



**Co-chairs' Report on the
7th FEALAC Working Group Meeting on Politics, Culture, Education and Sports
Bali, November 1st, 2010**

1. The 7th Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC)'s Working Group Meeting on Politics, Culture, Education and Sports (PCES) was held in Bali, Indonesia, November 1st, 2010.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Choo Jong-Youn, Director General of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea, and Ms. Olga Bula, Director for Asia, Africa and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia.
3. The Meeting was attended by delegates from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Peru, Singapore, Thailand, Venezuela and Vietnam. (The list of delegates is attached as **Annex I**).
4. The Co-Chairs thanked the attendance of the delegates to the 7th Meeting of the PCES WG I and expressed their sincere condolences to the people and Government of Indonesia for the devastation caused by the recent tsunami and volcanic eruption. The Co-Chairs expressed their condolences to the people of Argentina for the loss of the former President of Argentina. The Co-chairs delivered their profound appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements and warm hospitality accorded to all delegations.
5. Mr. Choo Jong-Youn as co-chair emphasized the importance of this 7th Meeting of the PCES WG I and the continuity of the cooperation with regards to the projects of the Working Group. He looked forward to discussing ways to change, improve and strengthen FEALAC and hearing proposals regarding the new category "Sports" added to the PCES WG I. Following this intervention the Head of the Colombian delegation and Co-Chair of the group, Ms. Olga Bula, also delivered her opening remarks expressing her anticipation in hearing the national projects and future direction of the PCES WG I.

6. The Co-chair of PCES WG I, Ms. Olga Bula, referred to FEALAC past meetings: in Singapore (2002), Chile (May 8-9, 2003), Singapore (September 9-10, 2004), Bogotá (February 27-28, 2006), Bali (July 16, 2008) and in Bogotá (March 18, 2009). She also referred to the past FEALAC Foreign Ministers' Meetings, and analyzed the results of the meetings. The Meeting agreed that the summary serves as guideline and source of ideas to further strengthen the PCES WG I and praised Colombia's efforts to improve the Working Group.
7. The Meeting welcomed the following Ongoing National Projects and Recommendations:
 - a. Indonesia
 - FEALAC Outreach Program 2010: this program is an Indonesian efforts to raise awareness about FEALAC, to expand the network of stakeholders at the national and international levels, and to seek potential cooperation between the respective FEALAC member countries and the local government.
 - FEALAC Journalists Visit Program 2011
 - Latin America Studies with Gajah Mada University.
 - b. Singapore
 - Journalist Visit Program (September 2010). Singapore has been organizing the JVP for 11 years since FEALAC inception. Singapore will continue JVP in the coming year and will keep Asian FEALAC members informed in the event that they would like to invite these journalists to visit their countries.
 - Latin Asia Business Forum: to improve trade and investment relation between Asia and Latin America
 - FEALAC Singapore Cooperation Program has provided training to more than 300 officials in the areas of transportation, health care, water management and urban planning.
 - c. Colombia
 - Colombia is Passion: Journalist Visit Project 2010
Colombia's JVP 2010 invited experts, professionals, leaders, and academics in the field of media to discuss the current and future situations of the different types of media such as television, radio and Internet.

- Academic Mobility with Colombia ICETEX 2010
ICETEX offers scholarships to foreign students from FEALAC member countries in specialized, masters or doctorate programs. The students are granted full scholarships for the programs at their chosen universities.

d. Thailand

- Thailand provided training courses in the areas of Climate Change, Grassroot Economy Development, sufficient economy, agriculture, community based micro management.
- Buakaew Roundtable International 2009 (Thailand)
The Buakaew Roundtable has been carried out since 2005 annually and was focused on the continuing development and technical cooperation in the area of His Majesty the King Philosophy of Sufficient Economy and Tourism. The Roundtable accommodated 40 countries from South Asia, Commonwealth of Independent States, Middle East, Africa as well as Latin America.

e. China

- Seminar for Senior and Junior Diplomats of Latin American countries (2009-2011): The program is expected to enhance understanding between two regions.
- Forum for Think Tanks from China and 15 Latin American countries, in 8-9 November 2010, entitled "*FEALAC Perspective for the next 10 years: Opportunity for China and Latin American Countries.*" More than 11,300 officials and technicians attended various workshops and trainings. In the year 2009 in particular, China hosted workshop and seminars, and invited 1600 officials and technicians.
- Research plan for Oriental Culture with the Ministry of Culture of China is aimed at establishment of exchange mechanism.

