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Foreword

On behalf of the Chairman of the AUN Board of Trustees, I am very much proud to present to you the premier summary of the ASEAN University Network’s year of accomplishments from January 2009-June 2010 in our annual report.

Our success resulted from significant contributions of many individuals and member universities. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to our colleagues for the invaluable support given to the AUN over the years. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the AUN Board Members for their constructive and dynamic contributions. Particularly, I wish to thank the AUN Secretariat and its staff for their extraordinary commitment and dedication to the AUN that have borne the fruit of the great success as can be seen in this publication.

I am confident that you will enjoy reading and learning about numerous programmes and activities that we coordinated and implemented from 2009 to 2010.

Dr. Sumate Yamnoon
Secretary-General, Office of the Higher Education Commission
Ministry of Education, Thailand, and Chairman of the AUN Board of Trustees
Introduction

The last year held great promise to our sheer effort in pushing the higher education development in the region to the new era. I, on behalf of the AUN Executive Director, would like to present to you this AUN Annual Report 2009 highlighting the relevance of our work and the critical importance of AUN agenda. Since its inauguration in 1995, AUN has been the implementing agency assuming the active position as ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body in ASEAN Charter. We are accredited the key role responsibilities in higher education development of ASEAN.

During the recent development in the past year, we have observed the profound and significant expansion in terms of both qualitative and quantitative factors. The tangible and concrete results can be defined by the substantial increase in the amount of project initiatives inclusive in this report and structural expansion of dialogue partners. In terms of quantitative factors, AUN and AUN Secretariat, since July 2009, have applied the strategic planning to indicate and pin point a more focused and solidified direction of the maneuvering.

On behalf of the AUN Secretariat, the notable improvements include the major changes of the Secretariat to become proactive, the improvements on the project management skill and brainstorming skill of the AUN's Programme Officers. In addition, the AUN Secretariat has revised and developed the workshop technology to implement the more dynamic outcomes and outputs to increase active participations and inclusivity. Our Secretariat will also continue to improve our Human Resource Development.

This Report outlines how AUN is focusing its support in the six Key Result Areas (KRA) which are 1) Academic Exchange Programme, 2) Cultural and Non-academic Exchange Programme, 3) Training, 4) System and Mechanism of Higher Education, 5) Programme and Course Development, and 6) Dialogue or the Exchange of Ideas and Views.

From this moment and the year onward, we have visualized the path that we would take. We will continue to further the implementation of the existing Projects and Initiatives. However, we would put a special focus on 5 different areas: 1) Quality Assurance, 2) Student Mobility including the ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS region-wide implementation), 3) University Social Responsibility and Sustainability (USR & S), 4) Intellectual Property Education and 5) Information and knowledge Centre. Moreover, we have strong intention to explore the activities in respect to the Collaborative Research that directly involves AUN Member Universities' experts. We also aim to provide support to the sub network and thematic network.

Through these areas of academic development and cooperation implementing through successive activities, AUN remains committed to supporting Member Universities in their efforts to help build a better communion of regional higher education.

Associate Professor Nantana Gajaseni, Ph.D.
AUN Executive Director
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Vision
An Enabler of successful collective actions in the area of higher education within ASEAN and beyond. Being the nexus of higher education institutions, continue to grow as a centre of networks, sub-networks and partnership building. Attention, to 3 key result areas in Database, Capacity Building (Trainings) and Collaborative Research. A more focus and strategically-oriented approaches on AUN’s higher education policy activities.

Mission
To Manage Successful Collaborative Works of AUN

Core Values
We Believe in the spirit and the togetherness of ASEAN, that is of ASEANness, and the benefits it will bring to the people from the collaborative works we are serving.
Our strategies, grouped into 3 parts: **C-S-E**, are centered on networking and cooperation, with the enhancement of ASEAN awareness in the background.
Strategy-1. 3Cs
Carry on, Champion and Create the continuous growth of AUN’s networks, sub-networks and strong partnership in order to maintain and increase the capacity of vigorous pursuits for the success of AUN programmes, projects and activities.

