



**Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation**  
Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics

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To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**CANCELATION OF 12<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL CONGRESS 'SEAMEO SEARCH FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS PLUS' (SSYS<sup>+</sup>),  
2 - 6 MARCH 2020, ORGANISED BY SEAMEO RECSAM, PENANG, MALAYSIA**

The above matter is referred.

2. As a measure of precautions in battling against the spread of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and due to the health concerns of participants and judges, the secretariat (via the organising committee meeting on 5 February 2020) has decided to cancel the 12<sup>th</sup> Regional Congress 'SEAMEO Search for Young Scientists Plus' (SSYS<sup>+</sup>) which is scheduled to be held from 2 to 6 March 2020.

3. Due to the outbreak, the World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared this as a global health emergency. Based on this declaration, RECSAM felt that inter-country travel should be minimized. In addition crowd gathering expected during the Congress should be avoided. It is hope that this cancellation will enable all parties involved to make necessary arrangements pertaining to this event.

4. All payments already made to the secretariat will be refunded accordingly. Please contact the secretariat by furnishing us the following information:

- Paper code
- Name and account number of the recipient
- Total amount to be refunded (please attach your transaction slip)

5. SEAMEO RECSAM also appeals to all airlines to support our precautionary measures by refunding the air tickets purchased by our participants to this event based on humanitarian grounds and health emergency situations which is beyond our control.

6. Although RECSAM has made much preparation in organizing the event, this cancellation is much regretted and unavoidable. As such, we apologise for the inconvenience and disappointments caused and we look forward to your participation again in future.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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