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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: THE ROLE OF ASEAN (HIGHER) EDUCATION FRAMEWORKS IN A DISRUPTIVE WORLD
SHARE Regional Conference on Qualifications Frameworks and Quality Assurance

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Welcome Message

We are delighted to welcome you to this conference entitled “Preparing for the Future: The Role of ASEAN (Higher) Education Frameworks in a Disruptive World.” This event is part of a series of policy dialogues organised under the European Union Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region, or SHARE, a project of ASEAN and the European Union, designed to support the development of a regional higher education system in ASEAN.

This three-day event is organised in collaboration with the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Thailand and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (RIHED).

Governments and higher education institutions in ASEAN recognise that higher education has been facing increasing disruptions amidst the emergence of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. As such, this conference will bring together some 200 university managers, education policy makers, and students in order to explore what these disruptions are and discuss how ASEAN higher education can maximise the opportunities and developments resulting from this shift while keeping pace with the evolving ASEAN Community. At the same time, challenges to both regional quality assurance and qualifications frameworks will also be discussed.

In the context of the ASEAN Community, higher education plays a crucial role, and ASEAN is committed to further promoting effective regional cooperation and connectivity for the benefit of all ASEAN people. The European Union is proud to support this process, not least because of its own strong tradition in creating and fostering the development regional higher education space. Developments in higher education in Europe serve as an important reference, and SHARE – implemented by a consortium comprised of the British Council, Campus France, DAAD, Nuffic, ENQA, and EUA – is ideally positioned to contribute this expertise. As such, SHARE is a means by which quality in ASEAN higher education may be improved, through its work in promoting student mobility and spurring discussions on quality assurance and qualifications frameworks.

We wish everyone a stimulating and fruitful conference!
Background on the SHARE Regional Conference on QF and QA

SHARE Contribution to QFs and QA

There are three main components (called Result Areas) during the implementation of SHARE, among them Result Area 2 which aims at supporting the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) and the ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF). SHARE’s activities in the field of Qualifications Frameworks (QFs) and Quality Assurance (QA) cover background and policy advice, regional and national stakeholder dialogue as well as capacity development. In order to widen the body of available knowledge on the state of the art of ASEAN higher education, SHARE published a series of studies. These investigate current regional developments and provide recommendations to policy makers at both, regional and national level. Furthermore, deriving from this research, outcome-based education has been identified as the unifying factor for the advancement of both QA and QFs including credit transfer systems and degree structures across ASEAN partner countries.

Results of the studies as well as contributions by two ASEAN-European Expert Working Groups shaped the conceptual design of SHARE’s activities in Result Area 2 and helped to meet the demands of ASEAN beneficiaries. This fed into a series of national dissemination workshops aimed at raising awareness for the regional frameworks and implications at national level.

To date, eleven national dissemination workshops in eight ASEAN Member States (AMS) have been conducted successfully in close collaboration with the relevant national authorities. The national workshops addressing experts, policy makers, university leadership as well as representatives from the labour market reached nearly 1,000 stakeholders and more than 500 institutions in the ASEAN region. In order to sustain the work at national level and to set the foundation for dissemination activities in the future, a regional ‘Peer-Multiplier-Training’ was conducted in June 2018 with the ambition to create a pool of SHARE higher education and quality assurance reform “champions”.

Another key component of the work undertaken by SHARE included the review of selected External Quality Assurance Agencies (EQAs) and the institutional assessment of ten universities across eight countries. These pilot activities were initiated to test the newly developed AQAF and to stimulate benchmarking according to regional principles.

The Objectives of the SHARE Regional Conference on QF & QA:

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) worldwide are being challenged by the digital transformation of our societies. Digitisation provides exciting new possibilities for collaborative teaching and research, and for international mobility. Simultaneously, HEIs are entering into competition with digital learning providers and are required to modify their education provision, with a view to cater for lifelong learning and labour market needs.

Qualifications and Quality Assurance Frameworks can be useful tools to guide HEIs and their education systems through these developments. With the AQRF and AQAF in place, the discussion in ASEAN can shift to the role(s) these frameworks can play in practice. This is the overarching goal of the conference, also reflected in the title: “Preparing for the Future: The Role of ASEAN (Higher) Education Frameworks in a Disruptive World.” Furthermore, the conference aims at capitalising on SHARE’s project achievements in the field of QF and QA, discussing the sustainability of the project outcomes and most importantly, identifying major topics that will shape the future of higher education in ASEAN.