Strategy-2. 3Ss
Strategise, Stimulate and Synergise the strong commitment of key stakeholders in order to maximise the results and successes of the cooperation with existing networks and future partners.

Strategy-3. 5Es
Manage the AUN activities Economically, Efficiently, Effectively, Ethically and Environment-friendly, to create cooperation at its best.
The Implementations

Programmes and Activities were undertaken during January 2009-June 2010 and classified into 6 AUN’s Key Result Areas (KRAs).
AUN Student Exchange Programme

Scholarships from 14 AUN Member Universities were granted to AUN students from academic year 2009/2010 in order to increase the student mobility within AUN Member Universities. The scholarships varied from partial to full scholarship in different fields due to the scholarship’s conditions from the host university. In 2009, more than 70 students were awarded by this programme.
International College Student Exchange Programme from ASEAN to the Republic of Korea (ROK)

Scholarships granted to ASEAN students in 2010. 20 students from 8 ASEAN countries namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam were awarded to study in ICT area for one academic year 2009/2010 at Daejeon University, the ROK.
China-AUN Scholarship

20 Scholarships, both for Master and Doctoral programmes, are granted to students from 10 ASEAN countries annually. There is a significant increase in applications in recent years for China-AUN Scholarship. For academic year 2009/2010, 44 applications were received at the AUN Secretariat which 20 successful awardees commenced their studies at the admitting institutions in China in October 2009. For the latest opening of China-AUN Scholarship, 107 applications were received for academic year 2010/2011 in which China Scholarship Council (CSC) will announce selection result in July 2010.
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ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum:

7th ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum

The 7th ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum was held on 10-15 May 2009 in Thailand. The Forum was co-hosted by Burapha University, Chulalongkorn University, and Mahidol University under the theme of “Percussion and Dance: Traditional meets Contemporary”. In this event, over 80 participants from 12 AUN Member Universities in 6 ASEAN countries namely, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam presented their own distinct culture features and consolidated the arts of their countries with other ASEAN nations at the end of the Forum.
8th ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum

The 8th ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum was held on 7-12 June 2010 in Singapore. The Forum was hosted by the National University of Singapore with the theme “City, Technology, and Tradition”. More than 90 participants from 16 AUN Member Universities in 7 ASEAN countries namely, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam attended the forum. During the 6-day event, the participants had learnt how to communicate with the audiences through the combination of arts and technology. At the closing ceremony, the paired universities from different countries presented their performances interpreting the meaning of city from their perspectives by using the technology and the mixture of their traditional arts.
11th AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest hosted by University of Indonesia was held on 17-24 June 2009 in the two cities, Jakarta and Bandung. The student participants for the Educational Forum extensively discussed and exchanged ideas on theme “Global Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN” and concluded with the Joint Statement of the 2nd ASEA Youth Summit 2009 on “The Global Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN”, where the Young Speakers Contest came with Winner from Mahidol University, 1st runner-up from Chulalongkorn University and 2nd runner-up from the National University of Singapore.
Training

Series of AUN Quality Assurance Trainings:

With the full support from Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), AUN conducted Trainings Series on Enhancing Quality Assurance in CLMV Countries 2010 under the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Project as follows:

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<td>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Damrong Thaweesaengkulthai, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand</td>
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<td>Dr. Titi Savitri Prihatiningsih., MA., M. Med.Ed, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia</td>
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<td>6-9 April 2010</td>
<td>Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia</td>
<td>Prof. Dr. Amelia P. Guevara, University of the Philippines, the Philippines</td>
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<td>Prof. Dr. Fauza Ab. Ghaffar, University of Malaya, Malaysia</td>
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<td>28-31 May 2010</td>
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<td>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Damrong Thaweesaengkulthai, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand</td>
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<td>Prof. Dr. Wan Ahmad Kamil Mahmood, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia</td>
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A series of AUN-QA Trainings aimed to:

- Develop and strengthen QA system in CLMV countries through the use of the AUN-QA Guidelines and the AUN-QA Manual.
- Build up QA personnel team in CLMV countries.
- Improve and upgrade quality of education management in CLMV countries.
- Assist and sustain AUN-QA network.

