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Message from the Centre Director *Professor Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas*

Greeting from SEAMEO RIHED and Happy New Year 2010!

In the last four months since September-December 2009, SEAMEO RIHED started our programmes in October on **The 2nd M-I-T Meeting on Student Mobility Programme** during 15-16 October 2010 at Bangkok, Thailand, with 21 participating universities from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

In November, there was the 32nd Annual Meeting of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) in which SEAMEO RIHED had proposed its proposals on **Progress Report: "A Structured Framework for Regional Integration in Higher Education in Southeast Asia: The Road towards a Common Space"** and **"SEAMEO RIHED's M-I-T Pilot Project on Promoting Student Mobility in Southeast Asia – Initiative towards the Harmonisation of Higher Education"**.

During the 3rd week of November, with the cooperation of Ministry of Education, Myanmar, SEAMEO RIHED organized the **'Workshop on Quality Assurance for the University Administrators in the GMS'** at University of Mandalay, Myanmar during 16-18 November 2009. On 20 November 2009, **'the Open Seminar on the US University Governance: Experiences from the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Visit to USA'** was organized by SEAMEO RIHED. Distinguished participants joined in keynote speakers, speakers and moderators.

SEAMEO RIHED ended the year 2009 with **'The 3rd Meeting of M-I-T Student Mobility Programme: International Relations Officers Meeting'** which was hosted by the Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia. In 2010 programmes, SEAMEO RIHED also plans to hold the **Workshop on Benchmarking Exercise for Rating System of Malaysia Higher Education Institution**, in cooperation with SETARA, Malaysia, on 22 January 2010 in Bangkok. The other important 2 planned events are **The 4th Meeting Director General/ Secretary General/ Commissioner of higher Education in Southeast Asian Region** which will be held in March 2010, and **the 3rd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Programme: A Short Course on University Governance and Development**. The latter will be held on 19-28 March 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Please visit our website at www.rihed.seameo.org to find more details about past and upcoming events!



A very happy new year!

The 32nd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting

22-25 November 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand



The 32nd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting was convened by the SEAMEO Secretariat on 22-25 November 2009 at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Participants were consisted of vice ministers, permanent secretaries and high-level education officials from the Southeast Asian countries. Issues tackled during the three-day discussions included adopting climate change messages in educational materials in schools, devising strategies to address the educational needs of students in difficult-to-reach communities, harmonizing higher education in Southeast Asia, building capacity on maximizing the use of language in teaching, promoting student mobility in the region, integrating ICT in teaching and learning, and strengthening visibility of SEAMEO, among others.

Other meeting participants included representatives from SEAMEO Associate Members: Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Spain; SEAMEO Affiliate Member: Tsukuba University, Japan; international organizations: ASEAN Secretariat, British Council, and UNICEF; SEAMEO Regional Centres and other partners from the region and beyond.

The 32nd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting was chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by Brunei Darussalam.

The SEAMEO High Officials Meeting is the precursor of the SEAMEO Council Conference that is attended by Education Ministers of the Southeast Asian Countries. The Philippines will host the next Conference, which is the forty-fifth, in Cebu City on 26-29 January 2010. More information of the meeting please access at http://www.seameo.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=447&Itemid=27.

SEAMEO RIHED welcomes a New Senior Advisor Dr. Chantavit Sujatanond, Former Deputy Secretary-General, Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand

SEAMEO RIHED welcomed Dr. Chantaviti Sujatanond under the umbrella of SEAMEO organisation. She was appointed a former Deputy Secretary General of the Office of Higher Education Commission (Thailand) and a former Deputy Director of SEAMEO Secretariat and now Senior Advisor of SEAMEO RIHED. She joined SEAMEO RIHED on 1 November 2009.