The conference is structured in three parts:

- **Day 1**: Taking stock of achievements in SHARE Result Area 2: How do stakeholders perceive the conducted activities? What is the impact of the capacity building that took place?

- **Day 2**: Discussing the current state of the AQRF and AQAF, while connecting the frameworks to the debate on the current challenges ASEAN higher education faces;

- **Day 3**: Planning for the future: Which topics need further attention and how can these be addressed, either within SHARE or other initiatives?

The conference brings together around 200 higher education policy makers, university leadership, higher education managers, professors and labour market representatives from ASEAN as well as experts in the field of QF and QA from both Southeast Asia and Europe. In addition, a group of student representatives will work in parallel to the conference, identifying topics and solutions for higher education in ASEAN. They will be joined by a small group of peers from Europe.
Programme Day 1: Taking Stock

Monday, 29 October 2018

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Claryce J. Lum

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Opening Session & Welcome Remarks

H.E. Dr. Sophon Napathorn
Vice Minister of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand

Dr. Giuseppe Busini
Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

Dr. Nantana Gajaseni
Acting Chairperson of the ASEAN University Network - Quality Assurance (AUN-QA), Thailand

Prof. Dr. Kyaw Naing
SOM-ED Representative; Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Myanmar

Ms. Phunyanuch Pattanotai
Programme Director, SEAMEO RIHED, Thailand

Chair:

Prof. Supachai Yavaprabhas,
Former Executive Director, AUN; Former Centre Director, SEAMEO RIHED; Associate Professor of Public Administration, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

09:45 – 10:15 Group Photo and Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:00 Keynote Address
Higher Education Developments in ASEAN: Reinforcing the Policy-Evidence Interface

Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Dato Dr. Morshidi Sirat
Senior Research Fellow, National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN), Malaysia

Chair:

Mr. Thomas Zettler
SHARE Programme Director, DAAD Regional Office Jakarta, Indonesia

11:00 – 12:30 Session 1: Stakeholder Perceptions on SHARE’s Achievements in the Result Areas 2a (Qualifications Frameworks) and 2b (Quality Assurance)

Speakers:

Mr. Michael Hörig
Head of Division - Strategic Planning, DAAD, Germany

Mr. Marc Wilde
Head of Section - Development Cooperation: Partnership Programmes, Alumni Projects and Higher Education Management, DAAD, Germany

Panelists:

Prof. T. Basaruddin
President of the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN), Indonesia

Mr. Panya Chanthavong
Member of the AQRF Committee; Acting Director General, Educational Standards and Quality Assurance Centre, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session 2: Parallel working groups on SHARE’s contribution to strengthening Quality Assurance and Learning Outcomes in ASEAN

Overview of the SHARE capacity building initiatives in Result Areas 2 and 3, followed by interactive discussion with participants

Working Group 2a: Institutional assessments*
The working group will introduce different university assessment schemes at institutional level from both ASEAN and Europe and reflect on similarities and differences. Furthermore, the outcomes and evaluation results of the SHARE Institutional Assessment Scheme will be presented, followed by a discussion among all participants regarding current challenges concerning institutional assessment and ways how to address these.

Working Group 2b: Agency reviews*
Participants will learn from experiences of agency reviews in Europe, including a case study from the United Kingdom. Furthermore, the SHARE Pilot EQA Agency Review Scheme will be introduced. Based on the evaluation results from the four pilot agency reviews that were executed in 2017, all participants will get engaged in an open discussion focusing on the question how an agency review scheme can be established in the ASEAN region in the future.

Working Group 2c: Learning outcomes and mobility*
Working group 2c will introduce the concepts and functioning of (higher education) mobility, credit transfer systems and learning outcomes. Participants will have the chance to compare mobility tools and different approaches in both Europe and ASEAN, to analyse strengths and weaknesses and finally debate on current challenges in these fields and to jointly develop ideas how to overcome these in the ASEAN region.