Outcomes:

- A network of QA personnel who have adequate understanding of the AUN-QA in CLMV countries.
- Series of national workshops/ trainings organised in CLMV countries by trainees who passed the training.
IPNET-AUNIP Intellectual Property Training 2009, Alicante, Spain
Theme: IP and Innovation: Stimulating Opportunities for Universities

With the continuation of IP education cooperation, IPNET-AUNIP Intellectual Property Training 2009 was initiated and co-organised by AUNIP and IPNET programme of University of Alicante, Spain during 19-24 October 2009. It aimed to augment universities’ capacity to manage intellectual property rights in research at strategic and implementation levels. With the short announcement, there were only 8 ASEAN participants from 5 AUN Member Universities and 2 Non-AUN Member Universities who received the training from European experts as well as had good opportunities to visit Research Units of University of Alicante, Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market-Trade Marks and Design (OHIM) and Technological Transfer and Innovation Office of University Polytechnic Valencia.
AUN Actual Quality Assessment

Aware that ensuring quality education would also facilitate and enhance future mobility of labour/individual service providers within the region, the AUN has developed and promoted a quality assurance system as an instrument for maintaining, improving and enhancing teaching, research and the overall institutional academic standards of higher education of AUN Member Universities. Doing this, AUN Actual Quality Assessment at Programme Level has been initiated since 2007 and is now applied on the voluntary basis. During the year 2009, three Assessments were held in Indonesia and Viet Nam, respectively.

The 5th AUN Actual Quality Assessment & Training for New Assessors II

Date: 12-15 October 2009
Host: Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
Outcomes: 3 programmes were assessed

1) Pharmaceutical Science by CQOs from Universiti Sains Malaysia, De La Salle University and the National University of Laos

2) Chemistry by CQOs from the University of the Philippines, Vietnam National University-Hanoi and Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City

3) Medical Education by CQOs from Chulalongkorn University, Universitas Indonesia and Vietnam National University-Hanoi
The 6th AUN Actual Quality Assessment

Date: 7-9 December 2009
Host: Vietnam National University-Hanoi, Viet Nam
Outcome: 1 programme was assessed
1) Information Technology at College of Technology by CQOs from Chulalongkorn University, Universitas Indonesia and De La Salle University

The 7th AUN Actual Quality Assessment

Date: 10-12 December 2009
Host: Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
Outcomes: 3 following programmes were assessed
1) Computer Science and Engineering at International University by CQOs from the University of Philippines, Institut Teknologi Bandung and Universitas Gadjah Mada

2) Information Technology at University of Science by CQOs from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universitas Gadjah Mada, and De La Salle University

3) Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering by CQOs from the National University of Singapore, Institut Teknologi Bandung and Chulalongkorn University
The Implementation of ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS):

The difference between the various credit systems in ASEAN is considered as one of the main obstacles to the mobility and exchange of students within the region. By considering this factor, the AUN has developed and proposed the ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS), a common credit transfer mechanism, to assist in facilitating and promoting academic mobility by focusing students’ interests as a core of the process.

During 2009-2010, the AUN Secretariat in collaboration with AUN Member Universities organised a series of AUN-ACTS Steering Committee Meetings.
The 1st AUN-ACTS Steering Committee was held on 25-26 March 2009, hosted by De La Salle University. The Meeting was attended by 23 Steering Committees, representatives from AUN Member Universities and the AUN Secretariat. The Meeting concluded with the concept paper and guidelines for ACTS.