Workshop on Quality Assurance for the University Administrators in the GMS (Myanmar)

16-18 November 2009, University of Mandalay, Mandalay, Myanmar

As part of SEAMEO RIHED's long-term goal to promote capacity building in the area of higher education in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, the Centre has conducted a few workshops since 2003 aiming at strengthening skills and knowledge among resource persons/administrators in the areas of university governance, quality enhancement and strategic planning.

In 2008, SEAMEO RIHED discussed with the Minister of Education, Myanmar and proposed to organise the 'Workshop on Quality Assurance for the University Administrators in the Greater Mekong Sub-region' in 2008, the Workshop was postponed to be held in University of Mandalay during 16-18 November 2009.

The main objectives of the Workshop were: 1) to provide university administrators, lecturers and officials from Myanmar with knowledge and skills to further develop their own respective QA systems within their higher education institutions; 2) to update the university administrators and senior officials on the latest development of best practices in QA through different experiences and variations of QA systems in Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand; and 3) to encourage greater use of resource persons from SEAMEO member countries to help assist the development of QA systems in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

25 university administrators and officials responsible for quality assurance in Myanmar attended the 3-day workshop, comprising of the sessions on:

- Quality Assurance in Southeast Asian Region: Current Status and Challenges Ahead;
- Quality System in Higher Education: Setting-up Internal and External QA System – Methods and Mechanisms: The Case of Thailand, The Case of Philippines, and The Case of Myanmar
- Future Cooperation: Promise and Prospect

The Commission on Higher Education (Philippines) and Office of Higher Education Commission (Thailand) sponsored two speakers to join the event: Dr. Libertad P Garcia, Director of Quality Assurance Office, CHED (Philippines) and Prof. Dr. Somwang Pitayanuwat, Director of Office of National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA), Thailand.

As a result, SEAMEO RIHED was requested to further organize '**An Educational Visit Program for Myanmar High Officials Delegation to Thailand on Quality Assurance on Higher Education**' for the Ministry of Education (Myanmar). SEAMEO RIHED is to prepare a proposal to for funding from the Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand. The event is set to be held in mid-2010.



The open seminar on the US University Governance: Experiences from the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Visit to USA

20th November 2009, The Grand Mercure Fortune Bangkok



Following 'The 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Visit to the United States of America: University Governance for Members of University Council and University Administrators' during 17-25 April 2009, SEAMEO RIHED had the opportunity to bring chairmen, vice chairmen, members of university council, presidents and senior university administrators from Thailand to visit higher education institutions in the United States of America (San Diego and Los Angeles) and also to attend the event. The key objectives were to provide the opportunity for senior university administrators and members of university councils to participate in professional development activities to improve their insights and knowledge on recent and current development of US University Governance.



SEAMEO RIHED also co-organised the follow-up closed session on 'the US University Governance: Experiences from the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Programme' on 14 June 2009 at the Fortune Mercure Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Following the event, SEAMEO RIHED is also planning to conduct the 'Open Seminar on the US University Governance: Experiences from the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Visit to USA during 20th November 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand.



The seminar was opened with the Keynote Speech from Prof. Dr. Wichit Srisa-an, the former Minister of Education and Chairman of Suranaree University of Technology Council, Walailak University Council and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Council on the topic of '**US Higher Education System- Lesson Learned for Thai Higher Education Development**'.



The keynote was followed by the session on '**Points of View on US University Governance for Thai Higher Education Development**' shared by President of Suranaree University of Technology - Prof. Dr. Prasart Suebka; President of National Institute of Development Administration - Prof. Dr. Sombat Thamrongthanyawong; President of Phetchaburi Rajabhat University - Dr. Niwat Klinngam; and Chairman of Sripatum University Council - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kanchit Malaivongs. The session was moderated by President of Phranakhon Rajabhat University – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Preang Kitratporn.