8. With regards to the initiatives presented in the PCES WG I, Philippines mentioned several inputs: the need to increase the profile of FEALAC; make known the existence of FEALAC website and Cyber Secretariat established by the Republic of Korea; and set up a databank on what FEALAC countries need and what they can offer.

9. The Meeting welcomed future National Projects presented by the following member countries :

a. Korea

- Seminar on Policy Development of Traditional Sports (Korea)
Korea plans to organize a seminar on the newly added category of “Sports” in the Working Group. Korea asked Member countries to analyze the history and current situation of their respective traditional sports, and to participate in the Seminar.

b. Indonesia

- FEALAC *Darmasiswa* Scholarship Program: The *Darmasiswa* Scholarship is a non-degree scholarship program offered by Indonesia’s Ministry of National Education, dedicated to university students of FEALAC member countries to give opportunities to learn traditional dance and music, art craftsmanship, and the Indonesian language.
- FEALAC Outreach Program
- Promotion of Latin American Studies in Indonesia’s Universities

c. Brazil

Brazil proposed to hold the Course for Football Managers in 2011. Brazil invited other countries to participate in this initiative and to present comments to be circulated among FEALAC member countries.

d. Peru

Peru has been organizing the Course for Current and Future Diplomats since 2006. Two scholarships are offered for FEALAC for the period 2011-2012. The course will be held at Peru’s Diplomatic Academy. It has also signed a memorandum with China to exchange language teachers.

e. Argentina

- Social Sport Seminar (Sport as mechanism for social inclusion) 13-14 April 2011,
- Public Officials Training and Promotion of Electronic Government (EG),
- Argentina South South and Triangular Cooperation,
- Training course on Cooperation Management for FEALAC Countries (for South South Cooperation Area).
- Issuance of CELU Certificate on Spanish Language and Use

- The Representative of International Cooperation of the MOFA explained technical cooperation developed by Argentina in the field of South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the Training Course on Cooperation Management for FEALAC countries. Training course for officials working in the Technical areas of FEALAC member countries is intended to share experiences in mutual knowledge in the field of management and implementation and international cooperation policies. Argentina suggested that other FEALAC countries also prepare its catalogue of technical cooperation.

f. Colombia

- Seminar on Human Trafficking 2011

The seminar is based on sharing experiences on the thematic axis regarding prevention, persecution and attention to the victims of human trafficking. The Meeting commended on Colombia's effort towards establishing the cooperation channels in these areas with the countries of Eastern Asia.

- Academic Mobility with Colombia ICETEX 2011

This scholarship program continues to offer scholarships to foreign students from FEALAC member countries in specialized, masters or doctorate programs. The students are granted full scholarships for the programs at their chosen universities.

- Virtual Education SENA 2010-2011

The Meeting highlighted the importance of the English Discoveries Course (conducted in Spanish) and the English Discovery Online (conducted in English), an online course provided by ITC, to help those who need to improve their English skills.

g. Thailand

- Thailand proposed training courses in the areas of Sufficient Economy, Hotel Management, and Tourism. Details will be sent to FEALAC website.
- Thailand fully supported the sports workshop initiatives by Brazil, and introduced the Southeast Asia and Latin America Trade Center (SEALAC), a center based in Bangkok working in the area of trainings, academy, and business cooperation.

h. Japan

Japan proposed to hold the Meeting for High Level Officials for Environmental Business in 2011.