The 2nd AUN-ACTS Steering Committee was held on 19-20 January 2010. The Meeting was hosted by Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City. The Meeting was attended by 30 Steering Committees, representatives from AUN Member Universities, the AUN-ACTS Secretariat and AUN Secretariat. The Meeting agreed to apply the ACTS mechanism to the AUN Student Exchange Programme and requested AUN Member Universities for its full scholarship contribution to the programme.

The ACTS is targeted to be implemented among 22 AUN Member Universities by 2010 and ultimately, the ACTS scheme will be fully applied throughout the ASEAN after its integration in 2015.

For more information please visit http://acts.ui.ac.id
Programme/Course Development
ASEAN Studies Curriculum Design Workshop

In recognition of the growing awareness of ASEAN as a politically and economically important region, the East-West Center (EWC), Hawaii expressed its interests to foster a greater appreciation of regional commonalities and cooperation between ASEAN and U.S. by promoting ASEAN identity, integration of ASEAN and mutual understanding between two regions through education.

With the support from the East-West Center (EWC), Hawaii and the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya, the ASEAN Studies Curriculum Design Workshop was organised in Kuala Lumpur on 3-5 September 2009.

The experts in ASEAN studies and related fields from 8 ASEAN countries namely, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and the representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, the AUN Secretariat and East-West Center (EWC), Hawaii attended the workshop in order to share the experiences and knowledge and draw the structure of the ASEAN Studies Curriculum for the undergraduate level.
Building Human Rights Culture through AUN-HREN

The ratification of ASEAN Charter would not only promote the regional integration but also put the focus on strengthening the democracy, good governance and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms for ASEAN people. Considering the critical of human rights situation in the region, it is an essential need for ASEAN to support the initiative and promote human rights education and human rights studies within the region.

To achieve it, the AUN Secretariat with the support from the Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development, Mahidol University, as a focal point of the network, collaborated to set up the AUN Human Rights Education Network (AUN-HREN). On 18-19 February 2010, the First Meeting of AUN-HREN was organised by the Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development, Mahidol University. The Meeting was attended by 18 participants who have expertise on human rights and related areas, and the representatives from the AUN Secretariat and Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden. The Meeting concluded with the AUN-HREN plan of activities 2010 and network’s prioritised activities which focus on data accumulation, web-based resources, exchange programme, joint lecture and to develop ASEAN Human Rights teaching material.
Jan’09

The 2nd AUN Rectors’ Conference
“A strategic Management and New Challenges Ahead for University Collaboration”

Dates & Venue: 29 January 2009, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.
Host: Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Participation: Presidents, Rectors, Vice-Chancellors from 21 AUN Member Universities and also representatives from the SEAMEO Secretariat, SOM-ED, the ASEAN Secretariat, AUN’s Sub-Networks, and the AUN Secretariats.
Outcome: the Conference was timely convened to address higher education strategic management issues which enhance the realisation of regional integration as embodied by ASEAN Community 2015 and discussed in three specific areas namely, Teaching Collaboration, Academic Collaboration: Joint Degree Programme, and Research Collaboration: Establishment of ASEAN Research Centre.

Feb’09

ASEAN-ROK Academic Conference

Date & Venue: 1-4 February 2009, Burapha University, Thailand
Participation: 44 speakers and discussants from ASEAN and the Republic of Korea
Theme: Pop Culture Formations across East Asia in the 21st Century: Hybridization or Asianization
Outcome: The ASEAN-Korean speakers presented their papers alternate with the valuable comments from the discussants in relation to the 5 sessions, namely
1) Cultural Industry in East Asia, 2) Politics of Popular Culture, 3) Social Differentiation and Pop Culture, 4) Pop Culture Market in Southeast Asia and 5) Pop Culture Market in Korea and Korean Wave. The participants deliberated and exchanged views on a common popular culture in the region and an emergence of Korean pop culture against the decline of Americanization. The paper presented at the conference was revised according to the inputs and comments of the discussants and then published in a book form.
1st AUN Rectors’ Meeting