In the afternoon session, the former Minister of University Affairs and former Minister of Foreign Affairs - Mr. Prachuab Chaiyasan, Chairman of Ramkhamhaeng University Council; and Chairman of Nakhon Pathom Rajabhat University Council – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noranit Setabutr shared their opinions on the topic of ***‘Roles and Functions of the US Governing Board of Higher Education Institutions in University Governance and Responsibilities for Academic Quality’***.



The event ended with the Panel Session called ***‘Roles and Functions of the US Governing Board of Higher Education Institutions - Similarities and Differences of Thai University Council’***. The session joined by Prof. Dr. Somchai Richupan – Deputy Chairman of Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT); Dr. Sunthorn Arunanondchai - Member of RMUTT Council; Dr. Chantavit Sujatanond – Former Deputy Secretary-General, Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand; and Emeritus Prof. Dr. Peerasak Chantarapateep – Member of Chulalongkorn University Council, moderated by Prof. Vicharn Panich, Chairman of Mahidol University Council, and Prof. Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas – SEAMEO RIHED Director.



Two hundred and fifty (250) participants, who are governing board members of University Council and senior administrators of Thai Higher Education Institutions, attended the event. In the seminar, SEAMEO RIHED disseminated to the participants ‘the Report of the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Programme to the United States of America: University Governance for Members of University Council and University Administrators’. The report contains lecture notes from the visits to universities in San Diego and Los Angeles, special report of Suranaree University of Technology, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, and Walailuk University, and reflections from distinguished participants to all participants attending the seminar.



The report can be obtained through http://www.rihed.seameo.org/2_ustrip/report.pdf and all presentations and papers of the seminar can download at <http://www.rihed.seameo.org/ugseminar2009>.

The 2nd Meeting of M-I-T Student Mobility Programme

15-16 October 2009 at Bangkok, Thailand



Through the active involvement of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia; Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia; the Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand, and the SEAMEO RIHED, the 1st M-I-T Meeting on Student Mobility Programme in Malaysia-Indonesia-Thailand: A Pilot Project, was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 28 August 2009. The event was convened to explore the possibility to materialise the idea of moving forward the mobility programme among the pilot countries. During the preliminary meeting, matters of particular interest included the selected mobility areas, the length of the mobility period, the use of the UCTS, support from the host/home government, language preparation, and the targeted number of students to participate in the pilot programme. The Meeting came to a mutual understanding that the programme is to be launched for undergraduate students in 2010.

Following the 1st M-I-T Meeting, the 2nd M-I-T Meeting on Mobility Programme was held during 15-16 October 2009, with the aim to identify and compare course syllabus among participating universities. Universities attending the event included **6 Malaysian universities**: 1) Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 2) Universiti Malaya, 3) Universiti Putra Malaysia, 4) Universiti Sains Malaysia, 5) Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 6) Universiti Teknologi MARA; **10 Indonesian universities**: 1) Ahmad Dahlan University, 2) Binus University, 3) Bogor Agricultural University, 4) Christian Matanatha University, 5) Gajah Mada University, 6) Indonesia University, 7) ISI Denpasar, 8) Sebelas Maret University, 9) Sriwijaya University, 10) Trisakti School of Hospitality and Tourism; and **5 Thai universities**: 1) Kasetsart University, 2) Thammasat University, 3) Prince of Songkla University, 4) Mahidol University, 5) Mae Fah Luang University (all universities selected by the respective Department and Office of Higher Education in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand), in five selected disciplines as: 1) Agriculture, 2) Language and Culture, 3) Hospitality and Tourism, 4) International Business, and 5) Food Science and Technology.

In most of the selected five disciplines, participating universities came to a preliminary agreement on the numbers and duration preferred for outgoing and incoming students to participate in the programme. Targeted number of students in the pilot programme is 25 outgoing students will be targeted from each country (150 students in total for the 2010 pilot programme).

The 3rd Meeting of the M-I-T Meeting on Student Mobility Programme will be hosted by Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia, which will involve international relations officers from all participated universities to join in the meeting and will be in deep on the numbers and duration preferred for outgoing and incoming students to participate in each selected areas.

