



## Mission Report

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### A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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### B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

In order to strengthen collaboration in the area of Higher Education in Southeast Asia, the ASEAN Senior Officials on Education and SEAMEO High Officials tasked SEAMEO to take part in ASEAN University Network (AUN) Board of Trustee Meeting by serving as a board member (ex-officio).

This status is indicated in the updated version of the AUN Charter which is still need to be rectified. Thus, until this updated AUN Charter is rectified, SEAMEO will be an official board member. The updated version is in progress.

AUN Board of Trustees (AUN-BOT) serves as policy-making body comprised of 10 university representatives (designated by the government of 10 ASEAN Countries), ASEAN Secretariat representative, Secretary-General of the Office of the Higher Education Commission, Thailand as the Chairperson, SOM-ED chairperson, Executive Director of AUN and Director of SEAMES.

Currently AUN has 30 members. Attached is the list of universities who are the members of the AUN. The AUN Secretariat serves as a coordinating and implementing body of regional cooperation on higher education. The AUN Secretariat is based at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand and works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat.

### C. Participants

1. AUN board of Trustee members who are representatives from the 10 universities of 10 ASEAN countries
2. A representative of from SOM-ED
3. ASEAN Secretariat (Deputy Secretary General, Mrs. Alicia Bala, Ms. Desay)
4. SEAMEO Secretariat

### D. Organizer/s

1. National University of Singapore
2. ASEAN University Network Secretariat

### E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

1. The ASEAN Secretariat provided update from the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Lao PDR 2014 which focus on the following:
  - a. Promote ASEAN awareness, ICT, Quality Assurance and the role of Higher education in social development
  - b. Task force to review AUN Charter
  - c. Encourage cooperation and cross cutting sectors in ASEAN
  - d. High level task force (HLTF) is set up to work on Post 2015 Vision setting a ten year timeline until 2025 – to be finalized in Oct.
  - e. EU Share 2015-2019, QA framework, ASEAN Credit transfer system, student mobility.

## 2. AUN Annual Report 2014

### a. Academic exchange:

- i. Student exchange of 262 scholarships among AUN member universities
- ii. China AUN Scholarship programme has 20 scholarships for 2014/2015 (both master and Ph.D.)
- iii. Master of Arts Programme in Korean Studies has 25 scholarships for graduate students from 7 countries in ASEAN
- iv. Fostering ASEAN Future Leader programme has 20 scholarships for undergraduate students supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ROK to study at Daejeon University, ROK.

### b. Cultural and Non-Academic Programme

- i. 15<sup>th</sup> AUN and 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest, host by Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia from 19-24 January 2015 on “Developing ASEAN+3 Economic Integrated Community Issues on Gender Equality, Minority Groups, and Persons with Disabilities”.
- ii. 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN and 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN + 3 Youth Cultural Forum hosted by Universitas Indonesia, 7-12 September 2014 on “Welcoming ASEAN Community through Cultural Diversity”.
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Student Leader’s Forum hosted by University Brunei Darussalam, 23-28 June 2014 on “Youth with Vision-Establishment of Youth Leaders as an ASEAN Unit”.
- iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> AUN Daejeon University (DJU) Alumni Assembly 2014 on 21-22 June 2014 hosted by Univesiti Kebangsann Malaysia. Attended by 36 AUN-DJU alumni.
- v. AUN-SUN/Sixers Study and Visit Programme. Consortism of 6 leading Universities in Japan, established in 2014. Twenty three students participated in the programme during 18-29 August 2014, Thailand organized by AUN Secretariat.

### c. Training and Capacity Building

- i. AUN Internship Programme 2014-2015 offered 14 students from 4 AUN Member universities, range from 2 weeks to 3 months.

### d. AUN-QA Training Course for Accomplishing Programme Assessment and AUN-QA assessor

- i. As of July 2015, there are 5 training workshops with 109 participants trained by AUN-QA experts.
- ii. ASEAN-QA Project Phase II: This is a joint project between AUN, AQAN (ASEAN Quality Assurance Network), DAAD, DIES and HRK, ENQA, SEAMEO RIHED to strengthen capacity of internal and wxternal quality assurance through dialogue and training of QA professionals. As of today, 67 participants were trained from 2 workshops.
- iii. Strengthening capacity of University quality assurance system towards Uplifting Higher Education quality in GMS Country (AUN- Project with ADB). There were 5 activities conducted since 2014 for setting up AUN-QA standard to local languages.

