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# THE 49TH SEAMEO COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND THE SEAMEO CENTRE DIRECTORS MEETING 2017



## THE 49TH SEAMEC

The 49th SEAMEO Council Conference took place on 24-27 July 2017 at the Hotel Mulia Senayan, Jakarta, Indonesia with the participation of 209 delegates from SEAMEO member countries, associate member countries, affiliate partners, SEAMEO centres, observers and the SEAMEO Secretariat.

The 49th SEAMEO Council Conference tabled a total of 31 working papers on reports and updates of the initiatives of SEAMEO centres as well as collaborative programmes between SEAMEO units and partners. Among the working papers endorsed by the 49th SEAMEC was SEAMEO CELLL's on the flagship project "Towards a Lifelong Learning Agenda in Southeast Asian Countries" together with the project compendium "Lifelong Learning in Transformation: Promising Practices in Southeast Asia".

The Conference also witnessed the establishment of 3 new SEAMEO Centres, namely: SEAMEO Regional Centre for Early Childhood Care Education and Parenting (SEAMEO CECCEP) in Indonesia; SEAMEO Regional Centre for Community Education Development (SEAMEO CED) in Lao PDR and SEAMEO Regional Centre for Technical Education Development (SEAMEO TED) in Cambodia.





## SEAMEO SERVICE AWARD

2016/2017

On the occasion of the 49th SEAMEC, Ms Cao Thi Thu Hien, SEAMEO CELLL Manager of Personnel and Administration was honoured to receive the Service Award granted by the SEAMEO Council President.



## CENTRE DIRECTORS MEETING 2017

The SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2017 was held from 26 to 28 July 2017 at Graha Utama Room, Building A, Ministry of Education and Culture Office Jakarta, Indonesia, back to back with the 49th SEAMEO Council Conference. Participating in the meeting were 80 participants from 21 SEAMEO Centres/Network and the SEAMEO Secretariat, one representative from Associate Member Country, two representatives from SEAMEO Affiliate Members, three Partners and three Observers.





## CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SEAMEO CENTRES ON THE THEME OF SEAMEO EDUCATION AGENDA AND VIRTUAL PROGRAMMES

With the purpose of utilising ICT technology to increase intellectual capacity of Southeast Asian citizens, SEAMEO Secretariat, in cooperation with SEAMEO centres, took the initiative in operating the programme entitled "SEAMEO Online Lecture Series and Training Programmes", expected to offer various online training courses and lectures on diverse academic topics.



To expand the beneficial impact of the programme and engage a higher volume of regional participants, from 4-15 September 2017, SEAMEO Secretariat organised a Capacity Building Workshop on the theme of SEAMEO Education Agenda and Virtual Programmes for SEAMEO centres to enhance the capabilities of educational staffs in delivering courses via online platforms. Two staff members from SEAMEO CELLL were sent to the workshop.



During the two-week capacity building workshop, the participants were introduced to the whole process of conducting online classes through the online video conference platform WebEx and gained hands-on experience of hosting and moderating online sessions. The participants also practiced promoting courses via the Internet and generating e-certificates. Especially, this event opened up opportunities for future inter-centre collaboration by encouraging SEAMEO centres to co-organise online programmes within the expertise of each centre.





# PROJECT

## TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING AGENDA IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES - PHASE II



### MEETING WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRPERSON IN INDONESIA

### ORGANISING THE PLANNING MEETING FOR PHASE II OF THE PROJECT

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### ATTENDING THE HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON "TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING POLICY IN LAO PDR"

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Mr Mai Hong Quan had the honour of being received by SEAMEO CELLL's Governing Board Chairperson Dr Ella Yulaelawati Rumindasari in the Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia. During the conversation, Mr Quan received the Chairperson's official letter that encourages all SEAMEO member countries to organise the national policy forum on Lifelong learning, an important component of phase II of the project "Towards a lifelong learning agenda in Southeast Asian countries". Mr Quan also informed the Centre's preparation for the upcoming Governing Board Meeting and the back-to-back Expert Meeting in October.



# PLANNING MEETING

FOR PHASE II OF PROJECT TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING  
AGENDA IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES



25 JULY 2017

Jakarta, Indonesia

SEAMEO CELLL organised a planning meeting to decide on the best approach to organising in-country policy forums on lifelong learning for Southeast Asian countries. This meeting is a preparatory step for phase II of the known project Towards a lifelong learning agenda in Southeast Asian countries, which the centre has been undertaking under the financial and technical support of UIL. One of the key outcomes of phase I of the project is a compendium documenting the good policies and practices in lifelong learning from 11 SEAMEO countries, and the policy forums, which belong to phase II, aim to engage key lifelong learning actors both within and outside education in multi-sectoral dialogues on the promotion of lifelong learning in each country, based on findings from the compendium.

Attending the meeting were leaders and representatives of major stakeholders (like UIL and DVV International), SEAMEO Secretariat, and SEAMEO units. The meeting concluded that all 11 Southeast Asian countries would be encouraged to hold policy forums and prepare their action plans for upholding, and upscaling lifelong learning. This series of policy forums is expected to span a period of four months, ending in early December this year. SEAMEO CELLL is responsible for monitoring all these events.



