

Regional Meeting of GLOBE Country Coordinators- Asia- Pacific Region & Meeting of GLE 2014 Organizing Committee

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REPORT



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Every year the GLOBE country coordinators of the Asia-Pacific Region are meeting to discuss the activities, outcomes and future plan for strengthening GLOBE Program in Asia-Pacific Region. The meeting in 2014 was unique as the meeting of the Organizing Committee for GLOBE Learning Expedition 2014 was also clubbed with it. The meeting was unique as the winners of the GLOBE Science Olympiad 2013 from India received their awards from the Director- GLOBE Program and the GLOBE Country Coordinators of Asia-Pacific region

Date and Venue:

The meeting was planned during February 19-21, 2014. It was planned at the Hotel Mapple Emerald in New Delhi, India.

* The hotel Mapple Emerald was also suggested as the venue for organizing GLOBE Learning Expedition 2014

Participants:

The event were participated by the representatives of the following;

- Director- GLOBE Implementation Office- USA
- Director- GLOBE Regional office for Asia-Pacific
- GLOBE India
- GLOBE Sri Lanka
- GLOBE Thailand
- GLOBE Nepal
- GLOBE Maldives
- GLOBE Marshal Island
- GLOBE Palau
- GLOBE Mangolia
- Taiwan
- Representatives from GLOBE Regional office

Introductory Session:

The meeting was started by the Welcome address by Dr. Desh Bandhu- Director GLOBE Regional office for Asia-Pacific. Following the welcome address, every participant introduced themselves. After the self-introduction by the participants, Dr. Tony Murphy, Director- GLOBE Program addressed the meeting during which he extended warm welcome for the new GLOBE Partner Taiwan.

Main points discussed:

- *GLOBE activities in participating countries from the region (Power point presentation)*

The participating countries presented their GLOBE related activities and their outcomes. The activities carried out by the new partner Taiwan, was very encouraging and we are sure Taiwan will work as one of the most active GLOBE countries of the region.

- *Successful implementation of GLOBE Science Olympiad 2013 in India and its prize distribution*

GLOBE India had implemented GLOBE Science Olympiad 2013 (GSO 2013) as the recommendation made during GLOBE Regional Meeting 2013 in Kathmandu. The program was successful and there were encouraging participation from GLOBE and Non-GLOBE Schools. The facts on GLOBE Science Olympiad are as below;

- Implemented for the first time in India
- Active participation from 22 states in India
- In total 12356 students from 150 schools participated actively
- Total 49 winning candidates from 11 states
- There are 49 rank holders (From 1st to 7th Rank)
- 21 Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
- 5 Best school award as per maximum rank
- 5 Best coordinator award
- Preparation for GLOBE Science Olympiad 2014
- Aim is to reach 10000 schools and 10 million students



The rank holders/ Award winners were invited to join the meeting for one session. During that session, awards/ prizes/ certificates were distributed as per the GSO 2013 result.

- *Training session on GLOBE Website*

The GLOBE Website was restructured recently. Thus there was a need to introduce the news system to the country Coordinators as they are responsible for answer the queries of the GLOBE schools in their respective countries for Data Entry procedures. To explain the procedure, we had

invited an active GLOBE Teacher from India who has been doing the data entry activities successfully. The GLOBE Teacher explained how to upload the collected data.

- *GLOBE TTT in Taiwan*

As Taiwan joined as the new partner there was a need to strengthen the GLOBE Program in Taiwan. Thus a GLOBE Train the Trainer Workshop was planned to be organized in Taiwan to create GLOBE Trainers in Taiwan who can be helpful in Training the teachers in Taiwan. The logistics/ technical resources needed for the training program was discussed with GLOBE Taiwan. It was also discussed what way the regional office can facilitate the training program to strengthen the GLOBE Program in Taiwan

- *Venue finalization for organizing next GLOBE Regional meeting in 2015*

The country coordinators discussed how to strengthen GLOBE Program in their respective country and the most important problem faced by some country is fund for implementing GLOBE successfully. Suggestions made for fund raising activities. The participants discussed about the host for next Regional meeting. Representatives from Taiwan had shown their interest for hosting the next regional meeting and it was finalized to organize the program in Taiwan during February/ March 2015

- *Visit for the facilities and GLOBE Training sites of GLE 2014*

As the Meeting of GLE OC was also associated with this regional meeting; the members discussed the needs for making GLOBE Learning Expedition Successful. Based on the discussion, the members visited the hotel area to access the availability of facilities as per the need.

Actions for the Year Ahead

- *GLOBE Regional Meeting 2015 is planned to be organized in Taiwan*

As mentioned above, the regional meeting is planned to be organized in Taiwan and the preparations will be made for organizing the same and in coordination with the GLOBE Implementation Office in USA, GLOBE Regional Office for Asia-Pacific and GLOBE Taiwan

- Promotion for the Participation of GLOBE Students, teachers and scientists in GLE 2014

The country coordinators were requested to plan for making the GLOBE students/ teachers and scientists to join the GLE 2014. Each of the country coordinators agreed for putting effort for the participation of their country in GLE 2014

- Improve the data entry by GLOBE Schools

Data entry is the essential part of the GLOBE activities. This need to be done by the GLOBE school for which the country coordinators were requested to do certain training and monitoring activities. This will develop a competitive spirit among the GLOBE schools and strengthen the GLOBE Program in the GLOBE Countries

- Improving the submission of reports/ activity details for GLOBE Star

The Country coordinators were requested to send the details of the GLOBE activities in the form of a report so that this can be highlighted as GLOBE Star in GLOBE website.

Few Photographs

