

**Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization  
Regional Language Centre**



Celebrating 50 years of Excellence as the Regional Language Centre of Choice

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## **SEAMEO Regional Language Centre celebrates its Golden Jubilee**

**Singapore (March , 2018)** – The South East Asia Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Language Centre (RELC) turns 50 this year, with the theme “Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence as the Regional Language Centre of Choice”.

To celebrate this milestone, RELC is holding the 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of its annual flagship event, the RELC International Conference, at RELC (30 Orange Grove Road, Singapore 258352) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The theme this year is “50 Years of English Language Teaching and Assessment - Reflections, Insights and Possibilities”. More than 400 language specialists, scholars and educators from all around the world are attending the conference. The President of the SEAMEO Council, His Excellency Prof Dr Muhadjir Effendy, Minister of Education and Culture, Indonesia, will open the conference on 12 March 2018 at 9 am.

Organised annually, the RELC international Conference is one of the longest running language conferences in the world. It is a key platform for SEAMEO RELC to bring together language educators from around the region, and beyond, to help fulfil our mission to develop language education in the region and promote international cooperation among language professionals. The 53<sup>rd</sup> RELC International Conference seeks to provide language educators the opportunity to critically reflect upon and evaluate existing pedagogical principles and practices, and to envision a future that allows language educators to meet the needs of learners in an increasingly diverse world. The conference will allow participants to better understand language education issues in the member countries and beyond, as well as to expand their professional network.

Participants of this year’s conference can expect 13 renowned invited speakers to share their insights and research findings on language education at the plenary sessions and workshops. There are 140 parallel and joint parallel paper sessions, 27 workshops, 3 concurrent sessions on “Conversation with Invited Speakers” and 1 panel discussion.

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For more information about the 53rd RELC International Conference, visit <https://www.relc.org.sg/facilities/conferences-events-2018>.

**About the South East Asia Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Language Centre (RELC)**

Established in 1968, the Regional Language Centre, an educational project of the South East Asia Ministers of Education Organization, is located in Singapore. Since it began operations in July 1968, SEAMEO RELC has worked to develop and support language education in the countries of Southeast Asia. We believe that language education will lead to an improved quality of life for people in the region and to greater international cooperation.

For more details, please visit [www.relc.org.sg](http://www.relc.org.sg).

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