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Ms Nongsilinee Mosika Director Bureau of International Cooperation Ministry of Education of Thailand Ratchadamnoen Nok Road Dusit, Bangkok 10300 Thailand

Dear Ms Nongsilinee,

## Announcement: Call for Applications of the SEAMEO Schools' Network in 2017 1 October - 29 December 2017

The SEAMEO Secretariat is pleased to announce that we have opened "Call for Applications" of the SEAMEO Schools' Network in 2017 from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 till 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The former name of this programme was SEAMEO 50x3 Schools' Network.

The SEAMEO Schools' Network aims to improve capacity of administrators, teachers and students through various topics of face-to-face and online SEAMEO capacity development and training programmes as well as to develop school partnerships across the region through the teacher and student's activities.

All public and private educational institutions at all levels such as kindergarten, primary, secondary, vocational and technical, higher education, special needs education, and non formal education in 11 Southeast Asian countries are invited to take part in the SEAMEO Schools' Network. There is a free of charge for joining the SEAMEO Schools' Network. The deadline of application is on 29 December 2017.

In this regard, we would like request the kind cooperation of your good office to disseminate the information of this announcement to schools, colleges, polytechnics and universities in your country, and post the attached information/web banners on the Ministry's website. The attached web banners can be linked to the following Web URL of SEAMEO Schools' Network.

Details of the SEAMEO Schools' Network are available at the following URL: http://www.seameo.org/SEAMEOWeb2/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=554&Ite mid=554 The application of schools/colleges/universities can be submitted through the following Online Application Form: http://bit.ly/SEAMEO\_School\_Network

For further coordination, please contact Ms Piyapa Su-angavatin at her email: piyapa@seameo.org

Your kind support and cooperation on this matter is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Gatot Hari Priowirjanto

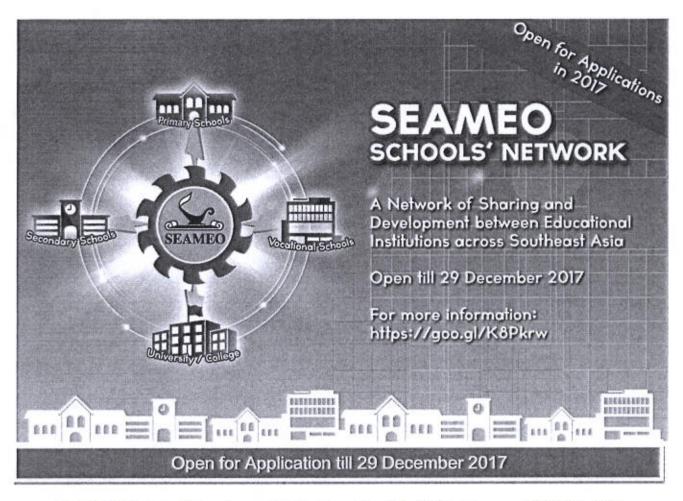
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- 2) Web Banner (big)
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- 4) Web Banner (square)

cc: Mrs Phimwarat Muangnil, Chief of Regional Cooperation Unit, Bureau of International Cooperation

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The SEAMEO Schools' Network was established to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of SEAMEO in 2015.

The SEAMEO Schools' Network provides great opportunities and helps educational institutions to improve capacity of administrators, teachers, and students through various capacity developments programmes of SEAMEO and 24 SEAMEO Regional Centres such as online training programmes, student exchange activities, digital classrooms, regional competitions/awards, and international seminars/conferences.

Open to educational institutions at all levels such as kindergarten/primary/secondary schools, vocational and technical schools/colleges, polytechnics, universities, special need education centres, non-formal education centres in 11 Southeast Asia to apply until 29 December 2017.

NO REGISTRATION FEE, and FREE to join SEAMEO Schools' Network and Capacity Development Programmes.

#### Benefits for Educational Institutions, Administrators, Teachers and Students:

- · Opportunities for institutional development programmes
- Opportunities for leaders, administrators, and teacher professional development
- · Opportunities for student development programmes
- Opportunities for participation in international/regional competitions/awards, conferences, seminars
- Opportunities for cross-country partnership development and collabolative programmes on teachers and students exchange and other collaborative activities.
- Opportunities for sharing good practices and resources with other institutions
- Opportunities to receive news about activities and programmes of SEAMEO Regional Centres

## How to Apply:

Please enter the information of your institution in the following "Online Application". http://bit.ly/SEAMEO\_School\_Network

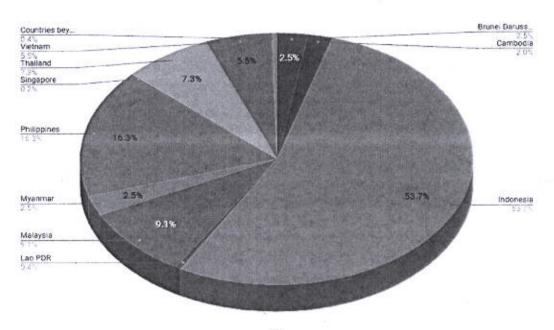
# For Inquiries:

Please contact email: schoolnetwork@seameo.org; secretariat@seameo.org

More information: www.seameo.org

# Current Members of SEAMEO Schools' Network (As of 31 October 2017)

Countries	Number of Schools/ Colleges/Universities	Percentage
Brunei Darussalam	24	2.55
Cambodia	19	2.01
Indonesia	507	53.65
Lao PDR	4	0.42
Malaysia	86	9.10
Myanmar	24	2.54
Philippines	154	16.30
Singapore	2	0.21
Thailand	69	7.30
Vietnam	52	5.50
Countries beyond Southeast Asia	4	0.42
TOTAL	943	100.00%



## General Information of SEAMEO Schools' Network

### 1. Introduction

In 2015, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) marked half-a-century of operations. As a regional inter-governmental organisation established among Southeast Asian countries, SEAMEO takes pride in its achievements over the years as Southeast Asian's leading organisation in promoting regional cooperation and human resource development in education, science and culture.

