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OPENING VIRTUAL COORDINATOR TRAINING (VCT)

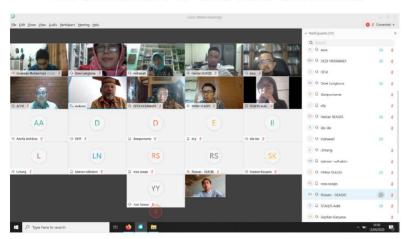
SEAQIS in collaboration with Centre for Education Communication, Information, and Technology (Tikomdik), a technical unit under the Education Office of West Java Province, conducted the 6th Virtual Coordinator Training (VCT). The VCT aimed at equipping the participants with skills and knowledge about conducting seminars, forums, training using online platforms. The opening of the programme was conducted on 7 April 2020 via online platform attended by 3500 participants consisting of primary and secondary school teachers from West Java Province.

The opening ceremony was started with remarks delivered by Dr Dewi Sartika, the Head of Education Office. She appreciated programme and expected that it can improve teachers' competence particularly in facing the challenges in the industrial revolution 4.0 era. The agenda then continued with a Q&A session facilitated by the Deputy Director for Programme of SEAQIS, Mr Reza Setiawan. During this session, he also presented the profile and programme of the Centre.



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SEAMEO QITEP in Science has provided research grants for science teachers and education personnel since 2015 through SEAQIS Research Grant (SRG) programme. This programme aimed at encouraging science teachers and education personnel to conduct research as well as creating innovation in science teaching and learning. In 2020, SEAQIS invites science teachers across the region to participate in the SRG 2020 programme by conducting research related to STEM learning. This year programme's theme is Innovation in Science Teaching and Learning in the Era of Industrial Revolution 4.0 and Society 5.0.

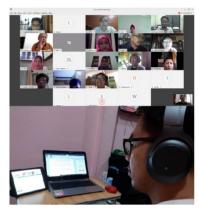
This year, SEAQIS received 140 proposals from all around Indonesia and 1 proposal from other SEAMEO member countries. The submitted proposals were being reviewed and evaluated by reviewers containing external and internal reviewers. external reviewers independents experts which consisted of Prof Agus Suyatna and Dr Dewi from Lengkana Universitas Lampung, Dr Harry Firman from Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, and Dr Sediono Abdullah from the Ministry of Education and Culture. On the other hand, the internal reviewers were SEAQIS' academic teams which provided second opinions and gave the independent experts notion to choose the potential proposals. The main task of the reviewers was to propose 40 best proposals to be selected as research grant grantees.

All the proposals were evaluated based on several categories such as the innovation to support learning in the industrial revolution 4.0 and society 5.0, research ideas' originality and its potential impacts on the student learning experience. Moreover, the reviewers also gave a detailed look at the adaptability of research ideas to be implemented during this pandemic time. Proposals which have an online classroom approach or developing online learning media gained a better light in the selection process.

The 40 best proposals proposed by the reviewers then were discussed and deliberated by SEAQIS' Board of Directors, Head of Divisions as well the reviewers themselves through an online Focused-Group Discussion (FGD). The FGD was conducted on 6 and 13 April 2020 using an online platform to minimize a spread out of COVID-19. After a long discussion, 40 proposals were enacted and selected as SRG 2020 grantees. The selected grantees will be contacted directly on the third week of April and the official announcement will be published on the website and social media.

SEAQIS RESEARCH GRANT (SRG) 2020 COORDINATION MEETING

Monday 6th, the first week of April, SEAQIS carried out the SEAQIS Research Grant (SRG) 2020 coordination meeting through a video conference. The agenda discussed was the assessment instrument of the received proposals. The assessor joined the conference was Prof. Agus Suyatna Dr Dewi Lengkana, Dr Sediono, and Dr Harry Firman. The meeting was also participated by BoD of SEAQIS, as well as the head of divisions and academic staff.



SEAQIS' Halal-bi-Halal and Socialisation of the WFO (Work-from-Office) Policy



Tuesday, 2 June 2020. All staff members of the SEAMEO QITEP in Science participated in an online Halal bi Halal activity as the

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Work-from-Home policy is still in force. Halal bi Halal is a common activity conducted by Indonesian Muslim after celebrating Eid-al-Fitr, and this was the first time all SEAQIS staff members gathered after nearly three months working from home. At this occasion, the Deputy Director for Administration also socialised the Work-from-Office policy considering the New Norm lifestyle following the current situation in Bandung. This policy is accompanied by the implementation of health protocol applied by the local

ONLINE WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF DRAFTING TEACHING MATERIALS



From 21 to 23 April 2020, SEAQIS held an online-based workshop on preparing training materials. This online workshop was a preparation for the incoming training activities in 2020.

