A delegation headed by His Excellency Dr. PEHIN ABU BAKAR APONG, the President of the SEAMEO Council (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization), and Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam conducts a two-day visit to Cambodia from 15 to 16 January 2013 in order to strengthen cooperation on education, culture, science and technology among member countries.

At the courtesy call on and meeting with His Excellency IM SETHY, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the President of the SEAMEO Council expresses his sincere thanks to the Royal Government of Cambodia through the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, for the kind support and warm hospitality extended to delegation, and he highly evaluates the progress of all sectors are being made in Cambodia.

In the capacity of the SEAMEO Council President and Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Dr. PEHIN ABU BAKAR APONG is pleased to continue the support and good relationship with Cambodia for both, bilateral and multilateral cooperation. the SEAMEO Council President also informs that one of the SEAMEO initiatives under the SEAMEO Vision 2020, the Strategic Plan will certainly help SEAMEO attain its objectives of promoting a better quality of life of peoples of Southeast Asia through education, and at the same time contribute to the realization of an integrated ASEAN Community by 2015 through human resource development.

In addition to the SEAMEO initiatives under the 2011-2020 SEAMEO the Strategic Plan, the President of the SEAMEO Council highlights the target groups of SEAMEO College which will be at four levels, namely, a) education ministers, b) high officials, c) education administrators and practitioners, and d) youth leaders. Modules for education ministers and high officials are expected to provide support follow-up to existing forums of education ministers and high-level officials in SEAMEO and ASEAN in a more methodical manner.
On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency IM SETHY appreciates the presence of the SEAMEO Council President and delegates to come and share views on education development in the region. His Excellency Minister IM SETHY also expresses the satisfaction over the educational cooperation with the SEAMEO Regional Centers and member countries for the capacity building by providing scholarships and skill training programs to Cambodian educational officers, particularly Brunei Darussalam provided scholarships for the post graduate programs through the Graduate Research Scholars Scheme for International Scholars at University of Brunei Darussalam, and for the academic year 2013-2014, the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam is offering scholarships to Cambodian applicants for Ph.D Program, Master Program, First Degree, Higher National Diploma and Diploma courses.

During the stay in Cambodia, the President of the SEAMEO Council and delegates visit the cultural places and a number of educational institutions in order to promote the role of education, culture, science and technology toward global peace and harmony.