Date & Venue: 19 March 2009, Dusit Thani Laguna Resort, Phuket, Thailand
Host: The AUN Secretariat
Participation: It was the first informal gathering of the Presidents, Rectors, Vice-Chancellors of the AUN Member Universities.
Outcome: Two agendas on the amended AUN Charter and the Guidelines for AUN Memberships Enlargement were discussed. The amended AUN Charter had made pursuant to the establishment of the ASEAN Charter in which the ASEAN University Network was included in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter as one of the ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies to be functioned in accordance with the respective established mandate for the support of the ASEAN integration and community building.
ASEAN+3 Higher Policy Dialogue
“Intellectual Contribution to Enhancing the Future Higher Education in East Asian Community”

Dates & Venue: 20-21 March 2009, Phuket, Thailand
Host: ASEAN University Network and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand and the Office of Higher Education Commission, Thailand
Participation: A total of 79 Presidents, Rectors, Vice-Chancellors, representatives from 31 Participating Universities in ASEAN countries, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, the ASEAN Secretariat and the AUN Secretariat.
Outcome: Throughout the 2-day Conference, the participants discussed mechanisms to intensify collaborative initiatives involving universities in the ASEAN+3 regions and made suggestions for forming a higher education framework to promote regional identity and solidarity in the region. At the end, the Forum agreed to establish an ASEAN+3 University Network which would be supported by the AUN Member Universities and the Participating Universities from Plus Three Countries. In order to ensure the success of this collaborative initiation, it was agreed to:

- convene the ASEAN+3 Rectors’ Conference as well as the Meeting of Heads of IROs annually;
- enhance higher education networking, facilitate student and staff exchanges, encourage professional interactions and create research clusters;
- initiate the ASEAN+3 Collaborative Academic Programmes in various fields of Science & Technology, Art & Culture, Economics, ASEAN Studies and East Asian Studies;
- strengthen student mobility through the expansion of various existing activities;
- create a voluntary, non-intrusive credit transfer system; and
- develop micro sites within the AUN website which will serve as a regional IROs directory as well as database.
Task Force Meeting on AUN Membership Enlargement

Date & Venue: 25 September 2009, Bangkok
Participation: 8 representatives from Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Gadjah Mada University, University of Malaya, De La Salle University, Chulalongkorn University, Vietnam National University-Hanoi

Outcome: The Task Force revisited the AUN Charter and the existing process of and regulation for membership enlargement. After a thorough review of the relevant documents and the AUN’s future prospect, prepared by the AUN Secretariat, the Task Force agreed to modify the structure and admission criteria of new membership in correspondence with some amended articles in the AUN Charter and requested the AUN Secretariat to work out in details of the operational guideline of the AUN Membership Enlargement and present to the Board Members for consideration.

ASEAN University Youth Summit

Date & Venue: 19-24 October 2009, Phetchaburi, Thailand
Host: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
Participation: 20 student representatives from 10 ASEAN countries equally nominated by the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and the Ministry of Education in 10 ASEAN countries.
Theme: Empowerment through Education
Outcome: The 20 ASEAN youths energetically discussed and shared their views on how education plays a key role in their empowerment particularly in facing the challenges of the 21st Century as well as providing recommendations to policy makers the urgency to place education in the top of the agenda in the manner that will contribute to not only their development but that of society’s. Their discussion was completely furnished in the form of the Joint Statement of the ASEAN Youth Summit 2009. On 23 October 2009, the ASEAN youths were given a chance to have an informal dialogue with the ASEAN Leaders and also attended the Ceremony to inaugurate the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).
The 4th EU-Asia Higher Education Platform (EAHEP) Workshop on Quality Assurance in Asian and European Higher Education – Opportunities for Inter and Intra-Regional Cooperation

Date: 27-29 October 2009  
Host: Chulalongkorn University  
Participation: Around 40 universities representatives and experts from Asian countries and European Member States

