



## **Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization**

The **Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)** is a chartered, international organization established in 1965 among governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia.

As an organization that has continued to nurture human capacities and explored the peoples' fullest potential, the SEAMEO maintains its work and aspirations for development with peoples of the region to make lives better in quality and equity in education, preventive health education, culture and tradition, information and communication technology, languages, poverty alleviation and agriculture and natural resources.

SEAMEO works towards achieving its mandates through the establishment of networks and partnerships, the provision of intellectual forums for policy makers and experts, and the promotion of sustainable human resource development. SEAMEO develops and nurtures the capacities of teachers and school managers in Southeast Asia through its network of 20 specialist institutions that undertake training and research programmes in various fields of education, science and culture.

SEAMEO's highest policy-making body is the SEAMEO Council, which comprises the 11 Southeast Asian education ministers. The SEAMEO Secretariat is located in Bangkok, Thailand.

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



## **ASEAN-China Centre (ACC)**

The **ASEAN-China Centre (ACC)** is an inter-governmental international organization established by the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations comprising Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the People's Republic of China, to promote ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, tourism, education and culture, with active involvement of the private sector. The Headquarters of the ASEAN-China Centre is located in Beijing.

The ASEAN-China Center was officially launched by leaders from China and ASEAN member countries at the 14th ASEAN-China Summit and ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit on the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of Dialogue Relations in Bali, Indonesia on Friday, 18 November 2011. Heads of States or Governments of China and other ASEAN member countries attended the launching ceremony.

In its work in the field of Education, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) currently focuses on the "One Goal" (Double 100,000 Student Mobility Goal) and the "Two Platforms" (China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week, or CAECW, and Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, or SEAMEO) to serve the needs of education departments of Chinese and ASEAN governments and education institutions; ACC organizes lecture series for ASEAN Embassy officials, organizes activities for ASEAN students, organizes activities to promote cooperation and exchange in vocational higher education; ACC signs and implements MOU with Guizhou Provincial Department of Education and works with SEAMEO to support the CAECW; develops and deepens partnership relations with SEAMEO; strengthens coordination with the Ministry of Education of China, ASEAN Embassies in China and ASEAN Secretariat; works with Beijing Language and Culture University to establish the ASEAN-China Language and Culture Centre; organizes study groups to ASEAN countries, coordinates visiting groups from ASEAN countries to expand networking; and actively provides other services and conduct more activities.

<http://www.asean-china-center.org/english/>



### **National Institute of Education Sciences (NIES)**

Established in 1957, the **National Institute of Education Sciences (NIES)** is a research arm of the Ministry of Education, the People's Republic of China, and the only national-level comprehensive education research institution in China. The predecessor of the NIES, the Education Research Division of the Central Research Institute was founded in 1941. For over 70 years since its original establishment, NIES has strived to contribute to the education development in China by advising policymaking process, advancing theoretical innovation and guiding local practices. Now the institute employs 250 staff, including 217 researchers and research associates, engaged in studies on education policy, basic education, curriculum and pedagogy, teacher development, education inspection and evaluation, physical, health and arts education, higher education, psychology and special education, etc.

The NIES also has a statistics and information center, a center for educational newspapers and periodicals, and a publishing house. The National Planning and Funding Office for Education Research that plans and administers all the national level educational research projects is affiliated with the NIES. The institute has developed partnership for reform experiments with five areas located in the north, east, west, south and middle part of China, with which the NIES provide advisory and informative assistance for education reform and innovation.

The Education Sciences Publishing House, known as “flagship education publisher” in China, is affiliated with the NIES.

<http://english.nies.net.cn/>