* Please see details on each working group at the end of the programme

19:00 Welcome Dinner with cultural performances
Programme Day 2:  
Discussing the Present  
Tuesday, 30 October 2018  
Master of Ceremonies:  
Ms. Claryce J. Lum

09:00 – 09:15 Recap of previous discussions and introduction day 2  
Prof. Dr. Jethro Newton  
Former Dean of Academic Quality and Enhancement, University of Chester, United Kingdom  
Prof. Dr. Stefanie Shamila Pillai  
Department of English Language, Faculty of Languages & Linguistics, University of Malaya, Malaysia

09:15 – 10:30 Session 3: The Implementation of the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework: What are the first experiences with referencing?  
Speakers:  
Mr. Panya Chanthavong  
Member of the AQRF Committee; Acting Director General, Educational Standards and Quality Assurance Centre, Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR  
Dr. Hazman Shah Vijayan bin Abdullah  
Member of the AQRF Committee; Fellow Quality Assurance Expert, Malaysian Qualifications Agency  
Dr. Lilian de Las Llagas  
Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines  
Mr. Panthep Larpkesorn  
Director of the International Cooperation Unit, Office of the Education Council, Ministry of Education Thailand  
Mr. Anthony Chan  
Specialist, Hong Kong Qualifications Framework Secretariat  
Chair:  
Ms. Andrea Bateman  
SHARE Expert on Qualifications Frameworks, Australia

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 Session 4: The SHARE Peer Multiplier Training (PMT) - Establishing a pool of higher education and quality assurance reform “champions”  
Mr. Johnson Ong  
AUN-QA Expert, Member, SHARE Expert Working Group on Quality Assurance, Singapore  
Following the introduction on the PMT scheme, selected participants of the SHARE Peer Multiplier Training present their achievements to date in a Poster Presentation

11:45 – 13:00 Session 5: The ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework – State of implementation and challenges ahead  
Speaker:  
Ms. Concepcion Pijano  
Member of the SHARE Expert Working Group on Quality Assurance, Philippines

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 PMT Poster Presentation - continued

14:30 – 17:30 Session 6: Disruptions in ASEAN Higher Education: How can universities prepare themselves for the upcoming societal challenges?  
Keynote speaker:  
Dr. Lim Lai Cheng  
Executive Director, SMU Academy, Singapore Management University  
Following the plenary input, the group will split into three parallel working groups.  
Chair:  
Mr. Michael Hörig  
Head of Division - Strategic Planning, DAAD, Germany

Working Group 6a: Digitisation*  
Technological progress and digital innovations do not stop at the doorstep of universities. The working group will analyse the main consequences of this digitisation process on Quality Assurance as well as teaching, learning and research. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss what they consider as the major challenges arising from increasing levels of digitisation and present ways on how to turn these into opportunities for improved academic cooperation.

Working Group 6b: Employability*  
With digitisation increasingly affecting academic life as well as the labour market, the working group will analyse how university education has to be adapted in order to make graduates fit for employment. Participants will share their views on the state of outcome-based education and skills of 21st century in their home country and the ASEAN region, with a view on identifying shortcomings and space for improvement.

Working Group 6c: Lifelong Learning*  
Taking Hong Kong as a reference case, the working group will start off with an input speech on lifelong learning (LLL). Participants will identify the role that universities can (or should) play to better tap existing potentials for education at all ages. This is done with a view to making use of opportunities and overcoming obstacles arising in the labour market, especially in increasingly digital and automated working environments (industry 4.0).

* Please see details on each working group at the end of the programme

Panelists:  
Prof. T. Basaruddin  
Director of the Executive Board, National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education, Indonesia  
Prof. Zita Mohd Fahmi  
Chair of the SHARE Expert Working Group on Quality Assurance; Non-Executive Member, Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), Malaysia  
Dr. Pinet Sriyotha  
Chair of the SHARE Expert Working Group on Quality Assurance; Non-Executive Member, Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), Malaysia  
Prof. Zaw Win  
Secretary, National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Committee, Myanmar  
Chair:  
Prof. Philipp Pohlenz  
Professor for Higher Education Research and Professionalisation of the Academic Teaching, University of Magdeburg, Germany
Programme Day 3: Planning the Future

