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# ISSUES ON EDUCATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA COUNTRIES

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# **SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES**



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# ATTAINING EFA AND MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Education as Strategic Means:

- Enabling balance development
- Economic growth and poverty reduction



# CAMBODIA

## RECOVERING FROM CIVIL WAR:

- ⦿ HIGH DROPOUT
- ⦿ HIGH REPETITION RATE : HIGH COST OF SCHOOLING
- ⦿ TEACHERS & TEACHERS' UNION ARE VURNERABLE TO VIOLENCE
- ⦿ HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN VALUED ADEQUATELY

# INDONESIA

- ◎ 2.7 MILLION CHILD LABOUR
- ◎ THE MIGRANT WORKERS
- ◎ INCREASING STANDARDS OF TEACHERS' QUALIFICATION AND COMPETENCIES VS RED TAPE OF THE PROCESS
- ◎ THE BULK OF TEACHER IN RURAL AREAS
- ◎ DISGUISED PRIVATIZATION

# MALAYSIA

- ◉ DISPARITY OF STANDARD BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOLS
- ◉ THE EDUCATION SYSTEM HAS INCREASINGLY BECOME EXAM ORIENTED
- ◉ STANDARD OF ENGLISH HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE OVER DECADE

# MYANMAR

- CLOSE SYSTEM AND HIGHLY REPRESIVE
- TRADE UNIONIST ARE VURNERABLE TO BE DETAINED WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGE



# PHILIPPINES

- ◉ 5.6 MILLION SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE OUT OF SCHOOL LARGERLY DUE TO POVERTY
- ◉ REAL PUBLIC SPENDING ON EDUCATION HAS BEEN DECLINING
- ◉ TEACHERS ARE AMONG THE LOWEST PAID PROFESSIONALS
- ◉ REDUCTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY
- ◉ REPRESSION OF HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS

# SINGAPORE

- ◉ STREAMING PERCEIVED AS UNDEMOCRATIC AND UNFAIR
- ◉ GEP STUDENTS ATTITUDE TOWARD STRATIFICATION OF STUDENTS BY ACADEMIC ABILITY SYSTEM

# THAILAND

- ◉ ACCESS TO EDUCATION
- ◉ QUALITY EDUCATION-QUEST FOR RELEVANCE  
ACCUTE FOR CHILDREN OF MINORITY GROUPS  
IN REMOTE AREAS
- ◉ MIGRANT CHILDREN FROM SURROUNDING  
COUNTRIES