



## **Mission Report**

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REPORT OF THE 32 ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING (AUN-BOT)  
3 August 2016 Phuket, Thailand

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

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

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The 32 ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees Meeting (AUN-BOT) was held on 3 August 2016 in Phuket, Thailand, and was hosted by AUN Secretariat.

#### **C. Participants**

The Meeting was attended by the members of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Board of Trustees and the representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (the Office of Higher Education Commission), Viet Nam, the Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), the ASEAN Secretariat, and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) Secretariat. The Executive Director and staff members of the AUN Secretariat were also in attendance.

#### **D. Organizer/s**

- The ASEAN University Network Secretariat
- The ASEAN Secretariat
- Members of the ASEAN University Network

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

1. The Meeting acknowledged and welcomed the appointment of Secretary-General of the Office of Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education Thailand, Ms.

Arporn Kanwong, as an ex-officio member and the new Chairman of the AUN Board of Trustees.

2. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pinit Ratananukul, former Secretary-General of the Office of the Higher Education Commission, Thailand, and former Chairman of the AUN Board of Trustees, for his utmost contribution to the AUN's over-all achievements and progress.
3. The meeting also acknowledged the changes of Presidents/ Rectors/ Vice-Chancellors of AUN Member Universities. The Meeting noted and welcomed the appointment of new AUN members.
4. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the support and contribution to the AUN activities and progress from member countries.
5. The Meeting noted the four AUN publications published this year are AUN Annual Report (2015/2016), A Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level, a Guidebook to AUN Thematic Networks and Alliances: Managing Multi-University Collaboration Activities, and "Study and Visit Japan's Modernisation and Post-War Experience 2016: An Active Learning Exposure".
6. The Meeting also noted the changes of staff in the AUN Secretariat and welcomed the two new AUN staff.
7. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bundit Thipakorn, Deputy Secretary-General of the Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand, welcomed the Board members and participants to the 32<sup>nd</sup> AUN Board of Trustees Meeting. He stressed that ASEAN community integration would contribute to human resource development to be globally competitive and equipped for emerging challenges. He also highlighted recent developments. Firstly, the new AUN Charter had been endorsed by the ASEAN Education Ministers in May 2016. Secondly, the ASEAN 5-year Work Plan on Education had been approved by the ASEAN Education Ministers and it would serve as a framework for education cooperation among ASEAN member states from 2016-2020 especially in terms of AUN Quality Assurance, ASEAN Credit Transfer System and university-industry collaboration. Lastly, he congratulated on AUN achievement for its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2015 and encouraged the continued efforts as a workable mechanisms and networking of higher education institutions in ASEAN region.
8. Various relevant items were tackled and presented during the AUN meeting such as:
  - The ASEAN Secretariat updated the Meeting on the relevant highlights of decisions made by various ASEAN Coordination level and Summit level meetings since the 31<sup>st</sup> AUN-BOT Meeting on 30 July 2015.
  - The Meeting took note of the results of the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, held on 21 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Summit signed and adopted 10 documents including the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education.
  - The Meeting noted the following decisions relevant to the work of the AUN which emanated from the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit:

