of higher education system in Southeast Asia, takes up the role of facilitator bringing member countries of the region to network and to formulate regional framework for quality assurance. SEAMEO RIHED in partnership with member governments brought together the national quality assurance agencies to launch the establishment of a regional network called ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN) in 2008. The executives and officials of ten national quality assurance authorities and ministers responsible for higher education meet regularly to collaborate and facilitate the recognition of qualifications and cross-border mobility and to develop regional framework for quality

assurance for Southeast Asia. AQAN members have endorsed the ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF) at its 2013 AQAN Roundtable Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The Organisation is now registered as international association under the Registrar of Societies, Malaysia before taking further steps to seek endorsement from SEAMEO and to file for affiliation with the ASEAN.

Furthermore, SEAMEO RIHED has been consulted and invited to join the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and European partners (DAAD, HRK, ENQA and University of Potsdam) to engage in the ASEAN-QA Project funded by the German Government. This project focuses on capacity building for both external quality assurance agencies (EQAA) and internal quality assurance (IQA) of the higher education institutions (HEIs) in Southeast Asian Countries. ASEAN-QA Phase I encompassed capacity building activities for both groups which was completed at the end of 2013. While Phase II was launched in 2014 with emphasis on IQA and started with Call for Proposals and solutions of universities in the ASEAN Countries. Thirty two universities were selected on-the-job exercises as well as structured trainings/workshops. Phase II will be completed in 2016.



Cultivating Globalized Human Resources

A mobile and globalized workforce is indeed essential for the establishment and future success of the ASEAN Community. Human resources with competency-based capacity will provide the region with the educated workforce to ensure development in the era of globalization. SEAMEO RIHED pursues the cultivation of globalized human resources through programmes designed to benefit academic and cultural development and meet broader political, social and economic needs.

The ASEAN International Mobility for Students Programme (AIMS) is the remarkable masterpiece programme of SEAMEO RIHED, which aims to enable students to incubate their academic skills and intensify their understanding on intercultural environment as well as to promote and encourage regional collaboration in higher education. In addition, the 8th Review Meeting of AIMS and ACNET-EngTech Work Meeting and Unveiling Ceremony of the Secretariat were held during 2014-2015.

The 8th Review Meeting of the AIMS Programme

2-3 December 2014, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam



Originally launched in 2010 as the Malaysia-Indonesia-Thailand (M-I-T) Student Mobility Programme, SEAMEO RIHED initiated the programme with the goal for participating governments to support mobility for 150 students in 3 countries by 2011, 300 students in 5 countries by 2013 and 500 students in 10 countries by 2015. It was later renamed as "The ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) programme" as the number of participating countries has grown. With continuous support and expansion of participating countries and higher education institutions, AIMS Programme continues to surpass targets originally set forth. By 2013, over 700 students have participated in the AIMS Programme.

AIMS currently offers a wide range of exchange opportunities to undergraduate students in 10 fields of study (Hospitality and Tourism, Agriculture, Language and Culture, International Business, Food Science and Technology, Engineering, Economics, Environmental Science and Management, Biodiversity and Marine Science) at 61 universities in 7 participating countries (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei Darussalam, Philippines, and Japan).

By the end of 2014, over 1200 students from 7 member countries have enhanced their education abroad and made lasting contribution to regional understanding, cooperation and friendship. The AIMS Programme has also been widely recognized as a key platform for regional student mobility, benefitting participating universities and higher education systems and preparing students for a career and life in an increasingly interconnected world.

Review Meeting of the AIMS Programme serves to promote multilateral collaboration among participating countries and universities and strengthen the networks and partnerships crucial to the success and future of the Programme. From 2–3 December 2014, the 8th Review Meeting of the AIMS Programme was kindly hosted by the Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam and co-organized by Universiti Brunei Darussalam in Brunei. Over 130 delegates from AIMS participating universities attended the event.

