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H E Ms Milagros Tolón
Minister of Education, Vocational Training and Sports
Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports
Calle Alcalá 34
28014 Madrid
Spain

Your Excellency,

The Government of Spain's Annual Associate Membership Contribution to the SEAMEO, Untied Contribution to the SEAMEO Educational Development Fund FY2026/2027

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency of the Annual Associate Membership Contribution to the SEAMEO amounting to Euro 6,000.00 which is being committed by an Associate Member of the SEAMEO, the Untied Contribution to the SEAMEO Educational Development Fund (SEDF) which has been considered as a voluntary annual contribution to the SEAMEO.

As the SEAMEO fiscal year 2026/2027 will start on 1 July 2026, I would be grateful if Your Excellency could kindly arrange to remit the above-mentioned contributions by depositing to the following account:

Account Name:	SEAMES Operational Budget
Account Number:	046-92-0001-9, USD Savings Account
Bank Name:	KASIKORNBANK Public Co., Ltd.
Branch:	Sukhumvit 57 Branch
Address:	1147 Sukhumvit Road, Klongtan Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110, Thailand
SWIFT Code:	KASITHBK

For Your Excellency's ready reference, the information regarding Associate Membership Contribution, the SEDF and invoice no. 25/26-0302 are enclosed herewith.

On behalf of the SEAMEO and the SEAMEO Secretariat, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to Your Excellency and the Government of Spain for the continued interest and support given to the SEAMEO.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Pintip Iamnirath

Pintip Iamnirath
Deputy Director
(Administration and Communication)
and Officer-in-Charge

Encl: As stated

cc: Ms Rosa Prieto, Counsellor for Education, Embassy of Spain, Australia
Mr Jordi Marín Badenes, Education Advisor, Embassy of Spain in Bangkok

SS/-

Associate Membership contribution to the SEAMEO Secretariat

Associate Membership contribution to the SEAMEO Secretariat is an annual contribution from each SEAMEO Associate Member in compliance with the SEAMEO Charter as stared on page 10 under Appendix "Terms and Conditions of Associate Membership and Affiliate Membership of SEAMEO" as follow:

"6. An Associate Member shall make an annual financial contribution to the organization, the amount of which shall be fixed by council."

The funds received from all SEAMEO Associate Members for this component will be lumped together and be utilized in line with the guidelines as adopted by the council as its 9th SEAMEC Conference, In-Camera Session as well as the additional guidelines as approved by the Council at its 18th SEAMEC conference in Penang, Malaysia. The said guidelines are as follows:

- 9th SEAMEC Conference, In-Camera Session resolutions:

  1. To cover additional expenses arising from liaison work with Associate Member,
  2. To meet the costs of certain unbudgeted activities for which, normally, special grants are sought by the Secretariat,
  3. To supplement the costs of promotional activities such as fund-raising and publication.

- 18th SEAMEC Conference resolution:

  4. To support specific regular programmes and activities of Centres and Projects for which Special funds are not available or adequate.

  5. To support special programmes or activities of the organization, subject to prior acceptance of the Associate Members.

The utilization of Associate Membership contributions to the SEAMEO Secretariat will be reported annually first to the High Officials Meeting and then to the council for acknowledgement.

Request

The Government of Spain's Annual Associate Membership Contribution to the SEAMEO is in the amount of Euro 6,000.

SEAMEO Educational Development Fund (SEDF)

The SEDF has been established to serve as a repository for gifts to support the requirements of Special Funds and Other Funds as follows:

1. Support of Special Funds Requirements, which cover nine items, namely:

   Training and Research Scholarships
   Seminars and Special Conferences
   Personnel Exchange
   Governing Board Meetings
   Research Fellowship and Grants
   Project Feasibility Studies
   SEAMEO Students Exchange programme
   Research and Development (R&d) Projects in Education, Science and Culture
   Annual Awards given by SEAMEO-Donors to outstanding personnel in various categories in the fields of Education, Science and Culture in Southeast Asia.

2. Support of the Other Funds requirements, which cover SEAMEO's specific activities that are not subsidized by SEAMEO Regular Operational Budgets and Special Fund.

The allocation of SEDF has been done by the SEAMEO Secretariat in its role as SEAMEO Headquarters to meet the annual Special Funds requirements of the SEAMEO Centres as approved by the Council. The principles for allocation of SEDF to meet Special Funds requirements of the SEAMEO Centres are as follow:

1. SEDF (Tied Funds) are first allocated to all SEAMEO Centres in line with terms and conditions laid down by Donors and stipulated by the MOUs;

2. SEDF (Untied Funds) contributed by all Donors will be lumped together and allocated to meet four components of Special Funds requirements (Training and Research Scholarship, Seminars and Conferences, Governing Board Meetings and Personal Exchange) after being met by Tied funds. This remaining portion of Special Funds requirements will also be determine the proportion of Untied Funds which each Centre is entitled to receive. The prioritization for allocation of SEDF (Untied Funds) to each component of Special Funds is ranked by each SEAMEO Centre. These Guidelines were approved by the Council at its 40th Conference In-camera session, in Vietnam 2005.

Similarly, the allocation of the SEDF to support the requirements of Other Funds can be done to all SEAMEO specific programmes and projects. The requirements of Other Funds, however, shall involve individual specific project/ activities, may last a longer period of time and need a bigger amount of budget.

The SEAMEO Educational Development Fund constituted by the contributions from Member Countries, Associate Members and Donors is considered as the life-blood of the Organization. Without the SEDF, all regular programmes and activities under Five-Year Development Plan and other initiative projects of SEAMEO Centres and no longer be implemented. The major donors are SEAMEO Associate Members, SEAMEO Member Countries at this stage, even those which attained a certain degree of economic growth, still have not achieved self-reliance by contributing to support its own participants. Therefore, the contributions from Associate Members to the SEDF are essentially needed, especially for the implementation of regular programme under Centre's Five-Year Development Plan as well as other SEAMEO initiatives.

Request

The Government of Associate Member Country's contribution to the SEDF is on voluntary basis.

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Invoice/Payment Order

No. 25/26-0302

Date: 10 March 2026

To : Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports
Calle Alcalá 34
28014 Madrid
Spain

Item	Description	Amount	
1	Annual Associate Membership Contribution for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (covering the period from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027)	Euro	6,000.00
	Total	Euro	6,000.00
	(Euro Six Thousand Only)		

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Kornkanok Chareonwuthilarp
Finance Manager