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SEAMEO 50th Anniversary celebration

SEAMEO celebrates its 50th Anniversary during the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference on 7 May 2015 at Royal Cliff Hotels Group, Chonburi, Thailand.

The year 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization or SEAMEO, established in 1965. In honour of the founding fathers of SEAMEO and their legacy to Southeast Asia and beyond, the 50th Anniversary of SEAMEO is a fitting occasion to showcase the successes and benefits of a strong regional cooperation in the region. Equally important, the 50th SEAMEO Anniversary signals the continuing effort of SEAMEO to create the future and charter the course of tomorrow with renewed enthusiasm.

H E Admiral Narong Pipatanasai, Minister of Education, Thailand presided over the launch of SEAMEO 50th Anniversary celebration and Award Ceremony of SEAMEO Recognition Award in conjunction with SEAMEO 50th Anniversary celebration.

To mark the occasion, SEAMEO Secretariat has held several activities including 50th Anniversary exhibition at the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference and the launch of the SEAMEO 50th Anniversary Commemorative book. The book highlights the milestones of SEAMEO over the half a century. It also outlines the enormous contribution the organisation and its networks have made to Education for Sustainable Development.

The celebration activities are categorised into the following 3 levels: 1) Celebration activities at “Regional/Organizational” level, 2) Celebration activities at “SEAMEO Member Country” level, and 3) Celebration activities at “Individual SEAMEO Unit” Level. The Theme for the SEAMEO 50th Anniversary is “Education for Sustainable Development”.

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

The ceremony marked the start of celebrations that will continue throughout 2015.

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Link to the information and photos of the 48th SEAMEO Council Conference:

http://www.seameo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=543:48th-seamec-information-for-media&catid=153&Itemid=592