Outcomes:

- Strengthening exchange and mutual learning (e.g., inviting peers as observers in QA assessments, comparative research studies, joint session on EU-Asia Cooperation at QA Forum, and etc.)
- Capacity building through seminars (train-the-trainer) and dialogue workshops on QA topics (e.g., learning outcomes)
- Link the networks together (European and Asian QA networks, university networks etc.)
- Increase stakeholders’ involvement (promoting student involvement at all levels of QA processes)
Japan-ASEAN Student Conference

**Background:** Japan-ASEAN Student Conference is the event set up in accordance with Japanese Initiative founded on the principle of people-to-people exchange under Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange of Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme, established in 2007. JENESYS programme aims to facilitate youth exchange projects with the aspired goal of forging network of peoples between Japan and EAS Member Countries. In this relation, Japan aims to invite approximately 6,000 youths each year from ASEAN Member Countries and EAS Member Countries to Japan.

**Date & Venue:** 13-19 November 2009, Tokyo and Sendai, Japan

**Host:** Japan

**Participation:**
- 118 and 30 youths from ASEAN and Japan respectively
- Distinguished academics, three from ASEAN and three from Japan, were invited to Conference as Moderators:

**Japanese side:**
- Prof. Hidetoshi Kitawaki - Faculty of Development Studies, Toyo University, Japan
- Prof. Takashi Terada - Organisation for Asian Studies, Waseda University, Japan
- Assoc. Prof. Mie Oba - Tokyo University of Science, Japan

**ASEAN side:**
- Asst. Prof. Jay Batongbacal - Asian Center, University of the Philippines, The Philippines
- Prof. Chaiwat Khamchoo - Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- Dr. Ir. Azmi Mat Akhir - Senior Research Fellow, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**Outcome:** The Conference was set up into three Discussion Themes namely, Environment, Politics and Economy and Regional Identity: Cultures and Politics. Within each theme, student participants were then assigned to one of the four sub-themes. Through the engaging and extensive discussion among student participants with the supervision of moderators and facilitators, the Conference was successfully concluded with illustrious result, the Sendai Joint Statement entitled "Future Partnership between ASEAN and Japan" reflecting among others creativity, passion and commitment to bring forth greater future of peoples and the bonding relations between the two regions. This commendable Joint Statement shall then be submitted to the 13th ASEAN-Japan Summit in Viet Nam in 2010.
1st ACCESS Event on Students Involvement in University Management-An Interregional Dialogue

Dates & Venue: 2-3 February 2010, Bangkok, Thailand
Host: Chulalongkorn University
Participation: 40 representatives of university students and 20 representatives of executive academic staff and officers from the 8 ASEAN countries
Outcome: Two days of intense and open discussions, the participants acknowledged the importance of encouraging higher education cooperation, within Southeast Asia (SEA) as well as with the EU, as key to fostering mutual growth and development and to promoting regional integration and global competitiveness in a fast changing world. The event culminated in the production of a joint document containing a set of recommendations addressed to SEA, and EU policy makers, and to international organisations.
The 2nd AUN Rectors’ Meeting

Dates & venues: 29 March 2010, Port Dickson, Malaysia
Host: University of Malaya
Participation: Presidents, Rectors, Vice-Chancellors and representatives of the 22 AUN Member Universities
Outcome: The Meeting took the opportunity to discuss the four main topics, related to the success and new challenges of regional cooperation under the leading light of AUN, including:

1) AUN Intellectual Property Network (AUNIP) in collaboration with EC-ASEAN Intellectual Property Rights Co-operation Programme (ECAP III), a project of innovation and learning development brought forth to promote the Intellectual Property (IP). A project structure was expanded to cover IP education, training and research institution and programmes within a common ASEAN-wide regional network to serve as a resource for IP education, policy research and formulation in the region.