Kick-Off Meetings of the GMS University Consortium and Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia

Signing Ceremony of the Joint Declaration of GMS University Consortium for Collaboration and Excellence

8-9 July 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR



Advancing Knowledge Frontiers in Higher Education System Management

In striving for excellence within the dynamic Southeast Asian context in which higher education systems and institutions in the region operate, SEAMEO RIHED recognizes the need to advance knowledge on regional higher education systems, as well as their transformation and harmonization.

SEAMEO RIHED, with the support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), has implemented a policy action research programme to build the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA). The aim is to provide Greater Mekong Sub Region countries including Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (more specifically Yunnan Province and Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region), Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam as well as non-GMS countries including Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Malaysia means of simplifying credit transfer arrangements in higher education and promoting the harmonization of higher education across Asia. The project comprises of four phases to explore, experiment, experience, and expand.

Planning Meetings of the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) and the GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)

16-17 June 2015, Bangkok, Thailand



In 2012, SEAMEO RIHED, supported by Asia Development Bank (ADB), implemented a policy action research project on Harmonization and Networking in Higher Education: Building a Common Credit Transfer System for GMS and beyond, which aims at providing GMS and other countries in the region means for harmonizing credit transfer arrangements in higher education.

The action research project is divided into four phases: explore, experiment, experience, and expand. The exploratory phase has been accomplished in 2014. With continued support from ADB, from 2015-2017, SEAMEO RIHED will carry out the Experiment Phase of the research project. To proceed with project implementation, SEAMEO RIHED organized a Planning Meeting to discuss the details of devel-

opment and guideline of implementation of the Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) and GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC) Projects during 16-17 June 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Planning Meeting was attended by 16 representatives from ADB, higher education authorities of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, experts from Japan and Thailand, and SEAMEO RIHED Director and staff. Valuable comments and suggestions were delivered by invited experts and guest during the meeting to support the conduction of the projects in the next two years.

Policy Dialogue

Policy Dialogue collectively brings together key stakeholders in higher education in Southeast Asian region to discuss on necessary matters in developing and implementing effective higher education policies. SEAMEO RIHED supports policy dialogue at the regional level to help countries learn from each other's experiences, reach consensus on matters of regional importance and improve higher education systems through common interest, mutual recognition and collective action.

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, SEAMEO RIHED organized the 9th Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia, 22nd SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting along with the Regional Seminar on Linkage and Collaboration between the HEIs and industries. In addition to the above meetings, SEAMEO RIHED received an opportunity to warmly welcome the Minister of Education and Training and SEAMEO Council President from Vietnam, H.E. Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan.



The 9th Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General /Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia

7 July 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR



The Meeting of Directors General/Secretary General/ Commissioner of Higher Education is annually held on a rotation basis among Member Countries as an official forum of education executives directly responsible for higher education. The meeting is designed to be a platform for discussing matters for consideration, major achievements, and ongoing activities concerning higher education.

On 7 July 2015, The 9th Meeting of Directors General / Secretary General / Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia was held at the Lao Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Meeting was attended by Her Excellency the Vice Minister of Education and Sports,

Lao PDR, the Directors General, Secretary General and Commissioner of Higher Education in Southeast Asia from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand, as well as country representatives from Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. In addition, the Director of SEAMEO Secretariat, representative of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), Director and staff of SEAMEO RIHED were also in presence.

The meeting considerably discussed about the ASEAN Research Cluster and ASEAN Citation Index, Southeast Asia's Higher Education Information Gateway and Database as well as Academic Calendar in Southeast Asia.

The 22nd SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting

15 September 2014, Danang, Vietnam



SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board is the main policy making body of the Center which comprises of one representative from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Governing Board is directly responsible for operational policies, strategic planning, annual evaluation, and review of the Center's programmes and budget within the framework of its approved Five-Year Development Plan.

