



## Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization

### About Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

*'Leading Through Learning'*

[www.seameo.org](http://www.seameo.org)

The **Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)** is a chartered international organization, established in 1965, to promote cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia. SEAMEO works towards achieving this through the establishment of networks and partnerships, provision of intellectual forums for policy makers and experts, and promotion of sustainable human resource development. SEAMEO develops and nurtures the capacities of teachers and school managers in Southeast Asia through its network of 21 specialist institutions that undertake training and research programmes in various fields of education, science and culture

#### Vision

The leading organization for enhancing regional understanding and cooperation in education, science and culture for a better quality of life in Southeast Asia

#### Mission

To enhance regional understanding, cooperation and unity of purpose among Member Countries for a better quality of life through the establishment of networks and partnerships, the provision of fora among policy makers and experts, and the promotion of sustainable human resource development

#### Strategic Goals

- To develop regional centres of excellence
- To provide relevant and responsive programmes that address national and regional issues in SEAMEO's areas of specialization
- To strengthen the organisational capability to initiate and manage change and development to meet the challenges of globalisation
- To ensure continued financial viability
- To promote research and development (R&D) in education, science and culture and improve the dissemination mechanism
- To enhance collaboration among Member Countries and relevant organisations
- To be ASEAN's strategic partner for the advancement of education, science and culture
- To facilitate the development of harmonized education standards
- To be a regional leader in the advancement of education, science and culture

#### The SEAMEO Council

The SEAMEO Council, consisting of the Ministers of Education representatives of the Member Countries, is the most significant body which determines the policies and the main lines of work of SEAMEO. It is headed by an appointed member of the Council, elected at an ordinary session of the Council Meeting.

At present, the President of the 48<sup>th</sup> SEAMEO Council is His Excellency Admiral Narong Pipatanasai Minister of Education, Thailand.

## **Membership**

A total of 19 countries and 3 institutions are members of SEAMEO, grouped into three categories; Member Countries, Associate Member Countries, and Affiliate Members.

The Member Countries of SEAMEO are:

- Brunei Darussalam (since 1984)
- Cambodia (since 1971)
- Indonesia (since 1965)
- Lao PDR (since 1965)
- Malaysia (since 1965)
- Myanmar (since 1998)
- Philippines (since 1965)
- Singapore (since 1965)
- Thailand (since 1965)
- Timor-Leste (since 2006)
- Vietnam (since 1992)



The Associate Members are:

- Australia (since 1973)
- Canada (since 1988)
- France (since 1973)
- Germany (since 1990)
- Netherlands (since 1993)
- New Zealand (since 1974)
- Spain (since 2007)
- United Kingdom (since 2013)

The Affiliate Members are:

- International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) (since 1999)
- University of Tsukuba (since 2009)
- British Council (since 2010)

## **SEAMEO Secretariat**

The SEAMEO Secretariat is the executive arm of the SEAMEO Council and the Headquarters of the Organization. Based in Bangkok, Thailand, the Secretariat is headed by a Director who is the legal and administrative representative of the Organization. The Director is supported by a team of professional staff recruited from Member Countries and a group of general staff from the host country.

Currently, the Director of SEAMEO Secretariat is Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto from Indonesia.

The Secretariat is responsible for overall coordination between and among member countries, regional centre and network. Others functions include conduct of research and feasibility studies of regional education project proposals as well as financial support for SEAMEO, and conduct of SEAMEO conferences and seminars.

## **SEAMEO Regional Centres**

SEAMEO has established 21 specialised institutions that undertake training and research programs in various fields of education, science, and culture. The regional centres play a significant role in the provision of training and human resource development, technical assistance and consultancy, forum for policy dialogue and regional cooperation, research and development, publication and information dissemination, as well as partnership and networking.

Each Regional Centre has a Governing Board composed of senior education officials from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Governing Board reviews the Centres' operations and budget and sets their policies and programmes.

In the fields of **educational development**, 12 regional centres were set up. These regional centres specialize in diverse area of expertise.



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Educational Innovation and Technology**

(Approval of Establishment - 1970)

Based in the Philippines, SEAMEO INNTECH initiates and disseminates innovative and technology oriented educational programmes that help SEAMEO Member Countries identify and solve common or unique educational problems and address anticipated needs.

<http://www.seameo-innotech.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel (QITEP) in Language**

(Approval of Establishment - 2009)

Located in Jakarta, the centre promotes programmes and activities in improving the quality of teachers & education personnel in the areas of Language.

<http://www.qiteplanguage.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel (QITEP) in Mathematics**

(Approval of Establishment - 2009)

Located in Yogyakarta, the centre promotes programmes and activities in improving the quality of teachers & education personnel in the areas of Mathematics.

<http://www.qitepinmath.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel (QITEP) in Science**

(Approval of Establishment - 2009)

Located in Bandung, the centre promotes programmes and activities in improving the quality of teachers & education personnel in the areas of Science.

<http://www.qitepscience.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics**

(Approval of Establishment - 1967)

Established on the island state of Penang, Malaysia, SEAMEO RECSAM is designed to meet the needs of the SEAMEO Member Countries in developing science, mathematics and technology education programmes.

<http://www.recsam.edu.my/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Language Centre**

(Approval of Establishment - 1968)

Located in Singapore, SEAMEO RELC provides SEAMEO Member Countries with expertise, training facilities and training programmes to upgrade the skills of language specialists and educators. Programmes focus on knowledge and pedagogic disciplines of language teaching and learning.