As a part of the contribution to the Southeast Asian community and the occasion of SEAMEO 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, SEAMEO has initiated a project titled "SEAMEO Schools' Network" (The former name was SEAMEO 50x3 Schools' Network). The network aims to serve as a "Network of Sharing and Development" platform among educational institutions at all levels such as kindergarten/primary/secondary schools, vocational and technical schools/colleges, polytechnics, universities, special needs education schools, and non-formal education centres in 11 Southeast Asian countries.

The purposes of the project are as follows:

- To leverage capacity of educational leaders, administrators, teachers and students through capacity development programmes and other contributions from 24 SEAMEO Regional Centres, SEAMEO stakeholders, and partners.
- To develop partnerships and networking platform among educational institutions across Southeast Asian community.

### 2. Definition of the SEAMEO Schools' Network

- The network is a platform to promote and encourage collaboration among educational institutions in 11 Southeast Asian countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.
- The network consists of the following levels of education: kindergarten, primary, secondary, special needs
  education, vocational and technical schools/colleges, polytechnics, universities in 11 Southeast Asian countries.
- The network aims to leverage capacity of educational leaders, administrators, teachers and students through specialised capacity development programmes, and other contributions from SEAMEO Regional Centres, SEAMEO stakeholders, and SEAMEO partners.
- The network provides opportunities for participating institutions to develop partnerships, share practices, and exchange teachers and students within the network.

### 3. Participating Schools

- Public and private educational institutions at all levels such as kindergarten/primary/secondary schools, vocational and technical schools/colleges, polytechnics, universities, special needs education schools, and non-formal education centres in 11 Southeast Asian countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam are invited to participate in the SEAMEO Schools' Network.
- The educational institutions in the network should demonstrate the following attributes:
  - English ability of teachers to participate in the SEAMEO training programmes
  - Basic capacity of ICT and Internet access at the institutions
  - Strong interest and willingness indicators: The institutional leader has clearly expressed an interest to participate in this Network.

 Clear policy and operational plan on partnerships with other institutions in different communities or countries

## 4. Benefits for schools that participate in the SEAMEO Schools' Network

The participating institutions will gain unique and beneficial opportunities to participate in the following capacity development and innovative educational programmes, designed and conducted by the 24 SEAMEO Regional Centres and SEAMEO partners.

· Opportunities for institutional development programmes

- An invitation to participate in SEAMEO regional programmes such as: Schools Nutrition Development Programmes; the SEAMEO Schools' Fit Programme; the Health Promotion Programme; Digital Learning in Southeast Asia; and Internationalisation and Harmonisation of TVET in Southeast Asia.
- An invitation to participate in SEAMEO regional competitions and award schemes.

Opportunities for leaders and teacher development programmes

- An invitation to participate in training courses, workshops and seminars that cover various educational development topics conducted by SEAMEO Regional Centres.
- An invitation to participate in various on-line lectures series and training courses aimed at capacity development for school administrators and teachers.
- Opportunities to receive learning materials produced by SEAMEO Regional Centres and SEAMEO partners.

Opportunities for student development programmes

- An invitation to participate in SEAMEO regional competitions and award schemes for students.
- An invitation to join on-line and mobile training courses designed to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for students.

Opportunities to receive news about activities and programmes of SEAMEO Centres

- Institutions within the network will receive information about ongoing SEAMEO programmes, training courses and activities that cover various topics within the fields of education, science and culture in the region.
- Opportunities to develop partnerships, exchange teachers and students, and share good practices with other educational institutions.
  - The network will give participating institutions unique opportunities to share information on requested partnership areas and contact details in order to facilitate greater partnerships and collaboration across Southeast Asian countries.
  - A group communication platform through on-line platforms will be developed to help the exchange of information and partnerships.

# 5. Application Guidelines: How to Participate in the "SEAMEO Schools' Network"

- There is no application or registration fee to participate in the SEAMEO Schools' Network.
- Information about the institutions in the Application Form must be written in English.
- The applying can be done through the online registration by clicking on the following link:

### http://bit.ly/SEAMEO School\_Network

 If the school has a problem to link with the online registration or to edit the information in your application that already submitted to the system, please contact: schoolnetwork@seameo.org.

- Alternatively, you can download the <u>Application Form in word format</u> from the SEAMEO Schools' Network webpage or request the Application Form in word format by sending an email to <u>schoolnetwork@seameo.org</u>.
- All applications submitted to the SEAMEO Secretariat will be acknowledged. If schools have not received any
  acknowledgement of the receipt from the SEAMEO Secretariat within one week after the submission date,
  please contact the SEAMEO Secretariat, email: <a href="mailto:schoolnetwork@seameo.org">schoolnetwork@seameo.org</a>

#### 6. Rules and Conditions

- The information submitted in the application form must be true. The SEAMEO Secretariat has right to reject the
  application at any time, if it is found that the information submitted in the application form is not true.
- The institutions must allow the SEAMEO Secretariat to request additional information to support the submission
  if needed.
- The basic Information of the participating institutions will be posted on the SEAMEO Website.
- The basic Information of the participating institutions will be shared to the SEAMEO Centres, SEAMEO stakeholders, donors/ contributors, and among the members under the network.
- The SEAMEO Secretariat shall have the right to store information about the participating institutions in its database system and also use the information for documentation and report purposes.

#### 7. Contact Details

For enquiry, please contact: SEAMEO Schools' Network SEAMEO Secretariat, 920 Sukhumvit Road, Klongtoey District, Bangkok, 10110, THAILAND.

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