Hisham elected Seameo veep at Bali meeting

NUSA DUA (Bali): Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein was yesterday elected vice-president of the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (Seameo) which is holding its 42nd meeting in the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

Indonesian Education Minister Bambang Sudibyo was elected president of the organisation, which was established on Nov 30, 1965 to promote and expand cooperation in education, science and culture in the Asean region.

The elections were announced at the meeting which was opened by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the Bali International Convention Centre here.

Hishammuddin said it was an honour for Malaysia as well as for him, adding that it came with a huge responsibility which involved exploring new ideas to promote education in the region.

“The appointment comes with a huge responsibility and is proof that we are highly respected by our neighbours, particularly in education advancement,” he said.

At the Seameo meeting important aspects of education were discussed, including the quality of higher education, the role of universities in eradicating poverty, widening the coverage of information and communication technology and promoting Asean's identity at the global level.

This will be followed by the Second Asean Education Ministers meeting in Ubud, Bali which will be held today and tomorrow, – Bernama