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21 - 22 August 2003
at Burapha University, Chon Buri, Thailand





The Third International Forum on Education Reform: Education Management Revisited: School-based Management
8-11 September 2003, Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok

This International Forum was organised by the Office of the Education Council, Thailand in collaboration with SEAMEO RIHED, UNESCO Bangkok, SEAMEO Secretariat and other organisations and institutions. Its main theme was on international experiences on delegation of education authorities to the local level, especially the school-based management.

SEAAIR 2003 Conference: Institutional Research and Quality Development in Higher Education

15-17 October 2003,
Convention Center, Chulabhorn Research Institute

SEAMEO RIHED co-organized this Conference on Institutional Research and Quality Development in Higher Education, attended by more than 200 participants from various countries. The activities of the Conference included keynote lectures, panel discussion and paper presentation in concurrent sessions.



Workshop for SEAMEO Officials on Quality Assurance for Higher Education, Part I, II

28 October - 5 November 2003, Imperial Tara Hotel, Bangkok

Eleven officials from Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam who had undergone the training course on quality assurance in the Netherlands together with the representatives from the SEAMEO Member Countries and SEAMEO Centres, and experts discussed and refined the proposals on “Framework for Regional Quality Assurance Cooperation in Higher Education.” The proposal was later submitted to the High Officials Meeting..



Farewell Party on 29 September 2003 at SEAMEO RIHED for Ms. Alyssa Mellon, a Canadian Intern who served her internship at SEAMEO RIHED from April-September 2003.



Congratulation Party for Ms. Porntip Kanjananiyot, the new Executive Director of Thailand-US Educational Foundation (Fulbright), on 7 November 2003 at the Classic Place Hotel, Bangkok.

Workshop on Tools for Reinventing Education Change: Asian Perspectives

15-17 October 2003, at Quezon City, the Philippines

Dr. Varaporn Bovornsiri as SEAMEO RIHED representative attended “The Workshop on Tools for Reinventing Education Change: Asian Perspectives” on 15-17 October 2003, at Quezon City, the Philippines. The workshop was organised by SEAMEO INNOTECH with the cooperation of Dot-EDU Project, Education Development Centre (EDC) and IBM International Foundation. The Reinventing Education Change Toolkit would anchor the process of strategic planning for the educational use of ICTs in the process of organisational change. The Change Toolkit would be a dynamic set of internet-accessible content and collaborative tools that helped education professionals to be more effective in implementing changes in schools or school system.



The Regional Seminar on the Role of Higher Education on HRD in the GMS Countries

17-19 November 2003

at Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai, Thailand



Delegates from the GMS countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan Province of China, together with a delegate from Malaysia and representatives from regional and international organisations, including SEAMEO RIHED, attended this three-day Seminar to discuss and share information on issues relating to the role of higher education in human resource development in the GMS region.

Workshop for the Establishment of the Greater Mekong Sub-regional Virtual University (GMS VU)

9-10 October 2003, at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok

Twenty-five participants from six GMS countries and partner agencies attended this Workshop, hosted by the Asian Institute of Technology in collaboration with UNESCO Bangkok, SEAMEO RIHED, and other organisations. The main objective of the Workshop was to work out a detailed plan of action for a pre-pilot project on the GMS IT component based on the decision to prepare a one-year training programme on e-learning.



The 11th SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting

3-4 October 2003

Clark Special Economic Zone, Clark Field, Pampanga, the Philippines



Honourable Dr. Fe Hidalgo, the Undersecretary of Department of Education, the Philippines (far left) delivered her opening address. Prior to her opening address, four speakers gave their speeches: Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse, SEAMEO RIHED Director (second from left); Dr. Arief S. Sadiman, SEAMEO Secretariat Director (middle); Dr. Manual Punzal, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education, the Philippines (second from right), and Prof. Dr. Voradej Chandarasorn, the Secretary-General, Commission on Higher Education, Thailand and Chairperson of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board (far right).

The 11th SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board Meeting took place amidst the tranquil surroundings of a resort in Clark Special Economic Zone, Clark Field, Pampanga, the Philippines. It was attended by eight governing board members and a representative from Lao PDR. Also in attendance were SEAMEO Secretariat Director, SEAMEO RIHED Director, and representatives from UNESCO Bangkok and ASAIHL.