This online workshop was attended by 20 participants who were divided into five teams, namely drafting team, external reviewer, internal reviewer, layout designer and graphic designer teams. The majority of these team members are from the SEAQIS staff members, while the external reviewer team mostly consists of external experts.

This online workshop discussed the preparation of drafting teaching materials for training activities in 2020. On the first day, the workshop was started with presentations of types and forms of teaching materials based on online training, continued with discussions on looking for

IHT ON PUBLISHING A SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL



From 14 to 16 April 2020, SEAMEO QITEP in Science held In-House Training (IHT) on Publishing a Scientific Journal. The IHT was conducted using online application considering the current pandemic situation. The IHT on Publishing Science Journal was aimed at providing insights into managing a science journal. The IHT was attended by all the staff members of the Centre including the Board of Directors. The first dav was facilitated by Dr rer nat Sparisoma Viridi, a physician expert from Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB). In this activity, he delivered material about how to publish and manage a scientific journal. The second day was facilitated by Mr Deden Sumirat Hidayat, M.Kom, from the Indonesian Institute of

Sciences (LIPI).

He explained the mechanisms to publish and manage a scientific journal using an online platform. He also discussed how to submit journal accreditation. Then Prof. Dr Trivanta facilitated the discussion on the last day. The topic was about the code of ethics in scientific writing. He also exposed the common mistakes conducted by writer in composing a scientific paper. Through this activity and having such valuable knowledge, it is expected that SEAQIS is more than ready to publish a scientific journal by the end of this year. As an institution that put its focus on the development of science education in the region, to publish a scientific journal is something that should be conducted by SEAQIS.

agreement on the types and systematics of teaching materials. On the second day, the workshop was continued with the drafting and each team worked within their group. The last day of the workshop was ended with the presentation from each team. The workshop then was closed by the Deputy Director for Programme, Mr Reza Setiwan.



Collaborative Activities

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THE 2020 SEAMEO-JAPAN EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) AWARD

The annual 2020 SEAMEO-Japan Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Award is back! It is a collective commitment of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT) in cooperation with UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education to promote best practices in ESD in schools across Southeast Asia. This year's theme is "Addressing Plastic Problems for Transforming Communities."

The objectives of the 2020 SEAMEO-Japan Award are: to promote waste management system and other plastic initiatives in schools in Southeast Asia and Japan that contribute to the transformation of communities and ecosystems; to share initiatives and good practices that support sustainable development through the integration of waste management system into the holistic school programme; and to encourage schools to develop and improve their current ESD activities and programmes.

All public and private schools, as well as vocational and technical schools (certificate level) in 11 SEAMEO Member Countries, are very welcome to participate! For more information please visit https://www.seameo.org/-Main_programme/213. The last day for submission of entries is on 14 August 2020.

INTER-CENTRE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME: PUBLIC SPEAKING



SEAQIS and the other six SEAMEO Centres in Indonesia held a series of Inter-Centre Capacity Building programmes. The first programme was held on 4 May 2020 discussing Public Speaking. The topic was delivered by Mr Cepri Maulana from SEAMEO CECCEP. In his presentation, he delivered basic knowledge in public speaking, such as open body posture, appropriate gestures, eye contact, voice tone and rehearsing. He also emphasized that

material preparation, media checking and rehearse are things that crucial. The event was attended by 80 participants from all Centres and held online considering that all Centres are still in the work-from-home period.

Even during the pandemic, all staffs are expected to continue to develop their skills to support the needs of the Centre. Capacity Building programmes are scheduled to be held throughout May 2020.

SOCIALIZATION OF THE PROGRAMME REPORTING PROCEDURES OF SEAQIS ONLINE ACTIVITIES



Friday, 17 April 2020, all SEAMEO QITEP in Science staff took part in the Socialization of the Programme Reporting Procedures of SEAQIS Online Activities. This activity was delivered by the IDE (ICT, Data, and Evaluation) Division through a video conference. This activity aims to socialize the procedures for drafting the report of SEAQIS online-based programmes and activities in 2020. This activity is expected to facilitate the committee in drafting the report.

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