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Seminar cum Workshop on Essential Communication Skills for Managers and Leaders, front -third from left- course facilitator; **Dr. Saran Kaur Gill** of *Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia* with guests and participants.



Second Regional Seminar on Private Higher Education: Its Role in Human Resource Development in a Globalised Knowledge Society, -from right- Chairperson of the Seminar, **Dr. Mona D. Valisno**, Commissioner on Higher Education, Philippines with Vice Chairperson of the Seminar, **Dr. A. Gnanam**, Chairman, National Assessment & Accreditation Council, Bangalore, India.



Training Programme on Planning and Managing Rural Workers' Enterprise Development Programme (Study Visit of Filipino officials in Thailand), Visit to *Ban Nong Waeng Farm Women's Group, Khon Kaen Province, Thailand*.



Sub-regional Workshop on the Feasibility Study for Establishment of Greater Mekong Sub-regional Virtual University, Welcome Address by **Dr. Sheldon Sheaffer**, Director, UNESCO PROAP.

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Proceedings of the Regional Seminar held in October, 1996 in Brunei Darussalam, which was organised by SEAMES, BIOTROP, RIHED and SEARCA in cooperation with Universiti Brunei Darussalam, 180 p., 200 Baht – USD \$15.00

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QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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200 Baht – USD \$15.00

***Second Regional Seminar on Private Higher Education:
Its Role in Human Resource Development in a
Globalised Knowledge Society***

***20 – 22 June 2001
Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand***

This seminar cum workshop was conducted to review the role of private higher education, as it is predicted there will be large increases in enrolments at universities at the beginning of the 21st century. The demand for higher education in the knowledge based society will rise sharply and hopefully private higher education can meet this demand. This seminar is to promote private higher education in the Southeast Asian region since it plays a significant role in the development of national manpower and good citizenry. It alleviates a big burden from the government in terms of budget funding for higher education. However, it is not so firmly established in the Southeast Asian region yet.

The objectives were to exchange information on the progress of private higher education in terms of quantitative and qualitative development, action in legislation and formulation of new policies since the first regional seminar was held in Xiamen, China, 1995; to examine and analyse potential challenges facing it in human resource development in transition towards a globalised knowledge society; and to make recommendations regarding legislation, strategies and policies for future development of private higher education.

Participants included experts and representatives from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Each expert presented a paper on status, issues, concerns, problems and proposed solutions concerning private higher education in his/her own country. All papers were discussed during the seminar. There were sessions for group discussions on various topics. The outcome was very successful and recommendations were made. Stressed was the need for cooperative efforts to overcome some of the hurdles.

The sponsors and organisers were UNESCO PROAP and SEAMEO RIHED.



Participants attending the seminar.



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THE ROYAL HOTEL

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-far right- Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, Chairperson of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board, presenting a plaque to Dr. Mona Valisno, Vice Chairperson of the Governing Board, Philippines, on completion of her term from 1997-2001. -left- Dr. Arief S. Sadiman, Director of SEAMEO Secretariat and to the left of Dr. Valisno, Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse.

The 9th SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting was a special session, in that it endorsed the Second Five-Year Development Plan on Higher Education in the Southeast Asian region for the period of July 2002 through June 2007.

The Opening Ceremony at the Royal Hotel in Lao PDR was presided over by H.E. Dr. Phimmasone Leuangkhamma, Minister of Education, Lao PDR. There were four speakers, Ms. Phonphet Boupha, Deputy Director General, Department of Higher, Technical and Vocational Education, Lao PDR; Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse, Director of SEAMEO RIHED; Dr. Arief S. Sadiman, Director of SEAMEO Secretariat; and Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, Permanent Secretary for University Affairs, Thailand and Chairperson of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board. Following these speakers, Dr. Phimmasone presented his Opening Address and declared open the 9th Governing Board Meeting.

The meeting commenced with presentations of RIHED's Annual Report, which highlighted this past year's achievements in terms of pertinent programmes, such as workshops, seminars cum workshops and a visiting study group. Its Financial Audit Report was submitted. The Board commended SEAMEO RIHED on its high achievement and acknowledged the 2000/2001 Annual Report and approved the Financial Audit Report.

The Centre's Governing Board has designated the following seven areas as the main concerns of the Southeast Asian region in higher education. SEAMEO RIHED will focus its programmes and activities on these areas during the period of the Second Five-Year Development Plan:

1. Management and Administration
2. Quality Assurance and Benchmarking
3. Applications of Information and Communication Technology
4. Effective Learning-Teaching Methodology
5. Building up Research Capabilities
6. Collaboration with Private Sector and Industry
7. Involvement in Regional Groupings

Some of the planned activities of SEAMEO RIHED for the year 2001/2002 are:

1. International Programme on Higher Graduate Diploma in Higher Education Management;
2. Management of International Linkages Training Course;
3. Advanced Higher Education Administrators Development (AHEAD)

VERNING BOARD MEETING

VIENTIANE, LAO PDR

August 2001



Members discussing various issues.

Training Course;

4. Workshop in Simulation for DC-DC Converters;
5. Strategic Planning Workshops;
6. Seminar on Tourism Programmes for Universities in the Greater Mekong Sub-region;
7. Greater Mekong Sub-region Higher Education Cooperating Task Force Meeting;
8. International Conference on Globalisation and Localisation Enmeshed: Searching for a Balance in Education;
9. Study on University Governance in South-east Asia;
10. Study on Teachers and Teacher Education in Southeast Asia;



11. Directory of Experts in Higher Education Management in Southeast Asia.

All activities were approved by the Board. The Board agreed to hold the 10th SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting in September 2002.

