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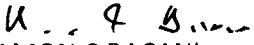
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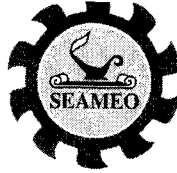
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEAMEO SONGWRITING COMPETITION

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Centers/Services and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) has launched the SEAMEO Songwriting Competition as an initiative to promote Southeast Asian nations' cooperation in education, science and culture. The SEAMEO Song will serve as the SEAMEO anthem in auspicious occasions and events of the organization.
2. In view of this, we would like to invite both professional and amateur songwriters and musicians who could describe the SEAMEO spirit of cooperation into words and melody. The competition is open to all citizens of SEAMEO Member Countries. The songwriters should submit the entries on or before 31 August 2010. For more details about the competition, please contact Ms Piyapa Su-angavatin, External Relations Officer, SEAMEO Secretariat through [secretariat.seameo@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.seameo@gmail.com)(cc:secretariat@seameo.org) or telephone number: +66(0) 2391 0144. The announcement and information note are attached for reference.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
RAMON C BACANI  
Undersecretary  
Regional Operations

Encl: 1) Announcement Poster  
2) Information Note and Entry Form of the SEAMEO Songwriting Competition 2010



## Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

# ANNOUNCEMENT SEAMEO Songwriting Competition 2010

The SEAMEO Songwriting Competition (SSC) is a search for that passionate songwriter who could put the SEAMEO spirit of cooperation into words and melody. The SEAMEO hymn will symbolize the unity of the Southeast Asian nations in the promotion of cooperation in education, science and culture in the region. The song will echo the aspiration of the SEAMEO forebears; and will serve as the SEAMEO anthem in the gatherings and events of the Organization.

The Competition is open to all citizens of SEAMEO Member Countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. Amateur and professional songwriters/ musicians, educators, students are invited to participate in the competition.



### The Competition Guidelines:

- Entries must not be more than 4 minutes in length. Lyrics should be in the English language.
- Entries could be of any tempo but the speed should be at 80 beat per minute or more.
- SSC accepts music script (lyrics and melody) and recorded version of the songs in WAV or mp3 format.
- Entries could be sent either by email or by post (on a compact disc). Each entry should be accompanied by an entry form which can be downloaded from website: [www.seameo.org](http://www.seameo.org)
- Send all entries to:

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920 Sukhumvit Road,  
Klongtoey, Bangkok, 10110, THAILAND  
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- The prizes: Five finalists will receive a cash prize of USD 1,000.00 each. The winner will awarded with additional cash prize of USD 2,000.00.
- The last day of submission of entries is on **31 August 2010**

For more information about SEAMEO and the Competition, please visit [www.seameo.org](http://www.seameo.org)  
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SEAMEO

Songwriting Competition

Deadline: 31 August 2010



## Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)

[www.seameo.org](http://www.seameo.org)

### SEAMEO SONGWRITING COMPETITION 2010

#### Background

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is an international organization, established in 1965, to promote cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia. SEAMEO works towards achieving this through the establishment of networks and partnerships, provision of intellectual forums for policy makers and experts, and promotion of sustainable human resource development. SEAMEO develops and nurtures the capacities of education personnel, school managers and teachers in Southeast Asia through its network of 19 specialist SEAMEO Regional Centres that undertake training and research programmes in various fields of education, science and culture.

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SSC is designed to nurture and promote the art of songwriting and composition. Amateur and professional songwriters and musicians are invited to participate. SSC is open to all citizens of countries in Southeast Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam). Staff members of SEAMEO Regional Centres, SEAMEO partners and Ministries of Education; as well as teachers and students in Southeast Asia may participate in the competition.

Members of the panel of judges will include music experts as well as representatives from some SEAMEO Member Countries.

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## Who Can Join ?

- The Competition is open to amateur and professional songwriters/ musicians, teachers, students, educators, staff of SEAMEO Regional Centres from SEAMEO Member Countries, namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.
- The applicant must be a national of a SEAMEO Member Country.

## The Criteria for Judging

The judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Lyrics: 30 marks
- Melody: 30 marks
- Vocal(solo/group): 25 marks
- Musical arrangement: 15 marks

Total : 100 marks

## Entrance Fee

Free

## The Prizes

Five finalists will receive a cash prize of USD 1,000 each. The winner will be awarded with additional cash prize of USD 2,000.

