

Seaqis Bulletin

A Collaborative Endeavour for Educational Empowerment in East Nusa Tenggara



On 4 March 2024, SEAQIS initiated a transformative training session and formalised a joint agreement to advance education in East Nusa Tenggara Province. The agreement, signed by Mr Reza Setiawan (Deputy Director for Programme) along with representatives from six SEAMEO Centres Indonesia, the Education Quality Assurance Centre and the Professional Development Centre for Educators of East Nusa Tenggara Province, the Mayors of Kupang Regency and City, as well as local Education Officers, marked a significant step in educational enhancement.

This collaboration focused on improving teachers' pedagogical skills and students' literacy and numeracy in Kupang. From 4 to 7 March 2024, Ms Poppy Kamalia Devi and Ms Lintang Ratri Prastika led training for 40 primary teachers, involving dynamic activities and science experiments. The training aimed to equip teachers with tools to inspire scientific curiosity and deepen their understanding of scientific principles. Additionally, it emphasised developing student worksheets using the DARTs (Directed Activities Related to Texts) method to foster critical thinking and active learning.



This initiative signifies a collective commitment to educational excellence in East Nusa Tenggara Province, leveraging the expertise of esteemed educational institutions to enhance students' skills and elevate the province's educational standards.

Relishing Ramadan: Public Speaking Workshop and Iftar with SEAQIS



On 4 April 2024, SEAQIS hosted a public speaking workshop followed by an Iftar at the Trans Luxury Hotel in Bandung to enhance the public speaking skills of its employees and interns. The event began with a report from Mr Rizwan Darmawan, Head of Human Resources and General Affairs, and a welcome speech by SEAQIS Acting Director, Mr Zuhe Safitra.

The enthusiasm peaked as Mr Riesky, the speaker, delivered a presentation on public speaking principles, divided into three main strategies: self-control (breath control, eye contact, gestures, facial expressions),

content delivery (story and materials structuring), and engagement (vocal variations, articulation, abbreviations, and acronyms). Group discussions and mini games were held to encourage practice and stimulate participation. The session concluded with a photo session and speaker awarding.

The event continued with an opening session by Mr Reza Setiawan (Deputy Director for Programme) leading into the Iftar. To foster stronger bonds among SEAQIS personnel, MSIB Batch 6 interns performed a Ramadan-themed stage play. Mr Septian Karyana then

Mr Septian Karyana then gave a talk on building loyalty through sincerity. Mini games were also played to pass the time until Iftar.

These events, anchored in the spirit of Ramadan, aimed to develop the skills and camaraderie of SEAQIS members.



Advancing Publication and Partnership Skills for Better Collaboration

A two-day training event titled "Public Relations Training: Website and Social Media Management" took place at the Aston Nagoya City Hotel in Batam from 18 to 19 April 2024. Organised collaboratively by SEAMEO Centres Indonesia (SCI) and the Professional Development Centre for Educators of Riau Islands Province, the event saw the participation of 50 attendees, including Mr Zuhe Safitra as SEAQIS Acting Director as well as Ms Ayu Intan Harisbaya and Ms Amallia Yuliana from Partnership and Publications Division.



Expert trainers from various institutions such as the Professional Development Centre for Educators of Riau Islands Province, SEAMEO QITEP in Language (SEAQIL), SEASIA.co, and so on, provided valuable insights, focusing on social media management in building a strong online presence. The key points of this training emphasised the necessity of consistency and creativity in content creation, recognising audiences' evolving preferences towards engaging and emotionally resonant content over solely visually impressive material.



Dr Misbah Fikrianto (Deputy Director for Administration from SEAQIL) stressed the importance of close collaboration at both national and international levels to enhance the effectiveness of public relations. Dr Imam Edi Priyanto (Head of Professional Development Centre for Educators of Riau Islands Province) highlighted the crucial role of public relations in disseminating various best practices from the education sector through online media. Additionally, Mr Tri Wahyu Rubianto (Head of Education Department of Batam) delivered a welcoming address and officially inaugurated the event.



Creating Some Fresh Air through the 2nd ICCM 2024



SEAMEO QITEP in Science, Language, and Mathematics organised the 2nd ICCM at the Grand Mercure Hotel, Solo Baru, from 9 to 11 May 2024. Attendees included representatives from the Professional Development Centre for Educators of Banten, West Java, and Special Region of Yogyakarta Provinces, along with the Board of Directors and personnel of the three SEAMEO QITEP centres. The discussions encompassed joint programmes, staffing, and institutional matters.



Prof Dr Nunuk Suryani, Director General of Teachers and Education Personnel from the Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology, inaugurated the meeting with opening remarks. Mr Temu Ismail, Secretary of the Directorate

General of Teachers and Education Personnel, provided guidance on aligning priority programmes with SEAMEO QITEP centres in climate change education, English teacher training, as well as literacy and numeracy.

Agreements were reached on collaborative programmes to be

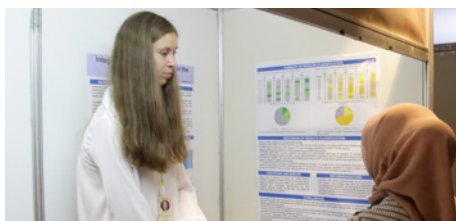
implemented, including the Governing Board Meeting 2024, training at Sekolah Indonesia Kota Kinabalu Malaysia, and the Computational Thinking Programme. This meeting marked significant progress in enhancing educational cooperation among the three SEAMEO QITEP centres in Southeast Asia.



SEAQIS and Indonesia Scientific Society (ISS): Challenge the Young Scientists through the International Science Technology and Engineering Competition (ISTEC) 2024

SEAQIS with the Indonesia Scientific Society (ISS) successfully held the International Science Technology and Engineering Competition (ISTEC) 2024 from 2 to 5 May 2024 in Bali, Indonesia. Aimed at supporting research and education, this event provided a platform for 66 finalist teams from various countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the United States, to showcase their research papers and engage in cultural exchange.

During the competition, participants presented their research findings to a judging panel, including Dr Indrawati as SEAQIS expert. They also participated in discussions on research methodology and conclusion. Additionally, a STEM workshop tailored for accompanying teachers was conducted by Ms Lintang Ratri Prastika from SEAQIS to enhance pedagogical skills through hands-on activities and practical teaching tools.



ISTEC served as a valuable opportunity for young scientists to compete and evaluate their ideas. Such initiatives play a crucial role in fostering global cooperation and nurturing future innovators in the fields of science, technology, and education. It is hoped that such efforts will continue to inspire and equip young minds to tackle the challenges of the future.



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