Wednesday, 31 October 2018

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Claryce J. Lum

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Session 7: Creating synergies between regional Quality Assurance, Qualifications Frameworks and Credit Transfer Systems**

Speakers and Panelists:
- Ms. Andrea Bateman
  SHARE Expert on Qualifications Frameworks, Australia
- Mr. Fabrice Hénard
  SHARE Lead Expert for Campus France
- Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela
  SHARE Expert on Credit Transfer Systems, Philippines
- Mr. Philip Masterson
  Senior Programme Officer, SEAMEO RIHED, Thailand
- Dr. Achim Hopbach
  Managing Director, Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria

Chair:
- Ms. Tia Loukkola
  Director for Institutional Development, European University Association (EUA), Belgium

**10:30 – 11:00**

Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:00**

**Session 8: Student feedback session**

Student representatives from ASEAN and Europe will react to the issues that were discussed and present their own views.

Facilitator:
- Ms. Claryce J. Lum
  Editor for Think Tank Studio, The Thought Collective, Singapore

**12:00 – 12:30**

Recap of the discussions: Report from the General Rapporteurs

- Prof. Dr. Jethro Newton
  Former Dean of Academic Quality and Enhancement, University of Chester, United Kingdom
- Prof. Dr. Stefanie Shamila Pillai
  Department of English Language, Faculty of Languages & Linguistics, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**12:30 – 13:00**

Closing ceremony

**13:00 – 14:00**

Lunch
Further Information on Session 6: Disruptions in ASEAN Higher Education: How can universities prepare themselves for the upcoming societal challenges?

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Key facilitators and speakers:

Dr. Eddy Chong
Chief Technical Officer, Finance Accreditation Agency, Malaysia

Mr. Michael Hörig
Head of Division - Strategic Planning, DAAD, Germany

Dr. Virach Sornlertlamvanich
Chair of Digital Cluster, Research University Network (RUN) and Advisor, FOMM (Asia) Co., Ltd., Thailand

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Key facilitators and speakers:

Prof. Dr. Maria Cynthia Rose Bautista
Vice President of Academic Affairs, University of the Philippines Diliman

Mr. Frederik De Decker
Head of the International Office, Ghent University, Belgium

Prof. Jacques Lanarès
Former Vice Rector, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Mr. Rungroj Tuntivechapikul
Vice President – Business Strategy, Betagro Group, Thailand

Working Group 6c: Lifelong Learning
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Key facilitators and speakers:

Mr. Anthony Chan
Specialist, Hong Kong Qualifications Framework Secretariat

Dr. Lim Lai Cheng
Executive Director, SMU Academy Singapore Management University

Dr. Wilaiporn Chetanachan
Director, Corporate Technology Office, The Siam Cement Public Company Limited, Thailand

Ms. Jackie Hau
Senior Manager, Hong Kong Qualifications Framework Secretariat

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Vice Minister of Education, Minister of Education, Thailand

Dr. Sophon Napathorn is Thailand’s Vice Minister for Education. He is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at Chulalongkorn University. He received his MD at Chulalongkorn University. He was awarded a Fellowship by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA, and holds a Certificate from the National Defence College of Thailand.

He was previously the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Chulalongkorn University, and Director of the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital and the Thai Red Cross Society. He has also served as the Assistant Secretary General of the Thai Red Cross Society and been a member of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation Committee and the Thai Medical Council Committee.

He is listed in Who’s Who in the World, 16th edition.

Dr. Giuseppe Busini
Deputy Head of Mission for the European Union to the Kingdom of Thailand

Dr. Giuseppe Busini is the Deputy Head of Mission of the European Union Delegation to the Kingdom of Thailand. Born 53 years ago in San Severo, Italy, Dr. Busini speaks Italian, French, English, Spanish, Swedish and Modern Greek. Dr. Busini holds a Doctorate Degree in International Relations and Contemporary History from the University of Perugia, Italy. Dr. Busini has extensive experience from several regions in the world. He began his career as a Secretary-General for the Associazione Studi America Latina in Rome. Then he became the Directorate-General for Environment at the European Commission.