The 3rd Meeting of M-I-T Student Mobility Programme: International Relations Officers Meeting

7-9 December 2009 at Jakarta, Indonesia

The Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia, hosted the 3rd Meeting of MIT Student Mobility Programme: International Relations Officers Meeting during 7-9 December 2009 at Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting was aimed at generating the ideas on the M-I-T mobility programme, discussing emphatically on the possible alignment of mobility period, number of students, subjects to prefer in each area and also sharing the best practice among international relation officers from each country. The numbers of participants were 16 Malaysian participants, 13 Thai participants and 35 Indonesian participants including Prof. Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas, Director of SEAMEO RIHED.

Participating universities in each selected discipline were as follows:

1) Agriculture: 6 Participated Universities are Malaysia- Universiti Putra Malaysia; Indonesia- Bogor Agricultural University, Universitas Sebelas Maret, Universitas Gajah Mada, Universitas Sriwijaya; and Thailand- Kasetsart University.

2) Language/ Culture: 12 Participated Universities are Malaysia- Universiti Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA; Indonesia- Ahmad Dahlan University, Binus University, Maranatha University, Indonesia University, ISI Denpasar, ISI Surakarta; and Thailand- Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University.

3) Hospitality and Tourism: 6 Participated Universities are Malaysia- Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA; Indonesia- Sekolah Tinggi Pariwisata Trisakti, Binus University, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia; and Thailand- Prince of Songkla University.

4) International Business: 8 Participated Universities are Malaysia- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Malaya; Indonesia- Binus University, University of Indonesia; and Thailand- Mahidol University.

5) Food Science and Technology: 5 Participated Universities are Malaysia- Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA; Indonesia- Bogor Agricultural University; and Thailand- Mae Fah Luang University.

In this meeting, participating governments and HEIs reaffirmed their commitments to launch the M-I-T project in the upcoming 2010 academic year. All parties agreed, in principle, on the number of students each university will send and receive as well as on the timing and preferred system of credit transfer. Some universities have already identified the list of students for the next 3 years. The Meeting also exchanged information on international relations officers, facilities such as accommodation, orientation programmes and VISA application procedures for visiting students. The 4th M-I-T Meeting on Student Mobility Programme is planned to be held on December 2010.



Upcoming Activities



The Third SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Programme:
A Short Course on University Governance and Development
19-28 March 2010 at Orlando, Florida, The United States of America



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6	11	08	WHEN: 9:00-12:00 p.m. 22 January 2010
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Workshop on Benchmarking Exercise for Rating System of Malaysia Higher Education Institutions 2009

22 January 2010

at Commission on Higher Education Building, Bangkok, Thailand

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SEAMEO RIHED's New Publications

THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDING 'RAISING AWARENESS: EXPLORING THE IDEAS OF CREATING HIGHER EDUCATION COMMON SPACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The conference proceeding combines the final reports on the possibility of developing a 'structured framework for future establishment of a 'common space' in Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam) and the papers presented by representatives from advanced higher education systems in Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand into a single volume. The compilation reflected the experiences and viewpoints on the process of harmonisation of higher education in the speakers' respective countries. The papers were presented in The International Conference on Raising Awareness: Exploring the Ideas of Creating Higher Education Common Space in Southeast Asia, held in November 2008. The publication was the concluding part of the project on The Conference Series on Raising Awareness: Exploring the Ideas of Creating Higher Education Common Space in Southeast Asia.



THE REPORT OF THE 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME TO USA: UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE FOR MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS



The Report of the 2nd SEAMEO RIHED-AGB Educational Programme to the USA is a combination of lecture notes on US university governance taken during the institutional visits, photos of the participants and also the reflections from some of the participants about the programme. The report was prepared with the belief that it will be beneficial to stakeholders interested in the issue of university governance-both the members of university councils and the university administrators.

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