2) The Implementation of ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS), initiated by the AUN with an aim to propose and develop the common credit transfer mechanism to facilitate and promote the mobility of students in the region.

3) University’s Social Responsibilities and Sustainability, initiated by the AUN with funding support from Japan Foundation to organise a workshop on “University’s Social Responsibility and Sustainability from ASEAN-Japan Perspectives: Sharing and Caring for a Better Community”.

4) An idea of establishment an ASEAN-ROK Cyber University was initiated by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN with supported by the President of Korea, H.E. Mr. Lee Myung Bak. This initiative was agreed at the related ASEAN meetings on education. In light of this the AUN was tasked on behalf of ASEAN to organise the 1st Task Force Meeting on ASEAN-ROK Cyber University to explore the project feasibility and to develop the implementation plan of the project. Recommendation of the meeting will be presented to through the ASEAN Secretariat to the 13th ASEAN-ROK Summit in October 2010 for future consideration.
3rd ASEAN-China Rectors’ Conference: Sharing Wisdom, Bridging Peoples’ Minds

Dates & Venue: 30-31 March 2010, Port Dickson, Malaysia
Host: University of Malaya
Participation: 78 representatives (22 AUN Member Universities and 15 universities from P.R. China)

Theme: ASEAN-China: Sharing Wisdom, Bridging People’s Minds

Outcome: The Conference was successfully organised with a strong support from the Ministry of Education, P.R. China, the Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education Thailand, the ASEAN Secretariat and all dignitary participants. Both sides actively discussed on the collaborative activities under the ASEAN-China Academic Cooperation and Exchange Programme and agreed on the recommendation on the following ten topics that were of particular interest and relevant to China and ASEAN, namely Climate change, Water resource management, Infectious diseases, Energy, Crisis and disaster management, Human capital development, Cultural diversity, Language and linguistics Education management, Agriculture, and Traditional medicine.

In achieving the concrete outcome of the ASEAN-China cooperation, the Conference recommended that the AUN Secretariat and Chinese focal points shall draft a Joint Action Plan including timelines and disseminate to the AUN and Chinese participating universities for consideration and endorsement. In this connection, the governments of ASEAN and P.R. China shall be urged to provide the financial support to the programmes/projects/activities initiated and developed under the ASEAN-China Academic Cooperation and Exchange Programme.
2nd ACCESS Event on Mobility as an Instrument for Integration: Sharing Experience and New Ideas.

**Dates & Venue:** 4-5 June 2010, Manila, the Philippines  
**Host:** University of the Philippines  
**Participation:** 36 academic affairs executives and ICT experts from AUN Member Universities from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam and ACCESS Partners namely MENON Network, Southeast Asian Association for Institutional Research (SEAAIR), European Students' Union (ESU), Universidad Politecnica de Valencia (UPV) and University of Reading.

**Outcome:** 2-day conference and workshop, participants exchanged their ideas on the way to increase student mobility between ASEAN and Europe by exploring the existing practices and proposing the prospective ways of cooperation in order to promote both physical and virtual mobility. The conference agreed to the establishment of the ASEAN-EU Mobility Framework for Sustainable Implementation which prioritised by the following areas of cooperation; the Student Exchange, Faculty Staff Exchange, Role of ICT, Credit Transfer System, Quality Assurance, and Resource and Knowledge Exchange. The Framework would be submitted to the 2nd ASEM Rectors’ Conference and other ASEAN and the EU policy meetings for further support.
Meeting on “AQAN-AUN-SEAMEO RIHED: Tripartite QA Synergistic Relationship”

Date: 15 June 2010, Bangkok, Thailand
Host: SEAMEO-RIHED Secretariat
Outcome: 3 parties (AQAN, AUN, SEAMEO-RIHED) agreed to sign the Partnership Statement of the Synergistic Relationship among AQAN-AUN-SEAMEO RIHED for being regional alliance partners in the promotion and enhancement of quality assurance for education.
AUN Sub-networks’ Activities