Within the European External Action Service, Dr. Busini’s previous positions include Policy Officer for Northern Dimension – Regional Cooperation, Policy Officer for EU-Azerbaijan Relations, Policy Officer for EU-Iran and EU-Gulf Cooperation Council, Policy Officer for the EU-India Relations and Coordinator for the EU-ASEAN Relations.

Dr. Giuseppe Busini is married and is the father of three sons.
**Stefan Bienefeld**  
Head of Division – Development Cooperation and Transregional Programme, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Stefan Bienefeld is Head of Division P3, Development Cooperation and transregional programmes in the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Mr. Bienefeld holds a Master’s Degree in psychology from the University of Bielefeld, Germany. He worked for the German Rectors’ Conference, the national Association of German universities, as a program manager on issues linked to the Bologna process and as a head of a project dealing with Quality Assurance in Germany and Europe prior to joining DAAD in 2009.

In DAAD he started as head of division 43S, responsible for large scale university cooperation programmes between German universities and partner HEIs in developing countries as well as programmes for the worldwide mobility of German university teaching staff. In June 2011, he became head of division 43 and in this capacity held the responsibility for all DAAD programmes with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, including financial and strategic issues with the Ministry as well as cooperation with external partners such as GIZ, KfW, UNESCO, the World Bank and civil society organizations.

Since January 2015 he is head of division P3 dealing with project funding programmes in development cooperation, alumni, German studies and the German language as well as research mobility.

**Ms. Phunyanuch Pattanotai**  
Programme Director, SEAMEO RIHED

Phunyanuch Pattanotai, or Aom, is the Programme Director, working as part of an active team to effectively develop programs and deliver breakthrough results in the 4 SEAMEO RIHED’s key areas of Alignment and Development, Cooperation and Synergy, Research, and Information Portal, more specifically on Student Mobility, Quality Assurance and Credit Transfer, Leadership Development, E-Learning and Mobile Learning, to enhance regional higher education development and beyond.

Aom has been investing more than 10 years of her intensive academic and career experience in the regional policy development and non-profits sector. She earned her B.A. in Liberal Arts (International Programme) from Thammasat University, Thailand and M.A. in Political Science, with the sub field of Human Rights and Human Development from Waseda University, Japan.
Prof. Dato’ Dr. Morshidi Sirat
Senior Research Fellow, National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN), Malaysia

Prof. Dato’ Dr. Morshidi Sirat is Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the National Higher Education Research Institute (IPPTN), Universiti Sains Malaysia, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia. Until end of September 2017 Morshidi was the Founding Director of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Facility (CTEF), based at Universiti Sains Malaysia. CTEF is a collaborative initiative between the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. In February 2011, Morshidi was appointed as Deputy Director-General (Public Sector), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MoHE) and as the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) in March 2013. In April 2013, Morshidi was appointed as the Director-General of Higher Education. Morshidi has served as Director, IPPTN from 2002 to Jan 2011.

Prof. Dato’ Dr. Morshidi Sirat has and continues to provide consultancy and advisory services to international agencies and intergovernmental organizations on matters pertaining to higher education policy and development in Southeast Asia, the Commonwealth South Pacific, and Commonwealth Africa.


Dr. Lim Lai Cheng
Executive Director, SMU Academy, Singapore Management University (SMU)

Dr. Lim Lai Cheng is Executive Director of SMU Academy, the professional training arm of Singapore Management University (SMU) and Fellow, School of Social Sciences. She oversees SMU’s Skills Future agenda, continuing education and technology-related innovation in teaching and learning. She has extensive experience in the Singapore Education System and held key roles in corporate communications, curriculum planning and policy development at the Education Ministry’s headquarters. She was principal of three of Singapore’s public schools over a period of 15 years, the last of the schools being Raffles Institution, the most prestigious school in the country.

She holds a BA (Hons) and MA from Cambridge University (UK), a Masters in Education from the Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) in Language Education and a Doctorate in Education from the University College London (Institute of Education). Her key research areas are technology integration in education, blended learning and gamification.