As the term of the present SEAMEO RIHED Director, Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse had ended in August 2001, the Board unanimously agreed to nominate Dr. Padoongchart as SEAMEO RIHED Director for another term of three years, from 2001 to 2004.

Chairperson of the Governing Board, Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, closed the Meeting and thanked the Board members and the representatives of the international organisations for all the cooperation and contributions of the past years. He then wished everyone continued success.



Members listening to speaker.



ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS for LEADERS and MANAGERS, A Three-Day Seminar cum Workshop

25 - 27 June 2001, Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand

Successful presentations with impact and the ability to conduct persuasive negotiations using English language is the essence of this workshop. Communication is a primary demand in a globalised, knowledge based society. We must learn to use communication as a tool to express our ideas and transmit information in an effective, meaningful and sincere way.

This workshop, conducted by Associate Professor Dr. Saran Kaur Gill from Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia, was intended for those in managerial and leadership positions to acquire the necessary skills for successful presentations and negotiations. The main points of the workshop were marketing of ideas and information; overcoming barriers to presenting effective academic/technical presentations; setting your objective/purpose; organising a presentation; using appropriate and relevant language structures and delivery.

Participants brought information and data from an area relevant to their work. The entire

process of working through the presentation and the delivery was done in small groups. Each participant prepared a 10 minute presentation, which they could use in their workplace.

Dr. Chalong Tubsree, Director of International Education Programmes and Dean of Faculty of Education, Burapha University, presenting gift to course facilitator, **Dr. Saran Kaur Gill**, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia.



This workshop was organised by SEAMEO RIHED in collaboration with Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand. Special thanks go to Dr. Suriyan Tontasak, who was very instrumental in the preparation of this activity.

seated front-from left-**Dr. Saur Kaur Gill**, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia, **Dr. Phasook Kullavanij**, President, Burapha University, Thailand, **Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse**, Director, SEAMEO RIHED with participants.



THAILAND RURAL COMMUNITY STUDY VISIT OF FILIPINO GROUP

28 May - 8 June, 2001

The study visit to Thailand by representatives from The Department of Labor in the Philippines met with much success. It consisted of a 12 day programme in which the participants travelled to Kanchanaburi and were briefed on *Community Based Integrated Rural Development Centre of Saiyok* and then they visited *Ban Bo-Ploy Farm Women's Group*. The next stop on their itinerary was *Hubkapong Royal Project* in Petchaburi Province, where they observed *Hubkapong Cooperative and Self-sufficiency Project*. They visited the *Department of Agricultural Extension*, in Khon Kaen, where they were briefed on agricultural extension and then off to *Ban Nong Waeng* where they met the *Ban Nong Waeng Farm Women's Group*.

At the Closing Ceremony held at SEAMEO RIHED's office, Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse talked about this integrated programme, which presented all aspects of life;

Filipino Group visits Department of Agricultural Extension, Khon Kaen Province.



cultural, social, environment and health. He commented that all participants had learned something important and have a benchmark which they could apply in their own setting; for example: concepts of leadership at a grassroots level. A discussion ensued, where the participants expressed their perceptions and experiences gained from this study visit. All in all it was a comprehensive programme with much useful experience gained.

MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES, HUE UNIVERSITY, HUE CITY, VIETNAM

4 June – 8 June 2001

Group of 30 participants and 4 resource persons from the training course.



This highly successful course is to enable international relations officers training on how to successfully arrange conferences and seminars, and how to execute them.

Management of International Conferences and Seminars gives a complete overview and covers everything involved in successfully arranging an international conference.

Press Relations writing focuses on photo caption writing, dealing with the press for publicity and good public relations. Networking Right looks at networking from all angles. English for International Communications aims to facilitate effective use of English language skills for socialising and negotiating. How to make informal or formal presentations, acting as MC, moderator or panelist, etc.

This course is so popular that this year there was one programme held in Bangkok and the other in Vietnam. There were 43 participants. The organisers are SEAMEO RIHED and National Institute of Educational Development (NIED), Vietnam.





SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF

GREATER MEKONG SUB-REGIONAL VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY

Sukhothai Thammathirat University (STOU)

1 – 4 August 2001

The increasing need for higher education coupled with the advancement of information communication technology has opened the possibility of establishing a virtual university. This seminar explored in depth the benefits, problems and management of this type of study. Delegates from six countries attended; namely Cambodia, China (Yunnan Province), Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. This four-day workshop, jointly organised by UNESCO PROAP, SEAMEO RIHED and STOU, was very successful. Three common areas were identified as a beginning step for programmes to be offered, i.e. Tourism, Mekong Studies and Information Technology. UNESCO PROAP and SEAMEO RIHED will provide some financial and technical supports for the formulation of pilot projects in these areas and play a coordinating role at the initiating stage, assist in mobilising support from and building partnerships with various agencies and organisations interested in this project. Participants expressed their appreciation of this workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Strategic Planning Workshops - November 2001



High Officials Meeting, 5 - 7 November 2001



GMS Higher Education Cooperating Task Force Meeting - November 2001



Conference on Trends in Higher Education and Benchmarking, 18 - 21 November 2001



Seminar on Tourism Programmes for Universities in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) - December 2001

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