- ❖ The adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education, which acknowledges the critical importance of higher education as one of the catalysts in accelerating ASEAN force for the socio-economic fulfillment;
  - ❖ The Leaders noted with satisfaction the successful implementation of the ASEAN 5-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015) that has strengthened collaborative efforts among ASEAN Member States;
  - ❖ The Leaders tasked ASEAN Education Ministers to further enhance cooperation with the view to implementing the next ASEAN 5-Year Work Plan on Education (2016-2020) as the basis to strengthen, deepen, and widen educational cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other regional platforms for education; and
  - ❖ The Leaders were pleased with efforts made to strengthen the AUN through the revision of the AUN Charter in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AUN.
- The Meeting also noted the recommendations made at the 11<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOC-COM) on 29-30 March 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The SOC-COM recommended, among others, to target specific segments of the public and customise key messages (e.g. use Sports icon as ambassadors to promote healthy lifestyle, public figures to promote ASEAN and causes and programmes of ASEAN; engage with youth and students through the AUN).
  - The Meeting took note the results of the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Education Ministers (ASED) Meeting and Related Meetings, held on 23-26 May 2016 in Selangor, Malaysia. The Meeting noted with appreciation that the Ministers approved the revised Charter of the AUN in consideration of the need for AUN to be aligned with the new developments in ASEAN.
  - The Meeting also noted the following matters relating to the quality assurance. The endorsement of the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) Governance and Structure, and The progress in the application of the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN) to become an Entity Associated with ASEAN.
  - The AUN ANNUAL REPORT (June 2015 – July 2016) QUALITY GAP NARROWED
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> AUN-QA International Conference 2016 was held and the Meeting expressed its appreciation to Universitas Indonesia for organising the Conference.
  - The Meeting noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> AUN-QA International Conference 2017 will be hosted by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and the 3<sup>rd</sup> AUN-QA International Conference 2018 will be hosted by Mahidol University respectively.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> AUN-QA Assessor Workshop (Practitioners' Forum)
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Universitas Indonesia for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> AUN-QA Assessor Workshop (Practitioners' Forum).
- The Meeting noted the progress of the AUN-QA Assessor Workshop Activities (Practitioners' Forum).
- The Meeting noted that the AUN-QA CQOs' Meeting 2016 hosted by Universitas Indonesia, was successfully carried out on 30 March 2016 and was attended by 44 Chief Quality Officers of AUN Member Universities, AUN-QA Associate Members, and AUN-QA Experts.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Universitas Indonesia for hosting the event.
- The Meeting also acknowledged the 15 new AUN-QA Associate Members:
  - Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei Darussalam
  - London School of Public Relations Jakarta, Indonesia
  - Universitas Hasanuddin, Indonesia
  - Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia
  - University of Santo Tomas, Philippines
  - National Institute of Development Administration, Thailand
  - King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand
  - Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Viet Nam
  - Viet Nam Maritime University, Viet Nam
  - University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
  - Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Viet Nam
  - Hue University, Viet Nam
  - Nong Lam University, Viet Nam
  - Thuy Loi University, Viet Nam Foreign Trade University, Viet Nam
- The Meeting also noted that as of 3 August 2016, there are a total of 31 AUN-QA Associate
- The Meeting acknowledged that the AUN QA Chief Quality Officers' Meeting 2017 and 2018 will be hosted by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Mahidol University respectively.
- AUN-QA Assessment at Programme Level. The Meeting noted that this year, between July 2015 and June 2016, the AUN-QA Assessor team has conducted 17 AUN-QA Assessments at programme level for 45 undergraduate and 1 master programme assessments of 6 AUN Member Universities and 6 AUN-QA Associate Members in 3 ASEAN Countries.
- The Meeting also expressed its appreciation to IPB, UI, UINJKT, UGM, ADMU, CEU, DLSU, HCMUTE, HSPH, UEH, VNU-HCM, and VNU-HN for their excellent arrangements during the AUN-QA Assessments at Programme Level.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the AUN-QA Assessors and their universities for the active contributions and support to the AUN-QA activities.
- The AUN-QA Training Course for Accomplishing Programme Assessment

(Public Run, Tier 1)

