



THE 10th SEADOM CONGRESS
“CONNECTING ACROSS BORDERS”
National Representatives Meeting from Singapore and Brunei Minutes

Date : 16 March 2018
Venue : Building A211

National Representative Meeting began at 3:45PM

Reports:

Four in attendance: one from Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (Singapore), one from LASALLE College of the Arts Singapore, and two from Brunei. NAFA (Singapore) national representative cannot join this year.

Collaborations

- Yong Siew Toh and LASALLE are collaborating very successfully.
- A music competition was organized in Singapore. Winners flew to Brunei, stayed in the Empire Hotel for two nights, had very good time.

Singapore is seen as a hub for ideas and forward thinking. It is a good introduction to Asia but it's nothing like Asia. It is very fortunate to have YST, NAFA, and LASALLE that collaborate closely.

Brunei is devoutly Muslim and has some government censorship. Some music is not considered holy. Posters advertising concerts cannot say “rock,” “pop”, or even “concert”. “Recital” is okay. String instruments are sometimes not considered holy. Brunei government sponsors citizen tour groups to travel to nearby countries for traditional cultural events (events featuring traditional Malay music, for example). Brunei citizens will often fly to Singapore for pop concerts, Christmas festivals, and other events that are not allowed in their country. Music concerts in Brunei have to be scheduled around prayer time.

National Representatives Meeting from Singapore and Brunei was adjourned at 4:30PM

Minutes by: Dr. Daren Robbins
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