### e. Academic Conference and Collaboration Research

- i. 12<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Energy and Environment Forum (SEE Forum) hosted by Kyoto University. Twelve participants from 8 countries attended the meeting. Hosted by King Mongkut University, Thailand. Linking with Japan Foundation and Toyota Foundation
- ii. AUN-KU Student Mobility Programme toward Human Security Development supported by MEXT. The areas are water, public health, energy.
- iii. ASEAN Cyber University Project supported by Ministry of Education,

Republic of Korea. Two meeting of Steering Committee Meeting were held in October 2014 with focus on two directions 1) E-learning effective mechanism and 2) E- course on ASEAN studies on 4 main topics

1. Governance, security and diplomacy of ASEAN
  2. ASEAN Economic integration
  3. Socio-Cultural Unity and diversity in ASEAN
  4. Green and Sustainable ASEAN
- iv. Korea-ASEAN Academic Conference held in Chiangmai Thailand in Feb 2015
  - v. AEC Forum on “Fostering University-Industry Partnerships for Building the AEC”, hosted in KL in February 2015. To raise awareness of AEC opportunities.
- f. System and Mechanisms of Higher Education
- i. The Utilisation of ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS) 2014-2015. ACTS is a system aims to foster student mobility among AUN member universities. Was developed in 2011. Received 1518 online applicants as of Feb 2015. 134 students were accepted. Universities from Japan also took part.
  - ii. AUN Quality Assessments at Programme Level. From July 2014-June 2015 AUN Assessor team conducted 49 undergraduated programmes. There is a certificate given if pass and valid for 4 years.
  - iii. EU Share: This is a 10 million Euro project aims to strengthen regional cooperation and enhance cooperation between EU and ASEAN.
  - iv. The Project partners are British Council, DAAD, EP-Nuffic, Campus France, The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (EnQA), The European University Association (EUA)
  - v. The project focuses on
    1. Policy Dialogue between ASEAN and EU
    2. Qualification Framework and Quality Assurance
    3. Credit Transfer System and Student Mobility
- g. Policy Dialogue
- i. ASEAN+3 Rector’s Conference held in November 2014 in Chiangmai Thailand
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAM Rectors’ Conference and Students’ Forum
  - iii. ASEAN+3 Heads of International Relations Meeting
- h. AUN Sub-network activities
- i. AUN Seed Net (AUN Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network). There were two meetings with collaboration on research for regional issues, professor exchange, short term visit, and regional conference, research fellowsip
  - ii. AUN-QA: admit 8 new AUN-QA members, Action pland of 2015-2018 were developed.
  - iii. AUN-BE (AUN for Business Economics). Three meeting were held.
  - iv. AUNILO (Libraries of AUN). One meeting was held with output in strategic framework for 2014-2017 and country report on technology innovation in the library
  - v. AUN ASEAN Credit Transfer (ACTS)
  - vi. AUN USR & S (AUN Social Responsibility & Sustainability Network)
  - vii. AUN-HRE (AUN Human Rights Education Network)
  - viii. AUN Health Promotion Network (AUN-HPN)
3. Other Matters
- a. Report on AUN Rector’s Meeting
    - i. AUN AEC Thematic Network is established at University Kebangsann Malaysia. This new thematic network aims to strengthen research collaborations between universities in ASEAN and industries pertaining AEC issues and foster the exchange of experts, engage

universities-industries on policy formulation and implementation.

- ii. Revised AUN Charter. The Meeting agreed not to add the “Governing Council” to the structure so that it will not duplicate the role of SOM-ED in coordinating with the ASEAN Ministers.

#### F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO

1. Took part in the meeting as an observer/Board Ex-Officio status
2. Had a meeting with Dr. Cholatis, the Deputy Director of AUN. (Note: The Executive Director was unable to attend the meeting.)

#### G. Side Meeting/s

(This is optional. Depending on the nature and extent of side meeting/s, a separate mission report could be prepared following this template.)

1. Met with Dr. Cholatis, the Deputy Executive Director, AUN Secretariat
2. Discussed with Songkla Nakarin University, Thailand on collaboration of networking of schools activities

#### H. Follow-up Actions Needed

No.	Content & Contact Persons	Responsible/Assigned Staff
	<u>Research:</u>	
1.	Obtain the research university network info. & link to SEAMEO Centres	Napavadee & Tinsiri
2.	Contact University Kabangsan, Malaysia for the Research network to foster coordination between universities and industries for AEC	Tinsiri & Ethel
	<u>School Network:</u>	
1.	Link Send information of the 150 schools to Ms. Salma, Songkla Nakarin University, Thailand	Piyapa
2.	Info. of activities that schools can involve. Note: Songkla Nakarin has a network of schools in the South; thus, SEAMEO can link to their network.	Piyapa
	<u>Sharing of Info. on Website:</u>	
1.	Link AUN Secretariat as partner of SEAMEO on our website.	Thanit & Anusorn
2.	Send SEAMEO logo to Ms. Achavadee so that AUN will link to SEAMEO Website	Thanit & Napavadee
	<u>Online Training (MOOC)</u>	
1.	Explore collaboration with Songkla Nakarin University in extending SEAMEO Online Training (MOOC) to their network. Note: Songkla Nakarin University has 4 big campus in the South (Phuket, Hadyai, Pattani, Trang)	Tinsiri & Pattama

#### I. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

- List of AUN members
- Agenda
- Pictures