Dr. Lim is advisor to several education foundations in Sweden, Slovakia, South Africa, and Russia. She is also involved in education projects in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia. She was conferred the Chevalier Dans L’ Ordre Des Palmes Academiques by the French Education Minister in 2012 for her key role in advancing educational collaboration and initiatives between France and Singapore.
ASEAN and EU have jointly designed SHARE to support ASEAN’s ambition to build an ASEAN Higher Education Area, to strengthen regional cooperation, enhance the quality, competitiveness and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education institutions and students, and thereby to contribute to a people-centred ASEAN Community. On this journey, SHARE provides ASEAN with relevant experience and expertise from the European Higher Education Area.

A consortium of the British Council (lead), Campus France, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Nuffic, the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and the European University Association (EUA) implements SHARE on behalf of ASEAN and EU from 2015 to 2019. SHARE’s work can be grouped in five areas:

Policy Dialogues: in support of harmonization of higher education in the ASEAN region with policy makers as well as technical specialists.

Qualifications Frameworks (QFs): supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) and the development of National Qualification Frameworks.

Quality Assurance (QA): fostering the ASEAN QA Framework (AQAF) at regional/national levels through a combination of European-ASEAN expert dialogue, framework development, dissemination workshops and capacity development.

ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS) & ASEAN-EU Credit Transfer System (AECTS): Building on existing credit transfer systems (CTS), SHARE is setting up a common platform for online credit transfer and developing a comprehensive set of mobility tools. Extensive capacity building measures accompany the technical work.

ACTS & AECTS Student Mobility with Scholarships: SHARE has set up a comprehensive student mobility scheme for the ASEAN region and is implementing four student intakes by providing scholarships to some 500 ASEAN students for credit mobility within ASEAN and in the EU.

ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) supports the vision of a regional Higher Education Space as a core element of people-to-people connectivity and the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community. Anchored on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020 includes as key priorities the strengthening of the higher education sector through the implementation of robust quality assurance mechanisms, and fostering the role of higher education in the area of socio-economic development through university-industry partnerships. The Work Plan for Education expands education cooperation in ASEAN towards development of a more coordinated, cohesive and coherent ASEAN position and its contribution to global education goals, including in higher education.

In 2015, the ASEAN leaders acknowledged higher education as a catalyst in achieving economic and socio-cultural goals of ASEAN, and welcomed the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education at the 27th ASEAN Summit. Cooperation on higher education in ASEAN has gained momentum with the full implementation of the project European Union Support to Higher Education in ASEAN Region (SHARE) in the same year. SHARE is a flagship project of the ASEAN Education Sector that aims to promote harmonisation of higher education, and introduce an ASEAN scholarship inspired by the EU’s Erasmus Mundus scheme to create space for higher education in ASEAN.

The ASEAN Education Sector is governed by and under the purview of the ASEAN Ministers of Education Meeting (ASED), which convenes bi-annually, and the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED) which meets annually. Chairmanship of both meetings rotates alphabetically between ASEAN Member States, and is held by Singapore in 2018. The ASEAN Secretariat supports coordination of sectoral activities through the Education, Youth and Sports Division (EYSO) and liaises with the SEAMEO Secretariat as well as with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and international organisations. Two ASEAN bodies focus specifically on education, the ASEAN University Network (AUN), headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, and the ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN), headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

For more information on ASEAN and higher education please visit: http://asean.org/asean-socio-cultural/asean-education-ministers-meeting-ased/ or contact: eysd@asean.org
The European Union (EU) is a unique grouping of 28 independent countries with around 510.1 million citizens living within its boundaries. The 28 EU Member States consist of: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The European Union (EU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have a dynamic partnership in a number of areas, from political dialogue, cooperation in non-traditional security areas, trade and investment relations, connectivity, to cooperation in community building among ASEAN member states. The EU SHARE programme was formulated responding to ASEAN’s request as stipulated in ASEAN Five Year Work Plan on Education in the field of higher education.

Through the SHARE programme, EU will share its experience with the Bologna Process, which was launched in 1999 by the Ministers of Education and university leaders of 29 countries. The Bologna Process is an important process of harmonising various higher education systems in Europe aiming at creating a European Higher Education Area (EHEA). Most of the Bologna action lines, such as Quality Assurance, student and staff mobility, the European dimension in higher education, the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the Diploma Supplement, have their origins in the EU-funded activities of the Erasmus+ programme.
Partner Organisations

Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC)
www.mua.go.th
The Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Ministry of Education, Thailand is responsible for managing higher education provision and promoting higher education development on the basis of academic freedom and excellence.

