SEAMEO VOCTECH Spearheads Centre’s Inter-Collaborations

The three SEAMEO Centre Directors in a group photo

TWO Memorandums of Understanding were successively inked yesterday afternoon at SEAMEO VOCTECH, Gadong. The centre’s Acting Director, Awp Alias bin Hj Abu Bakar attended the signing ceremony along with SEAMEO Centre Directors, Dr Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, SEAMOLEC (Open Learning Centre) and Dr Bambang Purwantara, BIOTROP (Centre for Tropical Biology).

Both undertakings will pursue an almost similar direction that will lead towards institutional partnerships from feasible training and research projects, staff exchange and other relevant cooperation.

These efforts are in pursuit of implementing results of the SEAMEO Strategic Planning Workshop in Jakarta in June 2010, and also the ‘SEA Change’ International Conference in Manila, December 2010.

The Centre’s Governing Board Chairman, Hj Abd Rahim Derus, senior management officers and staff, attended the event.

"Based on our specialisations, we, SEAMEO Centres now adhere to establishing a community of nations, working and helping together towards SEAMEO HR development and prepare tomorrow’s global workforces,” stresses Awp Alias during the opening programme.

The ventures are in line with His Royal Highness the Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah’s pronouncements on ‘our preparedness during the golden anniversary of SEAMEO in 2015,’ at the 46th SEAMEO Council Conference opening ceremony.

After the signing ceremony, a meeting proceeded among the three leaders with their key officials. They conceptualised an initial project hopefully to take place in April 2011, involving some 40-50 schools in the region and participated by their respective administrators and teachers. Streaming and commissioning requirement to be completed by March, followed by content sharing by VOCTECH and BIOTROP, broadcasting by SEAMOLEC, leading to the course somewhere in April. - Cora Sampang