7th Asia Pacific Meeting of Regional Centre of Expertise

August 26, 2014
USM, RCE Penang, Malaysia
Review of 6th Asia Pacific RCEs Meeting

- RCE Kitakyushu

- Hosted by RCE Kitakyushu, the 6th AP RCE Meet was attended by more than 56 participants representing 15 member RCEs and 1 new candidate, RCE Waikato (New Zealand).

- See brochure
Today’s Agenda: What to aim for?

+ Meet & Understand the “family” of RCEs in Asia Pacific
  + Progress of the global RCE Movement
  + Introduction of new/candidate RCEs

+ Understand our common/diverse area of interest
  + Thematic Groups discussion
    + Youth/ Schools/ Community/ Biodiversity/ Disaster Risk Management

+ Discuss and plan collaborative efforts beyond UN DESD
  + Collaborative projects
  + Contribution to Global Action Programme on ESD
  + Evaluate our achievements/challenges for beyond 2014
Progress of the global RCE movement

+ UNU-IAS
Introduction of New RCEs

+ Waikato, New Zealand
Session 2+3.
Thematic Discussion
Session 4. Collaborative efforts of RCEs
Collaborative projects

- RCE Chubu
- RCE Bohol + RCE Greater Phnom Pehn
- RCE Greater Western Sydney + RCE Penang
Sejahtera Centre for RCEs in Asia Pacific

Current Updates
“The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform is a way to build good collaboration among RCEs in our endeavors towards protecting Asian Pacific culture and way of life in order to promote sustainability.

The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform promotes Asian Pacific perspectives on sustainable development and ESD, based on the traditional wisdom of coexistence.”
Sejahtera – the idea

‘Sejahtera’ : the philosophy of sustainability

“‘Sejahtera” (se-jah-te-ra) is an indigenous concept of cosmic proportion in the Malay archipelago or Nusantara. Often translated as “well-being” or even “prosperity”, the status of “sejahtera” as a balanced lifestyle, a lifelong harmonious way of being.” – by Dr. Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, RCE Penang

Sejahtera initiative

A joint initiative of Asia Pacific RCE network to find the alternative path towards sustainability, acknowledged by the members as existent within the unique traditional culture of Asia Pacific region with emphasis on the coexistence.
Sejahtra Centre Overview

- Initiated as a part of the Sejahtra Project for the Asia Pacific RCEs

- Project overview
  - 2007 ~ 2014
  - 20millionUSD project
  - Supported by the Ministry of Environment
  - 200,000m² Eco park
  - *Sejahtra Centre RCEs in Asia Pacific*

- a creative research & teaching centre for AP RCEs and ESD related institutions


- Official Opening ceremony : March 30, 2015
Vision

Coexistence between human beings, man and nature, present and future generations

Education Philosophy

Education for Sustainable Society

“Learning Sustainable Life philosophy by Integration, and Practice”
Objective

- To strengthen partnership among RCEs in AP
- To contribute to the post-DESD global initiatives
Progress updates

- Oct. 2014 – Kitakyushu 6th AP meeting: First draft presented
- Nov. 16 – 1st Working group meeting in Tongyeong
  - RCE Chubu, Kyrgyzstan, Srinagar, Yogyakarta, Tongyeong
- Nov. 28- 8th Global RCE Conference, Nairobi
  - 2nd Working group meeting – 11RCEs 23 participants
- Dec. 2014 ~ April 2015 Working group skype meetings
  - Discussion to draft invitation letter/ structure of organization
- Invitation for Sejahtera Centre ➔ 24/47 RCEs submitted official letter of participation (with more coming...)
- Sejahtera Centre Asia Pacific RCEs Art Project: Open Call on going
FUTURE

- IN Penang: START DISCUSSION ON Joint project 2014-2016 term on traditional knowledge
- Sept. 2014: Complete construction & RCE Tongyeong secretariat to be newly established at centre
- 2014-2016 project planning 0 within participating AP RCEs
- March 30, 2015: Official opening of Sejahtera Centre for RCEs in Asia Pacific
AP RCE Joint Project -

+ THEME : Biennial Asia Pacific ESD Theme
  + Selected every 2 years by AP RCEs during continental meeting of Asia Pacific RCEs
  + e.g. Traditional knowledge, DRR, etc.
+ Possible joint activities under the theme
  + Thematic Exhibitions
  + Workshops
  + Joint research projects
  + Training for teachers
  + Youth program

+ Discussion for 2014-2016 biennial theme “Traditional Knowledge”
+ WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?
Discussion

Sejahtra Centre, only possible with your participation!

Thank you

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Session 5. RCEs beyond 2014
+ Updates on ESD week 2014

+ Discussion on the future direction of the Asia-Pacific RCEs: Contributions to the Global Action Programme on ESD
Summary

Closing Remarks