<http://www.relc.org.sg/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Training Centre**

(Approval of Establishment - 1996)

Located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, SEAMEO RETRAC assists SEAMEO Member Countries especially Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam to identify and solve common problems in human resource development. Its area of specialisation is educational management.

<http://www.vnseameo.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development**

(Approval of Establishment - 1993)

Hosted by the Government of Thailand, SEAMEO RIHED plays a crucial role in the capability building of SEAMEO Member Countries in the field of higher education. It responds to needs on policy and planning, administration and management of higher education. <http://www.rihed.seameo.org/>



SEAMOLEC

### **SEAMEO Regional Open Learning Centre**

(Approval of Establishment - 1997)

Located in Indonesia, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC assists SEAMEO Member Countries in identifying educational problems and finding alternative solutions for sustainable human resource development through the dissemination and effective use of open learning and distance education.

<http://www.seamolec.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education**

(Approval of Establishment - 1990)

Hosted by Brunei Darussalam, SEAMEO VECTECH is designed to improve the management of vocational and technical education and training (VTET) in SEAMEO Member Countries. The centre strives to develop and deliver relevant programmes in VTET to meet the local, national and regional needs in socio-economic, industrial, business and labour markets.

[www.voctech.org/](http://www.voctech.org/)



SEAMEO SEN

### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Special Education**

(Approval of Establishment - 2009)

Located in Malaysia, SEAMEO SEN specializes in education to support the needs of children with different disabilities and education for the needs of the gifted and talented children.



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Lifelong Learning**

(Approval of Establishment - 2011)

Estimated to be fully established in 2012 in Vietnam, SEAMEO CELLL will specialize in research and training on lifelong learning as foundation for educational policy development. The centre is expected to become a focal point for strengthening links between Asia and Europe in promoting lifelong learning.

7 regional centres were established to provide services in the fields of **Science**.



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Tropical Biology**

(Approval of Establishment - 1968)

Located in Bogor, Indonesia, the main activities of SEAMEO BIOTROP focus on Forest, Pest and Aquatic Biology. It assists SEAMEO Member Countries in developing the expertise to identify, prioritise, analyse and recommend solutions or alternative approaches to critical biological problems in the region, especially those related to sustainable development of tropical ecosystems.

[www.biotrop.org/](http://www.biotrop.org/)



### **SEAMEO Regional Center for Food and Nutrition**

(Approval of Establishment - 2010)

SEAMEO RECFON is formerly known as SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Center for Community Nutrition (SEAMEO-TROPMED RCCN). It is established to address the rapid development of nutrition science, including the need for comprehensive and multidisciplinary approaches in order to overcome current complex nutritional problems in Southeast Asia.

<http://www.seameo-recfon.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture**

(Approval of Establishment - 1966)

SEAMEO SEARCA, hosted by the Government of the Philippines, serves the agriculture and rural needs of the region through its human resource development programmes and research and extension activities.

[www.searca.org/](http://www.searca.org/)



### **SEAMEO Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network**

(Approval of Establishment - 1966)

SEAMEO TROPMED Network has three sub-regional centres in Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. The central office is located in Bangkok. The Network's overall role is to promote health and to prevent and control tropical diseases and public health problems.

<http://seameotropmednetwork.org/>



### **SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Microbiology, Parasitology and Entomology**

(Approval of Establishment - 1967)

SEAMEO TROPMED Malaysia, located at the Institute for Medical Research in Kuala Lumpur, conducts research for the prevention and control of diseases and provides specialised training, diagnostic, consultative and advisory services. It promotes health management as a collective responsibility of government, the private sector, non-government organisations, the community and individuals.

<http://www.imr.gov.my/>



### **SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Public Health, Hospital Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health**

(Approval of Establishment - 1967)

The SEAMEO TROPMED Philippines, based in the College of Public Health of the University of the Philippines in Manila, conducts research and training in the fields of public health, rural medicine, hospital administration, environmental and occupational health, health policy and management.

<http://www.upcph.info/>



### **SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Tropical Medicine**

(Approval of Establishment -1967)

The SEAMEO TROPMED Thailand, hosted by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, offers training on endemic tropical diseases, parasitology, community and preventive medicine. It also conducts researches on alternative control measures of diseases and the promotion of healthy lifestyles, including trials of new chemotherapeutic compounds and new vaccines. It provides clinical care to patients suffering from tropical diseases.

<http://www.tm.mahidol.ac.th/eng/>

2 regional centres were dedicated to the study and development of **culture and history**.



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition**

(Approval of Establishment - 2000)

Based in Myanmar, SEAMEO CHAT was inaugurated in December 2000, making it SEAMEO's newest Centre of Excellence. It promotes cooperation in the study of history and tradition among SEAMEO Member Countries through research, human resource development, education and networking.

<http://www.seameochat.org/>



### **SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts**

(Approval of Establishment - 1978)

Hosted by the Government of Thailand, SEAMEO SPAFA cultivates awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage; promotes and enriches archaeological and cultural activities in the region; and furthers professional competence in the fields of archaeology and fine arts to advance mutual knowledge and understanding among SEAMEO Member Countries.

<http://www.seameo-spafa.org/>

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