



48th SEAMEO Council Conference

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MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE MEETING “SEAMEO in the Next Decade”

8 May 2015

The Ministerial Round Table Meeting was a closed discussion among Heads of delegations of SEAMEO Member Countries. The agenda was determined by Thailand as host Country in consultation with the Member Countries on issues and challenges related to SEAMEO. The Ministerial Round Table Meeting with the theme “SEAMEO in the Next Decade” was facilitated by SEAMEO Secretariat focused on the seven priority areas of the SEAMEO Post-2015 Education Agenda. The seven priority areas are: (1) Early childhood care and education, (2) inclusive education and access to education, (3) resilience in education, (4) technical and vocational education and training (TVET), (5) teacher education, (6) higher education and research, and (7) 21st Century curriculum.

The members of the SEAMEO Council during the Ministerial Round Table Meeting agreed on:

- (1) Utilization of the 21 SEAMEO Centres as the mechanism to implement the seven priority areas at the national, regional level and beyond and synergizing with ASEAN;
- (2) Linking the seven priority areas with the curriculum and moving towards global citizenship;
- (3) Promoting teachers and school leaders’ competencies standards in the SEAMEO Member Countries;
- (4) Mobilizing and sharing of knowledge, skills and best practices among SEAMEO Member Countries, namely in the areas of TVET, English proficiency skills, digital competencies, 21st Century and employability skills; and
- (5) Involvement of parents in the education system through the “partnering with parents” initiative to foster common understanding on quality education to the parents in the education of their children.