



# **Experience of Asian Higher Education Frameworks and their Implications for the Future**

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# GLOBALISATION: *ASIAN HIGHER EDUCATION*

- ☀ Began in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- ☀ The Western models were either voluntarily adopted or imposed by Western powers.
- ☀ English has become the common language of higher education.
- ☀ Increasing “mobility” in higher education in the form of personnel and information exchanges, new course delivery system, etc.



# OUTLINE

- ***ASEAN Education Cooperation***
- ***AUN Implication and Experiences***
- ***AUN Strategic Framework***  
***(2008-2015)***



# ASEAN Education Cooperation

- **Initiated in the early 1990's with various forms of collaborative arrangements**
- **Four priorities for ASEAN cooperation on higher education**
  - Promoting 'ASEANness among ASEAN citizens, particular youth;
  - Strengthening ASEAN identity through education
  - Building ASEAN human resources in the field of education; and
  - ***Strengthening ASEAN University Network (AUN)***



# ASEAN Education Cooperation

**ASEAN Summit**

**ASEAN Education  
Ministers Meeting  
(ASED)**

**Southeast Asian  
Ministers of  
Education  
Organization  
(SEAMEO)**

**ASEAN Senior Officials  
Meeting on Education  
(SOM-ED)**

**ASEAN  
University  
Network (AUN)**



# ASEAN University Network (AUN)

1992

Fourth Meeting of ASEAN Heads of Government

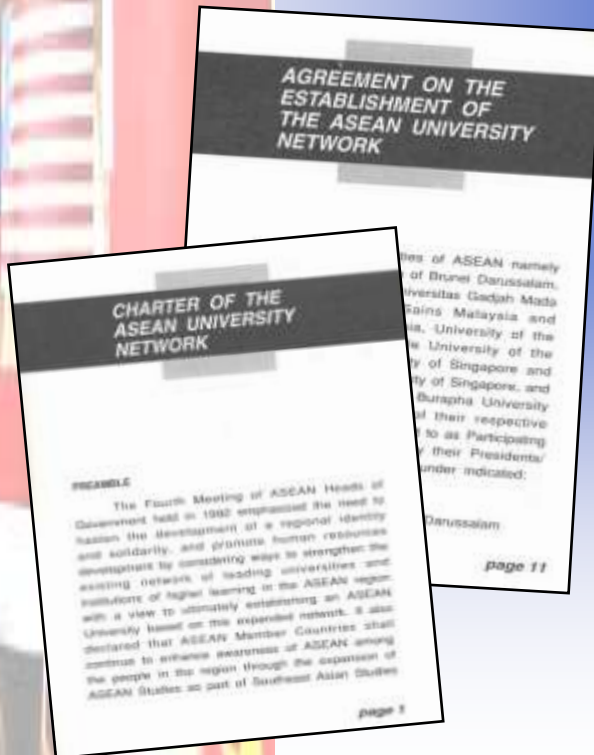
1995

*Charter of the ASEAN University Network* signed by the ASEAN

Ministers responsible for higher education

*Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN University Network*

signed by the Presidents, Rectors and Vice-Chancellors of participating universities







**1997**

***AUN was successfully established***





# Objectives of the AUN

- To promote cooperation and solidarity among ASEAN scholars and academicians
- To develop academic and professional human resource
- To promote information dissemination among ASEAN academic community
- To enhance the awareness of regional identity and the sense of ASEANness among members





# 21 AUN Member Universities East Asian Nations



## **Brunei**

- **Universiti Brunei Darussalam**

## **Cambodia**

- **Royal University of Phnom Penh**

## **Indonesia**

- **Universitas Gadjah Mada**
- **Universitas Indonesia**
- **Institut Teknologi Bandung**

## **Lao PDR**

- **National University of Laos**

## **Malaysia**

- **University of Malaya**
- **Universiti Sains Malaysia**
- **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**

## **Myanmar**

- **Institute of Economics, Yangon**
- **University of Yangon**

## **Philippines**

- **University of the Philippines**
- **De La Salle University**
- **Ateneo de Manila University**

## **Singapore**

- **National University of Singapore**
- **Nanyang Technological University**

## **Thailand**

- **Chulalongkorn University**
- **Burapha University**
- **Mahidol University**

## **Vietnam**

- **Vietnam National University, Hanoi**
- **Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City**



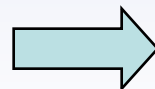
# AUN Main Activities

- ASEAN Studies Programme
- Student Exchange Programme
- AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest
- AUN Distinguished Scholars Programme
- ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum
- Collaborative Research
- Information Networking
- AUN-Quality Assurance
- ASEAN Graduate Business/ Economics Programme Network
- Initiative for ASEAN Integration
- AUN Intellectual Property Network
- Cooperation with Dialogue Partners, including China, EU, Japan and ROK



# How can AUN contribute to ASEAN integration?

- *Education permeates all the three pillars of the ASEAN Community*
- *Developing a regional system of educational accreditation*
- *Building an ASEAN identity*
- *Providing advice in the process of building ASEAN Community*



- *Provides students with opportunity for regional collaboration*
- *Enables quality assessment and initiates credit transfer*
- *Through exchange programmes and promoting “ASEANness”*
- *Through its expertise and by strengthening its institutional mechanism*



# AUN Strategic Framework toward ASEAN Community 2015

- Directions for AUN towards ASEAN Integration in 2015
- Four main themes to achieve priority areas identified by ASEAN
- Ensuring Effectiveness in Implementation



# Four Main Themes

- 1) Investing in people
- 2) Narrowing the development gap
- 3) Narrowing the digital divide
- 4) Promoting deeper regional awareness



## **Investing in People**

- ✚ Develop AUN scholarships initiative
- ✚ Develop research partnerships for knowledge transfer, in consultation with interested ASEAN dialogue partners

## **Narrowing the Development Gap**

- ✚ Consolidate existing offers of scholarships
- ✚ IAI Project on higher education capacity-building for CLMV
- ✚ Distinguished Scholars Programmes enhancing skills of scientists and professions
- ✚ Implementation of ASEAN Credit Transfer System

## **Narrowing the Digital Divide**

- ✚ Enhance the AUN Website

## **Promoting Deeper Regional Awareness**

- ✚ Publicise ASEAN (and AUN) more in the universities
- ✚ Consider establishing AUN Sport Events
- ✚ Facilitate movement/ internship of ASEAN students



# Ensuring Effectiveness in Implementation

- 1) **Student and faculty exchange**
- 2) **Promoting the ASEAN Studies Programme, and mutual accreditation and credit transfer**
- 3) **Collaborative Research**
- 4) **Information Networking**



**Thank you**

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