



Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

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The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is an international and intergovernmental organization established in 1965 among governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture in the region.

Its 11 Member Countries include Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. It embodies 8 Associate Member Countries: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Spain; and three Affiliate Members, namely the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE), the University of Tsukuba, Japan and British Council.

Over the past three decades, SEAMEO has developed 19 specialist institutions throughout Southeast Asia which provide regional leadership in human resource development and the diverse expertise that they offer in education, health, environment, and agriculture and natural resources.

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 continues to expand its network of partners within and outside Southeast Asia, linking and networking with specialised agencies and organisations that have similar pursuits and interests. It collaborates with global organizations like UNESCO, UNICEF, UN-HABITAT, the World Bank, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and others.

Since its inception, the SEAMEO has not only become the oldest chartered intergovernmental organization serving the Southeast Asian region but also Southeast Asia's largest and most dependable service provider in human resource development

Vision

A dynamic, self reliant, strategic policy-driven and internationally recognised regional organisation for strengthening regional understanding and cooperation in education, science and culture for a better quality of life

Mission

To enhance regional understanding and cooperation and unity of purpose among SEAMEO Member Countries and achieve a better quality of life through:

- the establishment of networks and partnerships
- the provision of an intellectual forum for policy makers and experts
- the promotion of sustainable human resource development

Goals

- To develop regional Centres of Excellence of international standard
- To provide relevant and excellent programs in training, research and development, information dissemination and policy analysis and evaluation in SEAMEO 's areas of specialization
- To strengthen the organizational capability to initiate and manage change and development, to meet the challenges of globalization
- To strengthen SEAMEO's management capability in order to meet Member Countries' needs effectively and efficiently
- To promote research and development in education, science and culture and improve the dissemination mechanisms
- To enhance collaboration among SEAMEO Member Countries and relevant organizations
- To ensure continued financial viability by exploring alternative sources of funding

Areas of Specialisation

1. Archaeology and Fine arts
2. Community Nutrition
3. Distance and Open Learning
4. Education in Science and Mathematics
5. Education Innovation and Technology
6. Education Management
7. Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture
8. Higher Education
9. History and Tradition
10. Language
11. Microbiology, Parasitology and Entomology
12. Public Health
13. Tropical Biology
14. Tropical Medicine
15. Vocational and Technical Education and Training

Areas of Priority

1. Agriculture and Natural Resources
2. Culture and Tradition
3. Information and Communications Technology
4. Language
5. Poverty Alleviation
6. Preventive Health Education
7. Quality and Equity in Education

Strengths

The Organization is non-profit and not politically oriented

1. SEAMEO has the largest grouping of country membership (11 Member Countries) in the region to deliver programmes in education
2. Its flexibility and resilience has enabled it to meet the challenges posed by the fast changing political and socio-economic development in the region
3. Its professional and technical programmes and activities that are often conducted on a regular scheduled basis are special and unique

4. The Organization has built a strong infrastructure of extensive physical and equipment resources. Almost every Centre has its own campus, training, research and information dissemination, dormitory facilities to enable it to carry out its functions successfully and with quality
5. Non-tangible resources of the Organization include its vast experiences, information, extensive network of contacts and linkages both nationally and internationally
6. Its activities are focused on the universally appealing theme of human resources development including sustainable development. This helps make SEAMEO attractive to countries wishing to make contributions to sustainable development at the grassroots level in Southeast Asia
7. The competence and experience of its personnel, complemented by the technical expertise provided by the SEAMEO Associate Member Countries and partner agencies, accounts for the quality and impact of its programmes and activities.
8. The regional characteristic of the Centres' professional staff also contributes to the richness in experience and competence of every Centre to handle projects that it undertakes. SEAMEO activities are not limited to Member Countries within Southeast Asia but are also open to participants, programmes and activities from outside the region. Interactions in these activities further enrich the experiences of the participants as well.

Organization Structures

1. **SEAMEO Council** is the highest policy-making body consisting of education ministers of the 11 SEAMEO Member Countries.
2. **SEAMEO Secretariat** is the executive arm of the SEAMEO Council and the Headquarters of the Organization. Based in Bangkok, Thailand, the Secretariat is headed by a Director which is the legal and administrative representative of the Organization. The incumbent Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat is Dato' Dr Ahamad bin Sipun. The main functions of the Secretariat are to execute the instructions and decisions of the Council and coordinate activities among SEAMEO Member Countries, SEAMEO Centres, donors, and other organisations
3. **SEAMEO Regional Centres.** The SEAMEO has 19 specialist institutions that undertake training and research programs in various fields of education, science, and culture. Each Regional Centre has a Governing Board composed of senior education officials from each SEAMEO Member Country. The Governing Board reviews the Centres' operations and budget and sets their policies and programmes.

SEAMEO Member Countries



Brunei Darussalam



Cambodia



Indonesia



Lao PDR



Malaysia



Myanmar



Philippines



Singapore



Thailand



Timor Leste



Vietnam

SEAMEO Associate Member Countries



Australia



Canada



France



Germany



Netherlands



New Zealand



Norway



Spain

SEAMEO Affiliate Members



International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)



University of Tsukuba, Japan



British Council

19 SEAMEO Regional Centres

SEAMEO Regional Centres for Educational Development



SEAMEO INNOTECH

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Educational Innovation and Technology, Philippines

www.seameo-innotech.org



SEAMEO RECSAM

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics, Malaysia

www.recsam.edu.my



SEAMEO RIHED

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development, Thailand

www.rihed.seameo.org



SEAMEO RELC

SEAMEO Regional Language Centre, Singapore

www.relc.org.sg



SEAMEO RETRAC

SEAMEO Regional Training Centre, Vietnam

www.vnseameo.org



SEAMEO SEAMOLEC

SEAMEO Regional Open Learning Centre, Indonesia

www.seamolec.org



SEAMEO VOCTECH

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education, Brunei Darussalam

www.voctech.org.bn



SEAMEO QITEP-Science

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel in Science, Indonesia

www.qiteplanguage.org



SEAMEO QITEP- Mathematics

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel in Mathematics, Indonesia

www.qitepinmath.org



SEAMEO QITEP-Language

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Quality Improvement of Teachers and Education Personnel in Language, Indonesia

www.qitepscience.org

SEAMEO Regional Centres for Agriculture and Natural Resources



SEAMEO BIOTROP

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Tropical Biology, Indonesia

www.biotrop.org



SEAMEO SEARCA

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, Philippines

www.searca.org

SEAMEO Regional Centres for Health and Tropical Medicine



SEAMEO RECFON

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Food and Nutrition (SEAMEO RECFON)

www.seameo-rccn.org



SEAMEO TROPMED Network

SEAMEO Regional Tropical Medicine and Public Health Network, Thailand

www.seameotropmednetwork.org



SEAMEO TROPMED/ Malaysia

SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Microbiology, Parasitology and Entomology, Malaysia

www.imr.gov.my



SEAMEO TROPMED/ Philippines

SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for Public Health, Philippines

www.upcph.info



SEAMEO TROPMED/ Thailand

SEAMEO TROPMED Regional Centre for General and Tropical Medicine, Tropical Pediatrics, Thailand

www.tm.mahidol.ac.th

SEAMEO Regional Centres for Cultural Development



SEAMEO CHAT

SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition, Myanmar

www.seameochat.org



SEAMEO SPAFA

SEAMEO Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts, Thailand

www.seameo-spafa.org

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