## The Deadline of Entry Submission

The last day for submission of entries is on 31 August 2010.

## Announcement

Announcement of five finalists: 31 October 2010  
Announcement of the winner: 30 November 2010

## Enquiries

For any enquiry on the SSC, please contact:

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## OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What would the lyrics of the song tell about?**  
The lyrics should tell about SEAMEO. For further information on SEAMEO, please, visit <http://www.seameo.org>
- 2. Does my song have to be an original song?**  
Yes, SSC only accepts original songs. So, songs that were written by someone else may not be considered original, even if they are rearranged.
- 3. Can I enter my song(s) from a country other than the SEAMEO Countries?**  
No, the SEAMEO Songwriting Competition welcomes entries from only citizens of eleven SEAMEO Member Countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam). But, consideration is given to citizens of SEAMEO Member Countries who stay outside their own countries.
- 4. What are my chances of winning if I live outside the SEAMEO Region?**  
SSC is open to citizens of SEAMEO Member Countries, no matter where you are residing.
- 5. Are there any age requirements to enter?**  
Anyone of 16 years of age and above can enter SSC.
- 6. How many songs can I enter?**  
There is no limit to the number of songs you may enter into the songwriting contest.
- 7. Can I have another vocalist sing the song I wrote?**  
Yes, any vocalist can sing the song; it doesn't need to be the song author. Also, you may use any musicians you wish.
- 8. Will SSC notify entrants that their entry has been received?**  
SSC sends out an email to all entrants notifying them that their entry has been received. If you do not receive any notification from SSC within a few weeks of sending out your entry, feel free to contact the SSC office at email: [secretariat.seameo@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.seameo@gmail.com) (cc: [secretariat@seameo.org](mailto:secretariat@seameo.org)) to verify receipt.
- 9. How and when will winners be notified?**  
All entrants will receive notification of the finalists, and winner via email. They will be notified via email or phone. Only five finalists will be selected and announced in October 2010, and a winner will be announced in November 2010.
- 10. Do you have any specific instructions for the entry?**  
Please put all your songs into one CD. Please make sure the names of the songs are clearly marked on the CD. Use a regular-sized case, not an ultra-thin one.
- 11. Do I have to enter recorded music or can I just enter sheet music?**  
It is necessary to enter recorded music.
- 12. Can I enter the competition by only submitting the lyrics or the melody separately?**  
No, a complete song with lyrics and melody is required.
- 13. Does SSC own my song once I have entered it?**  
Yes, SEAMEO owns the right to all songs entered for the competition.
- 14. Can I enter a song that I wrote if the rights to it are owned by a publishing company?**  
No, only songs which are not owned by any publishing company, are allowed to enter.
- 15. Do the judges listen to all the entries, or is there a screening process?**  
There is a screening committee that listens to all entries and selects the group of finalists which are sent for another screening, then played at the SEAMEO High Officials Meeting in November 2010 in Bangkok. The members of the meeting will exercise their rights by making their own best selections. The song selected by the majority will be announced as the winner.



## SEAMEO Songwriting Competition 2010

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### ENTRY FORM

#### 1) Details of Candidate

- 1.1 Name: .....
- 1.2 Gender:     ( ) Male                     ( ) Female
- 1.3 Age: .....                             1.4 Nationality: .....
- 1.5 Current Career:.....
- 1.6 Contact Address: .....
- .....
- .....
- 1.7 Email Address: .....
- 1.8 Telephone (Country code +area code + tel. number) .....
- 1.9 Fax (Country code +area code + tel. number) .....
- 1.10 Mobile Number (Country code +area code + tel. number) .....

#### 2) Details of Song

- 2.1 Title of the song:.....
- 2.2 Length of the song: .....
- 2.3 Lyrics: (To be attached as a separate attachment)
- 2.4 Music Score (Optional): (To be attached together with the lyrics)
- 2.5 CD labeled as: .....
- 2.6 Content of the CD :.....(wav/mp3/audio track)

#### 3) Brief Description on the Production of the Song and Lyrics

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