i. Mexico

- Course on Mexican Foreign Policy for Foreign Diplomats
This course allows foreign diplomats to learn about the foreign policy, governmental agencies and artistic and cultural creativity of Mexico. This year the Course was held on September 8-22, 2010 in Mexico City.
- Course on Spanish Language for Foreign Diplomats
This is a five-month program that offers language courses to enhance the widespread use of the Spanish language.
- Mexican Government Scholarship Program for Foreigners
- This Scholarship is offered annually by the Government of Mexico not only to FEALAC member countries, but also to other countries over the world totaling 177 countries. The Program offers a wide range of programs through which the students can enrich their educational experiences. Mexico will forward invitations to each FEALAC member's respective ministries.

j. Chile

- Chile will consider to propose a new initiative in the Sports area (detailed TBA)
- Since 1977, Chile has offered an exchange program for young diplomats to study for a year in the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Total number of students from FEALAC member countries reaches 147.

k. China

China will arrange another Tour for Senior Diplomats of Latin American countries.

l. Philippines

Philippine Academic Consortium of Latin America studies (6 Universities): organizes teachings and trainings/conference/seminars/ to explain more on Latin America and offers various scholarship for students.

10. The Meeting recommended framing the initiatives according to the guidelines established by the Tokyo Declaration, to have an effective and complete diffusion

of the activities, to follow and review the initiatives/activities realized by the Working Group and to share the results of the initiatives/activities. The Meeting decided that they would follow the recommendations presented by Colombia with the help of the Cyber Secretariat. This could be an annual executive summary report of no more than one page detailing outcomes of national programs and projects in this field.

11. Several countries commented on the current challenges of FEALAC cooperation:

- a. New Zealand explained that in terms of future activities, there is a need for clear understandings about the role of FEALAC Working Groups. The Meeting highlighted bilateral regional and sub-regional activities all of which were worthwhile. New Zealand and some other countries would need to be more active in sharing information through Cyber Secretariat. New Zealand also noted ongoing challenges for FEALAC that needed to be managed including frequent changes in personnel and lack of technical expert participation. The problems of distance, costs and pressures of other work were recognized in this context.
- b. Philippines cited the need to conduct a stocktaking session on FEALAC's experience in the past 10 years, to draw lessons from that and discuss what we can do to improve FEALAC's way of doing things.
- c. Singapore shared the view of New Zealand and welcomed ways to enhance the role of Cyber Secretariat as a useful tool to bridge the distance and to keep track of the developments (projects implemented, outcome, future cooperation) in FEALAC since the beginning. Singapore agreed on the idea of the executive circular (one page) showing the annual balance of the ongoing national projects of the group. Singapore added that there is a need to reorganize the activities on thematic priorities set by 4th FMM on each areas of cooperation to enable FEALAC member countries to work towards the possibility of forum wide projects beyond national projects.
- d. Chile emphasized the importance of reinvigorating and providing a renewed political push to FEALAC activities.
- e. Indonesia mentioned that geographical challenges should not be a barrier for future cooperation of FEALAC. FEALAC members need to have a positive view of the cooperation and to improve the visibility of FEALAC, strong commitment, and active participation of the members.
- f. Thailand encouraged each member country to enhance and promote FEALAC visibility to pushing FEALAC forward in bringing people of the two region closer.

- g. FEALAC countries agreed to discuss further on the subject at the SOM including on the idea of the establishment of the Vision Group, suggested by the delegation of Republic of Korea.
 - h. As was mentioned in the 4th FMM, the Meeting agreed to identify future areas of cooperation, such as Sports, to enhance further cooperation.
12. The Meeting expressed its profound appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements and warm hospitality accorded to all delegations.

**List of Delegations to the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Politics,
Culture, Education and Sports, 1 November 2010**

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Chile

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Mr. Lin Ji

Mr. Yi Yuanqing

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Mr. Park Seung-Gyoo

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Panama

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