Enhancing ASEAN Connectivity through Education: Future Direction

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EDUCATION

- Key mechanism for human capacity development
- Empower people
- Bring about Positive changes & beneficial impacts to societies
- Facilitate and enhance regional connectivity (People-to-People)
Case of AUN: The roles in contributing to People Linkage and ASEAN Connectivity
ASEAN University Network

1992
- The 4th ASEAN Summit, the call for cooperation in the field of higher education and human resource development

1995
- Charter of the ASEAN University Network was signed by the ASEAN Ministers responsible for higher education.

- Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN University Network was signed by the Presidents, Rectors and Vice-Chancellors of participating universities.

2008
- One of ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body in higher education cooperation
AUN the Core Mandate

Promote cooperation and solidarity among ASEAN scholars, academicians and scientists in the region and beyond.

Develop academic and professional human resources in the region, and

Serve as the policy-oriented body in higher education in the ASEAN region as well as policy consultant for government agencies.
### 30 AUN Member Universities in ASEAN

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WHAT’S NOW?

People-to-People Mobility

AUN Academic Mobility

ACADEMIC MOBILITY (Physical mobility)

Faculty Staff Mobility

Student Mobility

Academic activities

Non-Academic activities

Virtual mobility

ASEAN Cyber University
AUN Faculty Staff Mobility

- AUN Distinguished Scholars
- Faculty Exchange under AUN/SEED-Net
- ASEAN-ROK Exchange Fellowship Programme
AUN Academic Mobility

Student Mobility in Academic Programme

Exchange Programme

Degree Programmes (Master & PhD)

Partial Scholarships

Full Scholarships

Daejeon University, Korea

AUN Student Exchange Programme

RUPP, UGM, UI

AUN-KU Double Master Degree Programmes

China-AUN Scholarships

AUN/SEED-Net (JICA)

AUN Student Exchange Programme under ACTS

>100 scholarships for 1 semester in AUN Members

UM, USM, DLSU

M.A. In Korean Study

UM, USM

ASEAN Studies (AEI-UM)

Ateneo

AUN Members
AUN Student Mobility:

Student Mobility in Non-Academic Programme

ASEAN+3 Educational Forum & Young Speaker Contest

ASEAN Student Leader Forum (ASLF)

ASEAN Cultural Forum
AUN Landscape of Cooperation

AUN as a network of implementation for cross-regional cooperation in higher education
2 Important Mechanisms for Academic Mobility towards ASEAN Connectivity

- AUN Quality Assurance System (AUN-QA)
- ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS)
Benefit of AUN-QA for higher Education in ASEAN

- Harmonisation of QA Framework in ASEAN
- A system of readable and comparable Degree

Free flow of workforce in 2010

Enhancing movement of business persons, professionals, talents and labour in ASEAN

ASEAN Charter: Article 1
> 40 programmes were assessed by AUN-QA assessor team in Members and Non-members.
ON MOBILITY & Connectivity

ACTS ASEAN Credit Transfer System

Mechanism of MOBILITY: CREDIT TRANSFER

- Need strong foundation of quality system among partner institutions.
- Increase and enhance people-to-people linkage.
- Frequent exchange promote partnership and bring about future cooperation.
AUN-ACTS is the integrated web system of student’s application process and academic evaluation (grading scheme & transcript).

ACTS comprises 3 components

- Grading scales without conversion
- Online list of available courses offered to students by AUN Member Universities
- Online application system

• The list is available online at [http://acts.ui.ac.id](http://acts.ui.ac.id) hosted by University of Indonesia.
Number of courses available per country (>12,000 courses available for mobility)

Viet Nam: Total 145 courses
Thailand: Total 3942 courses
Singapore: Total 1356 courses
the Philippines: Total 1335 courses
Myanmar: Total 0 courses
Malaysia: Total 3238 courses
Laos: Total 0 courses
Indonesia: Total 1551 courses
Cambodia: Total 89 courses
Brunei: Total 314 courses
### Why we use ACTS

#### The Benefits

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<td><strong>Credit earning</strong> (Equate)</td>
<td><strong>Promote recruitment</strong> of international students</td>
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<td><strong>Widen choice</strong> of courses/subjects</td>
<td><strong>Enhance collaboration</strong> among higher educational institutions</td>
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<td>Intellectual experience and <strong>increased soft skills</strong> (such as overseas experience)</td>
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<td>Networking with ASEAN friends</td>
<td><strong>Inter-Institutional recognition</strong> within ASEAN</td>
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**“ASEAN Brand”** sense of ASEAN belonging,

The system can keep the **record of number** of student exchange
WHAT’S NEXT?

1. (U-U)
   - Strengthen University QA Professionals in ASEAN
   - Uplift quality education at programme level by AUN-QA Assessment Services

2. (G-G)
   - Engage with the international/national QA networks for system-development and recognition

3. (R-R)
   - Expand AUN-QA Cooperation with dialogue partners (ASEAN+3)
   - Develop “Institutional Assessment” in cooperation with EU partners under “EU-SHARE Programme”
WHAT’S NEXT?

1. (U-U)
   • Engage more universities to ACTS by 2014

2. (G-G)
   • Require scholarship support from ASEAN Governments and Dialogue Partners
   • Promote the utilisation of ACTS

3. (R-R)
   • Harmonise and develop inter-regional system in cooperation with EU partners under “EU-SHARE Programme” between ACTS and ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)
Academic Mobility towards Regional Connectivity

“Quality Assurance & ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS)”
RAISE PROFILE OF EDUCATION SECTOR

CREATE MORE VISIBLE IMPACTS

PRIORITISE AND EMPHASISE ON HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

INVEST MORE ON PEOPLE

NEED policy and resource support for effective and proactive “Mobility”

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS OF PEOPLE CONNECTIVITY AND REGIONAL COMMUNITY