




MEXT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
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SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award

Submission Deadline: 25 August 2012

Call for Entries

Please help

SCHOOL

Theme for 2012:
Education for Disaster Risk Reduction

If your school has done some educational activities to **REDUCE RISK** and **LOSS** from **NATURAL DISASTERS** such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, landslides, droughts, cyclones and etc., you are invited to participate in the **SEAMEO-Japan Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Award** and gain the opportunity to be recognized as a model of best practices in Education for Sustainable Development across Southeast Asia.

All schools in Southeast Asian countries are invited to submit best practices on reducing risk and loss from natural disasters.

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Organisers



Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization



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I. Background

As the period 2005-2014 has been declared the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) by the United Nations – the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO); the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT); the UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education; and the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. are pleased to announce the launch of the **SEAMEO-Japan Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Award**. The award will be held every year from 2012 to 2014 to promote and share best practices in ESD in schools across Southeast Asia.

The objectives of the SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award are:

1. To raise awareness of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in schools and communities across Southeast Asia;
2. To promote ESD best practices in schools and communities across Southeast Asia;

3. To share and exchange knowledge and best practices on ESD in schools across Southeast Asia and Japan; and
4. To encourage networking among schools and communities which implement ESD practices in both Southeast Asian countries and Japan.

II. Theme for 2012: Education for Disaster Risk Reduction

Due to recent natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, landslides, droughts, cyclones and storms that have caused massive destruction, including the loss of lives and a devastating effect on communities in Japan and in Southeast Asian countries, the theme of SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award in 2012 is “**Education for Disaster Risk Reduction**”. This year’s theme aims:

1. To raise awareness of Education for Disaster Risk Reduction among schools and communities in Southeast Asia;
2. To promote and share best practices of Education for Disaster Risk Reduction within schools and communities in Southeast Asia; and
3. To prepare schools and communities in Southeast Asia plan strategies that reduce risk and losses caused by natural disasters.

III. All schools in Southeast Asian countries are invited to enter the competition

All public and private schools in the 11 SEAMEO Member countries, namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam are invited to submit best practices on reducing risk and loss from natural disasters.

IV. Prizes for the winning schools

1) 1st Prize - US\$1,500 - A study tour to Japan for four days (see details in the website)	2) 2nd Prize - US\$1,000	3) 3rd Prize - US\$500
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4) A special prize from the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. for the best Disaster Risk Reduction activity carried out in small schools of less than 150 students - US\$1,000

All winning schools will receive a plaque of recognition and a certificate for teachers and students involved in planning and implementing the Disaster Risk Reduction programme. A representative of all winning schools will be sponsored to participate in the award presentation ceremony which will be held at the SEAMEO High Officials Meeting in November 2012 in Thailand.

V. Judging criteria

The Judging Committee will consider the following criteria in selecting the winning schools:

- Innovation and creativity
- Strategy/ modality of implementation
- Reliability
- Sustainability
- Impact
- Applicability

VI. Guidelines for submission of entries

- Schools must ensure that the SEAMEO Secretariat receives their entries by **25 August 2012**.
- Each school can submit up to a maximum of two entries (1 submission form for each entry).
- The submission of the school Disaster Risk Reduction activity/programme must be done through the template “**Submission Form of SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award**”.

The submission form, guidelines for submission of entries, and details of the judging criteria can be downloaded from the SEAMEO website: www.seameo.org

VII. Important dates

- 25 August 2012:** The last day for submission of entries
30 September 2012: Announcement of the winning schools on the SEAMEO website: www.seameo.org

VIII. Contact information

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