During the course of the Meeting, chaired by Prof. Dr. Voradej Chandarasorn, the Secretary-General, Commission on Higher Education, Thailand and Chairperson of SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board, the Board discussed and approved the following planned activities of the Centre for the upcoming year:

Training/Workshops

- International Programme on Higher Graduate Diploma in Higher Education Management
- The Vietnam Higher Education Project: Training University Staff in Career Advisory Services
- Project on Upgrading the Qualification of Primary School Teachers by Distance Learning in Lao PDR
- Regional Workshop on Electrical Motor Design and Actuator
- Follow-up Workshop on Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Research Studies

- Regional Workshop on Institutional Restructuring in Higher Education in Selected Asian Countries
- Regional Seminar on University Admissions in Southeast Asian Countries

Conferences/Seminars

- SEAAIR 2003 Conference: Institutional Research and Quality Development in Higher Education
- Regional Seminar on the Role of Higher Education on HRD in the GMS Countries
- Regional Seminar on Learner-Centred Approaches in Higher Education
- Regional Seminar on Assessment of Students in Higher Education



A Group Photo of the SEAMEO RIHED Governing Board with Honourable Dr. Fe Hidalgo, the Undersecretary of Department of Education, the Philippines.

Workshop on Institutional Restructuring of Higher Education in Asia

3-4 November 2003
at the Santika Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia



Prof. Dr. Satryo Soemantri Brodjonegoro, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia presided over the Opening Ceremony, with Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse, SEAMEO RIHED Director to his left and Dr. N.V. Varghese of IIEP, UNESCO to his right.



A group photo with participants at the Opening Ceremony.



Presentation and discussion session.



Dr. N.V. Varghese, Head of Training and Educational Programmes Units, IIEP, UNESCO the Workshop discussion leader.

This Workshop was the second phase of the Research Project on Institutional Restructuring of Higher Education in Asia, coorganised by the International Institute of Educational Planning (IIEP) of UNESCO and SEAMEO RIHED. Its purpose was to provide a forum for research teams from five Asian countries who had completed data collection and data analysis on institutional restructuring of their own institutions to present and discuss upon their research findings. The five participating countries with their research teams were listed as follows:

Indonesia : Prof. Dr. Sahid Susanto, and Dr. Nizam of Gadjah Mada University

Malaysia : Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yahaya, and Asst. Prof. Imron Ho Abdulla of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Mongolia : Ms. Yadmaa Narantsetseg, and Dr. Lida Boldbaatar of Mongolian University of Science and Technology

Thailand : Assoc. Prof. Banterng Suwantrakul of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

Vietnam : Prof. Dr. Nguyen Vien Tho, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Huynh Din Chien of Hue University

The discussion following each presentation, led by Dr. N.V. Varghese of IIEP who was aimed at clarification of some findings and addition or revision of the reports to make sure that they cover all intended topics. The final version of the research report containing all five cases is to be presented and discussed upon in the final workshop to be held next year.

The Vietnam Higher Education Project: Training University Staff in Career Advisory Services

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At the opening ceremony

SEAMEO RIHED and SEAMEO Secretariat co-hosted this training project to train the second and third batches of Vietnamese university staff on Career Advisory Services. The second batch comprising 49 university staff members received training on 6-23 October 2003, while the third batch comprising 51 staff members received training on 27 October-13 November 2003. The Project was supported by the Association of Universities and Colleges, Canada (AUCC), the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), Vietnam, and the Strategic Consulting Group International, Vietnam.



In the training room

During the training, participants exchanged and shared strategies on how to improve career advisory services in their institutions. They learned how to establish linkages with employers and how to match student skills with employer demands. They also gained knowledge on creating job and employer data bases and how to improve resume writing and job search skills.



Presenting awards of outstanding group achievement



(Left) Group Photo of 49 university staff members of the second batch and (below) Group Photo of 51 university staff members of the third batch



Study visits to (from left to right) Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour; Thammasat University; and Assumption University

Seminar on Higher Education Strategic Planning Development for Universities

21-22 August 2003
at Burapha University, Chon Buri, Thailand



Group Photo of all delegates and participants

This Seminar was co-organised by Burapha University and SEAMEO RIHED with the main objectives to (1) explore and discuss differing approaches to long range and strategic planning for higher education institutions; (2) consider key planning methodologies including SWOT analysis, setting mission statements and objectives, and specifying strategies to achieve objectives; (3) explore approaches to plan implementation and evaluation; and (4) identify key planning tools that can be used, especially for generating information and undertaking analysis.

Prof. Dr. Suchart Upatham, President of Burapha University presided over the Opening Ceremony. Prof. Dr. Grant Harman and Assoc. Prof. Kay Harman from the University of New England, Australia served as resource persons for the Seminar.

Around 100 Seminar participants included top and middle level administrators of higher education institutions in Eastern Thailand and graduate students in doctoral programmes. The seminar activities included lecturing, panel discussion, small group discussion, and analysis of exemplar strategic plans.



(From left) - Prof. Dr. Suchart Upatham, President of Burapha University, presenting souvenirs to Dr. Padoongchart Suwanawongse, SEAMEO RIHED Director, Prof. Dr. Grant Harman, and Assoc. Prof. Kay Harman.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Regional Conference on Manpower Planning in Education, Science and Technology: A Foresight Approach

The GMS Virtual University (IT Component)



Regional Workshop on Electrical Motor Design and Actuator

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2004

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