Its mandates are to formulate policy recommendations and higher education development plans, set higher education standards in line with international standards, provide recommendations on resource allocation framework for higher education development, and monitor and evaluate outcomes of higher education management.

OHEC is directed by the Higher Education Commission, which aims to formulate higher education development policies and plans that correspond to the National Economic and Social Development Plan and National Education Plan. The commission sets standards while providing resources and carrying out follow-up activities, inspection, and evaluation of higher education management of each degree-granting institution in Thailand. Moreover, the board members of OHEC consider issuing regulations, criteria, and official orders as deemed necessary.

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED)
www.rihed.seameo.org

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is a regional intergovernmental organisation established in 1965 among the 11 governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture in the region.

The mission of SEAMEO is to enhance regional understanding, cooperation and unity of purpose among Member Countries for a better quality of life through the establishment of networks and partnerships, the provision of fora among policy makers and experts, and the promotion of sustainable human resource development.

The SEAMEO Secretariat is located in Bangkok, Thailand, and there are currently 24 Regional Centres responsible for training, research and development and information dissemination in various fields of specialization. SEAMEO RIHED is the SEAMEO Regional Centre specialising in higher education and development.

Originally conceived and founded in Singapore as the Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development (RIHED) in 1959 jointly by UNESCO and the International Association of Universities (IAU) in collaboration with the Ford Foundation, RIHED was reorganised in 1993 and established in Bangkok, Thailand, as a Regional Centre of SEAMEO. The Centre is hosted by the Government of Thailand and located on the 5th floor of the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Thailand.

SEAMEO RIHED’s mission is to advance cooperation, alignment and the development of higher education systems in the Southeast Asian region by creating policy platforms, engaging in policy-driven research and broadening space for information dissemination.

Next year, SEAMEO RIHED will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary since the establishment of the Centre.

The British Council
www.britishcouncil.org

The British Council is the UK’s international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. It was founded in 1934 and today flourishes with representations in over 100 countries in six continents. The British Council is the main contractor of SHARE with the European Commission, and through its Indonesian office, coordinates SHARE’s overall activities and leads on policy dialogues.

Campus France
www.campusfrance.org

Campus France is the French national agency for the promotion of higher education, international student services, and international mobility. As a Public Industrial and Commercial Institution created in 2010, it operates under the authority and oversight of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, International Development, Education, Higher Education and Research. Campus France has a network of over 230 overseas offices and annexes in 119 countries including in 9 ASEAN Member States. Campus France is in charge of the Credit Transfer System of the SHARE Programme.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
www.daad.de

The DAAD is a joint organisation of German institutions of higher education. DAAD aims to promote academic co-operation worldwide, especially through the exchange of students, scholars, academics, and scientists. In addition to its headquarters in Bonn, the DAAD runs 15 regional offices and 57 information centres in selected cities all over the world. DAAD’s responsibility in the SHARE Project is to implement and coordinate all activities related to Qualification Frameworks and Quality Assurance.

Nuffic
www.nuffic.nl

Nuffic is the expertise and service centre for internationalisation in Dutch education. From its headquarters in The Hague and eleven offices worldwide, Nuffic pursues its mission of internationalising education. Nuffic has expertise, is a service provider, a knowledge centre, and as a model for the internationalisation of education. Through its regional office based in Indonesia, Nuffic has an expertise the scholarship activities with SHARE: both intra-ASEAN and ASEAN-EU.

The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
www.enqa.eu

The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) has a mission to contribute significantly to the enhancement of the quality of European higher education and to act as a major driving force for the development of Quality Assurance (QA) across the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). ENQA is a membership association representing circa 100 members and affiliate organisations. ENQA disseminates information, experiences and good practice in QA and its activities are designed to facilitate the implementation of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA.

The European University Association (EUA)
www.eua.be

The European University Association (EUA) is the representative organisation of universities and national rectors’ conferences in 47 European countries. EUA plays a crucial role in the Bologna Process and in influencing EU policies on higher education, research and innovation. Thanks to its interaction with a range of other European and international organisations, EUA ensures that the independent voice of European universities is heard, wherever decisions are taken that will impact on their activities.
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