
Progress Report
Activities Conducted by the SEAMEO Secretariat Under
the SEAMEO Community Involvement Programme
During FY 2007 to FY 2008

In year 2007, Chonkanyanukoon Saensuk School, located in Chonburi province was selected by the SEAMEO Secretariat as an adopted school in addition to two schools: Ban Pruewai School and Ban Subsanoon School.

In year 2008, SEAMEO Secretariat revisited the former adopted schools of SEAMEO Secretariat; Ban Pruewai School and Ban Subsanoon School and found that both schools still lack facilities and teaching equipment. The teachers who were trained and involved in the capacity building programme in the past have retired and transferred to another school. Both schools also face the challenge of low students' academic performance and reading capability.

Therefore, the activities in the recent fiscal year (2007/2008) were focused mainly on strengthening schools' capacity and teachers' capabilities of three schools: Chonkanyanukoon Saensuk School, Ban Pruewai School, Ban Subsanoon School.

To implement the programme, the SEAMEO Secretariat has also collaborated with SEAMEO Centres, private companies, public organizations and educational development agencies for providing technical assistance to the schools. These organizations are the Princess Sirindhorn's Technology Information Project, Pintar Learning SDN BHD (Malaysia), Epson (Thailand) and the Office of Education Council, Ministry of Education, Thailand.

The activities were as follow:

A. Capacity Building Programmes for Developing Teaching Skills and Techniques

The Teacher Capacity Building Programmes for developing teaching skills and techniques focused on enhancing skills and knowledge of teachers on using ICT as a tool and CAI (Computer Assisted Instruction) for improving teaching and learning strategies.

The training programmes which teachers attended included:

- The SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with SEAMEO RECSAM sponsored four teachers of Chonkanyanukoon School to attend the in-country training for teaching Science and Math on 26-30 November 2007.
- In collaboration with Princess Sirindhorn's Information Technology Project, five teachers of Ban Subsanoon School participated in a workshop on Sharing Experience: ICT Pedagogy Integration on 2-5 May 2008.
- The SEAMEO Secretariat in collaboration with Pintar Learning SDN BHD, Malaysia organized a seminar on Transforming Teaching and Learning with Innovative Technology on 29 May 2008. Teachers from three schools were invited to participate in a seminar.
- The SEAMEO Secretariat coordinated with the Princess Sirindhorn's Information Technology Project in the conduct of the training workshop on "Using CAI to Improve Teaching and Learning Strategies" for all teachers of

Ban Pruewai and Ban Subsanoon School on 3-4 October 2008 and 10-11 October 2008, respectively.

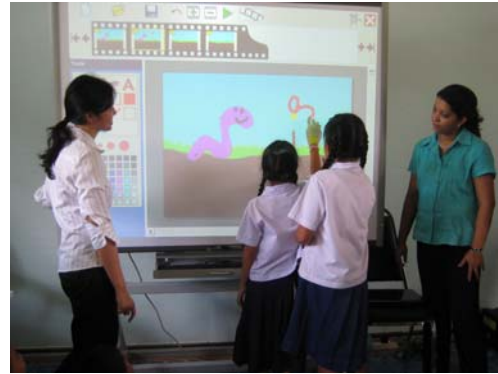
- SEAMEO Secretariat in association with Pintar Learning, conducted a hands-on training on Integrating Pintar Learning System with Lesson Plans to teachers (primary and secondary) of Ban Subsanoon School on 18-19 September 2008 and 23 -24 October 2008.
- Three teachers of Ban Subsanoon School were selected to demonstrate and present the lesson plans by applying the Pintar Learning Programme for teaching Science and Mathematics for kindergarten, primary and secondary education at the presentation session on A New Dimension of Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics at the ICT Conference of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on 22 November 2008.



Training on Using CAI to Improve Teaching and Learning Strategies
3-4 October 2008, Ban Pruewai School



Training on Using CAI to Improve Teaching and Learning Strategies
10-11 October 2008, Ban Subsanoon School



Hands-on Training on Integrating Pintar Learning System with Lesson Plans
23-24 October 2008, Ban Subsanoon School



Lesson plan presentation of teachers from Ban Subsanoon School at
The ICT Conference of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn,
22 November 2008

B. Improvement of Students' Reading Skills and School Library

According to the visit and the Secretariat's observation, the reading capacity of students at Ban Pruewai School and Ban Subsanoon School is lower than the national standard. The Secretariat provided the following support to the two schools:

- Supervision to school directors and librarians to improve the reading environment in the library and develop activities to encourage students to visit the library
- Provision of book shelves, new books, and educational resources and games for libraries
- Introduction of the project "Reading Promotion Campaign" at Ban Pruewai School and Ban Subsanoon School.



C. Improvement of School Facilities and Teaching Resources

The Secretariat has provided assistance to upgrade the existing facilities and improve the teaching resources and materials of the schools.

- Pintar Learning SDN BHD, Malaysia and Epson (Thailand) donated two interactive whiteboards, LCD projectors and interactive software programmes for teaching Science and Math to Ban Subsanoon School
- Upgraded computer facilities and computer lab of Ban Pruewai School
- Provided educational software for teaching Math, Science, English, Technology and Social Science to all schools
- Provided used furniture of the Secretariat such as chairs, tables, cabinets to Ban Subsanoon School and Ban Pruewai School
- Provide maintenance assistance for the computer facilities by sending an IT staff to help diagnose and fix the computers at Ban Pruewai School.



A renovated computer lab of Ban Pruewai School



Dr Mustapha Yusoff, Pintar Learning SDN BHD, Malaysia donated a Pintar Interactive Whiteboard to Ban Subsanoon School.

D. Student Life Skill Development Activities

The SEAMEO Secretariat conducted Student Life Skill Development Activities at Ban Subsanoon School on 7 November 2008. The activities aimed to improve life skills of students from Grade 1 to Grade 9, totalling to 490 students. The life skills developed through the activities are team work, planning and thinking skill, communication skill, problem solving skill and social skill. The activities were conducted by all staff of SEAMEO Secretariat.





E. Scholarships for Poor Students

The Secretariat collected donations and provided financial support to poor students of the schools for the Academic Year 2008/2009, with the following details:

- Ban Pruewai School – 15,000 Baht (US\$468) for 17 scholarship grants
- Ban Subsanoon School – 15,500 Baht (US\$484) for 31 scholarship grants



Dato' Dr Ahamad bin Sipon presented scholarships to Mr Pornsak Piumjaroen, Director of Ban Pruewai School



Dato' Dr Ahamad bin Sipon presented scholarships to Ms Kaniitha Korkklang, Deputy Director of Ban Subsanoon School