

Proposed Programmes

for FY2016/2017

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PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this working paper is to seek the Governing Board's approval of SEAMEO CELLL's proposed programmes for FY2016/2017.

BACKGROUND

2. SEAMEO CELLL was established to serve a growing trend in education across the globe in general, and in ASEAN community in particular: lifelong learning. This designated responsibility, stated in the purpose of establishment (Memorandum of Agreement, Article III) and translated into concrete functions, is the guiding principle for the annual designing of the programmes to be implemented in the next fiscal year.
3. FY2015/2016 saw major achievements of SEAMEO CELLL after its proposed programmes were approved and endorsed at its first Governing Board Meeting. The Centre set out with an aim to promote and facilitate lifelong learning in Vietnam and neighbouring countries through activities that were designed to support and lead to target achievement of such programmes.
4. Last year's programmes were geared towards CLC managerial level, teachers and SEAMEO CELLL staff so that the participants can apply the learned skills and knowledge in their centre operation and activities for the educational and learning benefits of local people. The majority of the programmes were successfully carried out.
5. This year SEAMEO CELLL continues developing programmes in the direction laid down last year – CLC development with a high priority on capacity building for managerial officials, and master trainers. The programmes also feature a major project on lifelong learning, the impact of which is expected to be on lifelong learning development in the region. In keeping with the first five-year plan, SEAMEO CELLL proposes programmes to serve three of its functions: training, research and networking.

SCOPE

6. The programmes for FY2016/2017 include research and training activities aiming to enhance understanding of the context of lifelong learning, to boost lifelong learning activities and to facilitate CLC development in the region. They include:
 - a. Two research projects:
 - UIL funded project “Towards an ASEAN Lifelong Learning”, scheduled to span two years, with three outcomes within FY2016/17, namely (1) national reports on best practices and underlying policies in participating countries, (2) an online portal for sharing of lifelong learning promoting experience, and (3) recommendations on policies, legislation and financing for lifelong learning to be developed and presented in at a SEAMEO High Officials Meeting for adoption
 - “The Japanese Community Centre” to be conducted in Japan with kind support from the University of Tsukuba.
 - b. A workshop on the Japanese community centre model. This follows the research referred to in (a),
 - c. One expert meeting on ASEAN countries’ best practices and policy enablers in lifelong learning. This is a component of the UIL funded project referred to in (a)
 - d. One international conference on disaster management and emergency response (See IP11)
 - e. Two skill courses for the public, and
 - f. Seven publications (four quarterly newsletter issues, two proceedings, one training manual translated into Vietnamese by SEAMEO CELLL).

(For details please see the appendix)

IMPLICATION

7. These programmes will be implemented by SEAMEO CELLL itself and in collaboration with its partners like DVV International, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, NILE after the Proposed Programmes for FY2016/17 is endorsed by the Governing Board. The programmes will not only enhance the Centre’s visibility but also help develop lifelong learning in the region.

JUSTIFICATION

8. The programmes once approved and endorsed by SEAMEO CELLL Governing Board will enable the Centre to carry out activities serving its

mission to provide relevant programmes and strategic alliances to educational managers, practitioners and policymakers towards promoting lifelong learning awareness, and improving lifelong learning practice in Southeast Asia through research and development, capacity building and information exchange. These activities will also fulfill its roles of a training centre, a clearing house, and a resource centre.

REQUESTED DECISION

9. The Governing Board is requested to approve SEAMEO CELL's Proposed Programmes for FY2016/2017.