The 22nd SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting was held on 15-16 September 2014 in Da Nang, Vietnam. The Meeting was attended by members of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Thailand. In addition, Representatives of Governing Board Members from Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam were in presence along with the Deputy

Director (Administration and Communication) of SEAMEO Secretariat, and the Acting Interim Director and Special Advisor of SEAMEO RIHED.

During the Opening Ceremony of the Meeting, Prof. Dr. Pham Quang Hung, Acting Director General, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), Vietnam, highlighted the importance of the harmonization process in higher education system in Southeast Asia as well as the efforts made by SEAMEO RIHED, in order to achieve the mutual benefits regarding socio-economic growth and development in the region. Over the course of the meeting, the Governing Board discussed policies and issues related to the support and development of regional higher education and the work of SEAMEO RIHED.

Regional Seminar on Linkage and Collaboration between the HEIs and Industries

16 September 2014, Danang, Vietnam



SEAMEO RIHED Regional Policy Seminar, held annually back-to-back along with the SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting, which brings together policy makers in higher education, university executives, faculty members, and other international experts in higher education to share and discuss how Southeast Asian Countries are addressing the emerging trend of selected seminar themes.

The 10th SEAMEO RIHED Regional Policy Seminar was organized on 16 September 2014, in Danang, Vietnam back-to-back with the 22nd SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting.

The theme of the 2014 Seminar is "Linkage and Collaboration between Universities and Industries". The participants of the Seminar were totally comprised of Southeast Asian policy-makers responsible for higher education and university scholars from Vietnam.

Governing Board Members were invited as seminar speakers to share ideas and to update information on their national and institutional policies as well as the practices regarding university industry collaboration in their respective countries.

Official visit to SEAMEO RIHED of the SEAMEO Council President

5 March 2015, SEAMEO RIHED, Bangkok, Thailand



On 5 March 2015, the Minister of Education and Training of Vietnam and SEAMEO Council President, H.E. Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan, completed an official visit to SEAMEO RIHED. He was warmly greeted by the Special Advisor, the Acting Interim Director, and staff as well as Ms. Aporn Kanvong, Deputy Secretary-General of the Office of Higher Education Commission of Thailand and representative of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Chair.

Accompanied by Dr. Witaya Jeradechakul, the Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat, Dr. Ir Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, the Director Designate of the SEAMEO Secretariat, Mr. Bui Manh Nhi, the Director General of personnel Department, Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) of Vietnam,

H.E. Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan kindly shared his ideas on the current trajectory of higher education in Southeast Asia and emphasized that the concern needs to be paid to the reform and the future of education in the region.

Higher education in the region has gradually improved to the point that Western countries are taking notice and investing in Southeast Asia. With the strength of its programs supporting student mobility, a common credit transfer system and quality assurance in higher education; H.E. Prof. Dr. Pham Vu Luan strongly believes that SEAMEO RIHED can foster excellence in higher education for regional development.

Organizations in Collaboration with SEAMEO RIHED

- ASEAN-China Centre (ACC)
- ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)
- ASEAN University Network (AUN)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB)
- The British Council (BC)
- China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Centre (CDGDC)
- Commission on Higher Education, the Philippines
- European Association for Quality Assurance Quality Assessment (ENQA)
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- German Rectors Conference (HRK)
- Higher Education Leadership Academy, Malaysia
- Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam
- Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Cambodia
- Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT)
- Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR
- Ministry of Education, Myanmar
- Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education, Indonesia
- Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia
- Ministry of Education, Malaysia
- Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia
- Ministry of Education, Singapore
- Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam
- National Institute of Education, Singapore
- Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand
- Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA)
- SEAMEO Secretariat and other SEAMEO Centers
- Tsukuba University
- UNESCO Bangkok
- UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)
- Universiti Brunei Darussalam
- University of Potsdam
- Other Higher Education Institutions

SEAMEO Member Countries, Associate Member Countries and Affiliate Members

Member Countries



Brunei Darussalam



Cambodia



Indonesia



Lao PDR



Malaysia



Myanmar



Philippines



Singapore



Thailand



Timor-Leste



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