Bangladeshi Officials Visit to Bangkok-Chiang Mai, Thailand

“Post-Literacy and Continuation Education for Human Development Project (PLCE)”

15 – 28 August 2004

Venue: Bangkok and Chiang Mai, Thailand

Tentative Schedule:
Arrival Sun, 15 August 2004
Departure Sat, 28 August 2004

Duration: 15 days

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Goal and Purpose of PLCEHD Project-1:

The main objective of the Post Literacy and Continuing Education for Human Development (PLCEHD) Project-1 are to consolidate, maintain and improve literacy skills of the neo-literates and to provide them continuing education for furtherance of their income through skills development in order to foster a better life style and to develop them as enlightened and productive citizens. The above outcomes would be achieved through (i) Promoting enhanced and comprehensive non-formal education (national framework, advocacy and dissemination), (ii) Supporting improved post-literacy program, (iii) Establishing a continuing education program, and (iv) Strengthening institutional capacity (system improvement and staff development).

Under PLCEHD Project-1 framework, a series of overseas study tour/training programmes would be organised to help strengthen the institutional capacity of the non-formal education sub-sector for improving post-literacy and continuing education programme for human development.
Objectives for the Study Tour Programme:

The study visit component is designed to enable the project actors to gain familiarity with the various institutions and programmes on non-formal education and literacy in Southeast Asia and beyond. Thailand has several projects in the genre managed by different institutions and governmental bodies, adopting various operational modalities. The body of knowledge and experiences gained by institutions in Thailand in the field is an invaluable resource that can be shared with the project implementers and help them guide future actions in the project.

The study visit will also provide opportunities for the key project implementation staff of PLCEHD Project 1 to establish links with counterparts in the different organizations in Thailand and keep abreast of developments in the field through these linkages.

Finally, the knowledge of key service-providers in Thailand may open new scope for future bilateral training and technical assistance activities.

Other Arrangement:

Accommodation, travel arrangement will be organized by SEAMEO Secretariat.
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<td>Sun, 15 August 2004</td>
<td>Arrival Bangkok. Transfer-in to the hotel</td>
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<td>Mon, 16 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO)</td>
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<td>1300 hrs Visit the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization</td>
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<td>Tue, 17 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University</td>
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<td>Wed, 18 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the Thai Association of University Women</td>
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<td>1600 hrs Travel to Chiang Mai</td>
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<td>Thu, 19 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the Chiang Mai Provincial Non-formal Education Centre</td>
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<td>1100 hrs Visit the Chiang Mai Non-formal Education Training Center</td>
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<td>1400 hrs Visit Huo Pra Jow Community Learning Center for Hill Tribes</td>
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<td>Fri, 20 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the Women’s Study Center, Chiang Mai University</td>
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<td>Sun, 22 August 2004</td>
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<td>Mon, 23 August 2004</td>
<td>1000 hrs Visit the Department of Non-formal Education, Ministry of Education</td>
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<td>1300 hrs Visit the Educational Television Center</td>
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Tue, 24 August 2004

1000 hrs  Visit Pranee House (Education Training Center for Female)
1300 hrs  Visit Phra Tamnak Suankularb School for Adult

Wed, 25 August 2004

1000 hrs  Visit the Department of Skills Development, Ministry of Labour
1300 hrs  Visit Bangkok Vocational Training Center, Wat Thathong

Thu, 26 August 2004

1000 hrs  Visit Bangsai Arts and Crafts Training Centre, Ayutthaya
1700 hrs  Farewell Dinner: River Side Terrace (Seafood BBQ)

Fri, 27 August 2004

1000 hrs  Visit AIT Extensions, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
1300 hrs  Visit the United Nations Economic and Social Commissions for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)

Sat, 28 August 2004  Transfer to airport