- The Meeting noted the organisation of 4 AUN-QA Training Courses for Accomplishing Programme Assessment (Public Run, Tier 1)
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the contributing universities and AUN-QA Trainers:
- The Programme Assessment (Special Request for AUN-QA Training Workshop by the Government of ASEAN Member States, Tier 1) requested by the Higher Education Commission, the Philippines.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the contributing universities and AUN-QA Trainers and series of AUN training programmes organized with experts,
- The Meeting noted the progress of EU-SHARE Project activities. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to ASEAN Secretariat for hosting EU-SHARE Inaugural Policy Dialogue I in HCM Vietnam.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Chulalongkorn University for hosting the EU-SHARE Policy Dialogue II (PD2).
- The Meeting also expressed its appreciation to Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) of Viet Nam for hosting the EU-SHARE Policy Dialogue III (PD3).
- The Meeting took note that the EU-SHARE Policy Dialogue IV (PD4) will be tentatively held on 26 – 27 October 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- The Meeting noted the progress of the AUN-ADB Project including the 3 trainings, 3 project documentation meetings in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar, and 1 AUN-QA Roadshow Event in Cambodia.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Royal University of Phnom Penh for hosting the AUN-QA Roadshow supported by Asian Development Bank.
- The Meeting also expressed its appreciation to the contributing universities and 6 AUN-QA Trainers namely: Mr. Johnson Ong Chee Bin (AUN-QA Expert) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chavalit Wongse-ek (AUN-QA Expert) Prof. Dr. Wan Ahmad Kamil Che. Mahmood (USM) Prof. Dr. Fauza Ab. Ghaffar (UM) Dr. Wyona Patalinghug (DLSU) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tan Kay Chuan (NUS)
- The meeting endorsed the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level
- The Meeting acknowledged the development of the AUN-QA System and Mechanisms for Institutional Level.
- The Meeting endorsed a Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Mr. Johnson Ong Chee Bin, AUN-QA Expert, and members of the Technical Team including AUN-QA Council and Pilot Institutional Assessment Team.
- The countries deliberated on the Request for a translation and a publication of the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0
- The Meeting acknowledged and approved the request from the Ministry of

Education and Training, Viet Nam, for the translation and publication of the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0 in Viet Nam.

- The Meeting discussed about the verification of translation content in local language and agreed that all translation of the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0. should be published in bilingual.
- The Meeting further discussed about the regulations of the fees to be charged for the uses of the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0. and agreed that the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0. should be an open-access and sharable for the implementation region-wide as long as the use is for non-commercial purpose.
- The Meeting noted the progress of all AUN-BE activities. 5.2.1.1. The 15<sup>th</sup> AUN for Business and Economics Network Annual General Meeting.
- The Meeting noted that the 15<sup>th</sup> AUN for Business and Economics Annual General Meeting.
- The Network hosted by Universiti Brunei Darussalam, was successfully carried out on 21-22 September 2015 and was attended by 22 representatives from AUN Member Universities and ASEAN Foundation in Brunei Darussalam.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> AUN for Business and Economics Annual General Meeting. The Meeting noted that the 16<sup>th</sup> AUN for Business and Economics Annual General Meeting Network hosted by University of the Philippines Diliman, was successfully carried out on 14-15 July 2016 and was attended by 23 representatives from AUN Member Universities, Japan, and Asian Development Bank.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to University of the Philippines Diliman for hosting the event. The AUN for Business and Economics International Week 2015 . The Meeting noted that the AUN for Business and Economics International Week 2015, hosted by Universitas Gadjah Mada, was successfully carried out on 10-15 August 2015 and was attended by 52 participants from 16 universities from Asia and Europe.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Universitas Gadjah Mada for hosting the event. 5.2.1.4. International Sustainable Business Week 2015 .
- The Meeting noted that the International Sustainable Business Week 2015, hosted by Universiti Sains Malaysia, was successfully carried out on 12-16 October 2015 and was attended by 34 participants from university and business sectors.
- The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Universiti Sains Malaysia for hosting the event.

## **F. Role/Participation of SEAMEO**

SEAMEO is a member of AUN Board of Trustees

## G. Side Meeting/s

A short consultation meeting was convened by DDPD with ASEAN Secretariat on how the AUN and RIHED activities esp that on student mobility can be synergized and support each other.

## H. Follow-up Actions Needed

The AUN Report will be sent to SEAMEO RIHED for coordination and information sharing.

## I. Photos