# SEAMEO CELLL ATTENDS THE HIGH-LEVEL WORKSHOP ON "TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING POLICY IN LAO PDR"



SEAMEO CELLL delegation was invited to the High-level Workshop on "Towards a lifelong learning policy in Lao PDR" organised by the Department of Non-Formal Education, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR on 9 August 2017 in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

Previously on 8/8/2017, SEAMEO CELLL also attended a preliminary discussion session which was organised at DVV International Office in preparation for the high-level workshop. The discussion, with the participation of key staff from the Ministry of Education and Sports, examined and clarified the concept of lifelong learning in Lao context.

At the high-level workshop, Mr Le Huy Lam, Centre Director gave a presentation on the regional context of lifelong learning development and shared his experience in implementing LLL policy in Vietnam. The workshop emphasised the significance of establishing policy framework on LLL in Lao PDR and introduced the draft version of the Prime Minister Decree on LLL for feedback and suggestions from the participants. The official Decree is expected to be approved and put into implementation at the end of next year. Attending this high-level workshop were high officials from the Department of Non-Formal Education, the Ministry of Education and Sports, other ministries in Lao PDR, and representatives from DVV International and UNESCO Bangkok.





# PROJECT ON DESIGNING INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE PACKAGE: USING SOFT SKILLS FOR NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

A PROJECT OF SEAMEO CELLL WITH SUPPORT OF DVV INTERNATIONAL

From July 2017, Dr Walter Baeten, Director and Trainer of SENAEDIN VZW in Belgium, the International Relations Officer and Senior Advisor Student Administration at Artevelde University College, Ghent, Belgium, became the Project Consultant to assist SEAMEO CELLL in designing the Instructional Resource Package: Using Soft Skills in Non-formal Education for facilitators at CLCs. Dr Baeten has worked closely with SEAMEO CELLL to develop the package and a draft of the package was submitted to SEAMEO CELLL at the end of September. A consultation workshop is scheduled to be organised on 8-9 November 2017 to collect feedback from the participants for editing the draft.



## RECEPTION OF YOUNG LIVES PROJECT RESEARCHERS

On 31 July, 2017, Ms Padmini Iyer and Mr Caine Rolleston, education researchers from the University of Oxford visited SEAMEO CELLL to introduce their ongoing study of Young Lives.

Young Lives is a University of Oxford-based longitudinal study of child poverty that has been following 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India, Peru

and Vietnam for the past 17 years. The study aims to shed light on the drivers and impacts of child poverty, and generate evidence to help policymakers design programmes that make a real difference to poor children and their families. After the presentations, SEAMEO CELLL appreciated the meaningfulness of the study and expressed willingness to provide necessary information assistance. The centre also suggested that the researchers seek additional support from other SEAMEO centres to further benefit the study.



# SEAMEO CELLL PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN INDONESIA

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as a global commitment, need to be used as a strategic and holistic development approach by regional, national, provincial, and local governmental level. In order to explore the strategic roles of non-formal education in supporting SDGs achievement, Indonesia National Community Learning Centre Communication Forum (FK PKBM Indonesia) in collaboration with International Institute for Community Learning Centre and Education Development (InCLuDe) and West Sulawesi Province Government organised the "International Seminar On Strategic Roles of Non-Formal Education for Supporting Sustainable Development Goals Achievement".



The seminar took place on 17 September, 2017 in the province of West Sulawesi, Indonesia. Along with more than 250 CLC managers, facilitators and users from all over Indonesia, the event also saw the participation of two resource persons: Mr Nattawut Tammakunmongkhon from SICED (Sirindhorn Institute for Continuing Education and Development - Thailand) and Mr Mai Hong Quan from SEAMEO CELLL.

In the presentations, the resource persons shared their countries' experience and achievements of implementing non-formal education in improving human quality and supporting SDGs, thus highlighting its strategic roles in the development of the countries as well as the region of Southeast Asia.





# **BUILDING THE LEARNING CITY OF HO CHI MINH CITY**

## **SEAMEO CELLL ATTENDS THE WORKSHOP ON BUILDING THE LEARNING CITY OF HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC), VIETNAM**

On 16 August 2017, Department of Education and Training HCMC in cooperation with Vietnam Association for Learning Promotion HCMC organised a workshop on Building the learning city in HCMC; Mr Le Huy Lam, Centre Director was invited to the said workshop. This workshop aimed at clarifying the concept of a learning city as well as its corresponding key features. To contribute to the theme of this workshop, Mr Le Huy Lam gave a presentation on Learning City and UNESCO Guidelines. The workshop also addressed some existing conditions and limitations of HCMC on the journey to a learning city and put forward a general model for discussion.

## **TRANSLATION WORK FOR THE PROJECT BUILDING THE LEARNING CITY OF HCMC**

SEAMEO CELLL, as the project stakeholder, contributed to the project Building the Learning City of HCMC by offering relevant documents on learning cities and translated them into Vietnamese for further use by the project management team.

## *What's up next*

- SEAMEO CELLL's Third Governing Board Meeting and the back-to-back Expert Meeting, 4-6 Oct, SEAMEO CELLL
- The 5th Adult Education and Development Conference, 11-12 Oct, Tbilisi, Georgia
- CONFINTEA Mid-Term Review Meeting, 25-27 Oct, Suwon, Korea
- Consultation Workshop on the Project Designing the Instructional Resource Package: Using Soft Skills in Non-Formal Education, 8-9 Nov, SEAMEO CELLL
- The 40th SEAMEO High Officials Meeting, 29-30 Nov, Bangkok, Thailand

# THANK YOU