

## **Community Involvement Programme Brief Report of the SEAMEO Secretariat for FY 2012/2013**

The Community Involvement Programme of SEAMEO Secretariat has focused on the strengthening of schools' capacity and teachers' capabilities of the adopted schools in provincial areas of Thailand. During the fiscal year 2012/2013, the SEAMEO Secretariat adopted three schools, namely Ban Pruewai School (Chachoengsao province), Ban Subsanon School (Saraburi province), and Suksasongkroh Bangkreuy School (Nonthaburi province).

To implement the Community Involvement Programme, the SEAMEO Secretariat has also collaborated with private companies, public organizations and educational development agencies in providing technical assistance to the schools. These organizations are such as Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakkri Sirindhorn's Information Technology Project, Mahidol University, Shinawatra University, Pintar Learning SDN BHD (Malaysia), TRUE Cooperation Public Company, Nanmee Books Co.,Ltd and Kaplan International Colleges (England).

The objectives of Community Involvement Programme for FY2012/2013 were as follows:

- To strengthen the school capacity by encouraging school administrators, teachers and students to participate in planning and implementing "School Development Programmes"
- To improve capacity of teachers for teaching techniques and classroom research
- To improve students' life skills based on the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
- To provide learning resources and improve school existing facilities

The activities in the FY2012/2013 conducted by the SEAMEO Secretariat included the followings.

### **1. School Capacity Development Programmes**

In the FY of 2012/2013, the schools had submitted the school-based development proposals which were based on the priority problems of the schools identified by school management team and teachers. The SEAMEO Secretariat has provided funding and other technical supports for implementing the plans.

- Suksasongkroh Bangkruai School proposed seven plans to be implemented from July 2012 to February 2013. The plans were focused on developing student's life skills, namely, Dormitory Contest, Classroom Contest, Vocational Development Activity, Sport Development Activity, Social Responsibility Development Activity, and Improvement of School Library and Computing Facilities.
- Ban Pruewai School proposed five plans to be implemented from June 2013 to February 2014. The plans are focused on improving learning resources and teaching strategies, namely, Improvement of Teaching Strategy on Active Teaching and Learning, Classroom Contest, Improvement of Learning Materials of Kindergarten Classrooms, Improvement Teaching and Learning Resources of Science Subject, Improvement of School Library, and Development of First-aids Area.



Improvement of Library at Suksasongkroh Bangkruai School



Vocational Skill Development Activity for students of Suksasongkroh Bangkruai School

## 2. Capacity Building Programmes for School Administrators and Teachers

- Workshop Series on Classroom Research were conducted on 16-17 June 2012, 28 July 2012, 26 August 2012, 5 October 2012, 9-10 February 2013 and 14 May 2013. The workshop series aims to provide practical knowledge and skills to teachers in conducting their own classroom research with students, including research proposal development, selection of research methodology, data collection, data analysis, and report writing. The workshops also assisted teachers in identifying and offering solutions to problems of students related to learning. Twenty-three teachers of Ban Subsanoon School and four from Ban Pruewai School benefited from participating in the series of workshops.

Initial impact of the workshop series begin to manifest such as the recognition given on Ban Subsanoon School as a model school in Saraburi Province for the school's extensive application of classroom researches to improve students' academic performance. The recognition was given by the Office of Educational Service Area of Saraburi Province. In addition, two teachers of Ban Subsanoon School who developed classroom research programmes to improve Thai and English language ability of their students were awarded as Best Practice teachers of Saraburi Province.

- Picaro On-line Piloting Teacher and Student Training Programme for Improving English Performance of Junior Primary Students was conducted at Ban Subsanoon School from July to October 2012 by Kaplan International Colleges (England).
- Workshop on Active Learning for Innovative Teaching and Learning was conducted on 1-2 June 2013 for 10 teachers of Ban Pruewai School and 10 teachers from 3 schools nearby Ban Pruewai School. The workshop aimed to improve teaching strategies by applying active learning strategy to improve 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills of students.



Picaro On-line Piloting Teacher and Student Training Programme at Ban Subsoon School



Workshop on Active Learning for Innovative Teaching and Learning on 1-2 June 2013

### 3 Student Development Activities

- In collaboration with Shinsawatra University, the SEAMEO Secretariat conducted an English Camp at Ban Subsanon School on 21 September 2012. The programme was designed to improve English communication skills of 125 students from Grade 7 to 9.
- A Hand Drawing Contest with the theme of “How to be a Good Student” was conducted for students of grade 3 to 9 at Ban Subsanon School in December 2012.



English Camp at Ban Subsanon School on 21 Sept 2012



Students of Ban Subsanon who received the rewards from the Hand Drawing Contest

### 4 Providing Resources

- Teaching and learning materials such as teaching manuals and materials, educational games, educational software, ICT equipment were provided to all three schools
- Computing facilities of Ban Pruewai School and Suksasongkroh Bangkrui School were provided and upgraded.

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