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2015 SEAMEO-JAPAN EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) AWARD

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (MEXT), in cooperation with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, announce the *2015 SEAMEO-Japan Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Award* with the theme *Safeguarding Our Cultural Traditions*.

The Award Scheme aims to:

1. raise awareness of the cultural traditions integrated in education for the promotion of sustainable development in schools and communities in Southeast Asia and Japan;
2. promote and share initiatives and good practices which support sustainable development through the integration of cultural traditions into teaching and learning practices and school programmes; and
3. encourage schools to develop and improve current ESD activities and programmes.

The scope of Cultural Traditions for this Award includes the following areas (as identified for intangible cultural heritage):

1. Oral Traditions and Expressions, including language as a vehicle of intangible cultural heritage;
2. Performing Arts;
3. Social Practices, Rituals and Festive Events;
4. Knowledge and Practices concerning nature and the universe; and
5. Traditional Craftsmanship.

All public and private kindergarten/elementary/secondary schools in 11 Southeast Asian countries; namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam are invited to submit the information of their respective school's programme/project/activity related to the theme.

The submission of the school's programme must be done through the template *Submission Form of 2015 SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award*. Schools must ensure that the SEAMEO Secretariat receives their entries on *September 4, 2015 (Friday)*.

The submission form, guidelines for submission of entries, and details of the judging criteria can be downloaded from the SEAMEO website: www.seameo.org.

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