AUN Sub-networks operate and manage autonomously under the AUN scheme. Having their own secretariat, AUN Sub-networks are responsible for specific projects and areas. Each network has to report its annual activities to the AUN Board of Trustees for acknowledgement. Five sub-networks under AUN are:

- AUN Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net)
- ASEAN Graduated Business and Economics Programme (AGBEP) Network
- AUN Human Rights Education Network (AUN HREN)
- AUN Inter-Library Online (AUNILO)
- AUN Intellectual Property Network (AUNIP)
AUN Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net)

Secretariat: Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Roles: This sub-network, mainly supported by the government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and partially supported by ASEAN Foundation, focuses on promoting human resources development in engineering in ASEAN through academic collaboration between 19 leading Member Institutions from ASEAN and 11 leading Japanese Supporting Universities. The key activities are the exchange of students, faculty members and knowledge through various activities including Scholarship for Master Degree Programmes, PhD Sandwich Programmes, Japanese Professors Dispatch, Collaborative Research, Short-term Visits and Regional Conferences. To date, AUN/SEED-Net has the proven achievement in accordance with its key objective as illustrated in the significant number of graduates in all of its programmes which are 352 graduates in total.

-On 6 November 2009, The 16th Steering Committee Meeting was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam. The main focuses of the Meeting were to review the activities of Phase II and to prepare for the groundwork for the network’s future in Phase III after March 2013. In this regard, the 20-year plan of the network (March 2003-March 2023) was presented and carefully deliberated by AUN/SEED-Net stakeholders to make a decision for the forthcoming steps of the network. The resolution for the future framework is expected to be concluded by next year.

Website: www.seed-net.org
ASEAN Graduated Business and Economics Programme (AGBEP) Network

**Secretariat:** De La Salle University, the Philippines

**Roles:** This sub-network was established with the main objectives to internationalise and improve quality of graduate business programme of institutional members.

During 2009-2010, the AGBEP Secretariat and AUN Member Universities jointly organised 2 annual meetings;

The 9th Annual AGBEP Network Meeting was held on 15-16 January 2009 hosted by De La Salle University. The Meeting was attended by 27 representatives from AGBEP Institutional Members, the AGBEP Secretariat and the AUN Secretariat. Components of the annual meeting were; the discussion on the postponement of the Inaugural ASEAN Cooperation on Economics and Business Education (ACEBE), invitation guest lecturers and academic seminars. The Meeting also acknowledged Prof. Myrna S. Austria as the new Chairperson of the AGBEP Secretariat.

The 10th Annual AGBEP Network Meeting was held on 18-19 January 2010, hosted by Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City. The Meeting was attended by around 35 representatives from AGBEP Institutional Members, the AGBEP Secretariat and the AUN Secretariat. The Meeting discussed on prospective joint course in the area of global networking, Asian management, international trade policy and cross cultural policy. Also the Meeting agreed to enhance its position to serve not only network members but to serve as a “Think Tank” body for the ASEAN Economic Community.
AUN Human Rights Education Network (AUN HREN)

**Secretariat:** Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development, Mahidol University, Thailand, serves as the focal point for the AUN-HREN.

**Roles:** The AUN sub-network on Human Rights Education will operate under the following objectives:

- to establish and strengthen the network of experts and scholars in the area of human rights studies and other related areas;

- to promote education and research opportunities in the area of human rights among AUN Member Universities;

- to enhance capacity of AUN Member Universities in developing curricular/programme or course in Human Rights and related fields;

- to raise human rights awareness and enhance regional cooperation that will lead to better protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

- to jointly organise capacity building activities including, training, workshop, seminar, conference and exchange programme, and

- to collaborate with the AUN Secretariat and Member Universities to set up the meeting of AUN Human Rights Education Network (AUN-HREN) as well as disseminate relevant information regarding human rights to the members.

Website: www.humanrights-mu.org
AUN Inter-Library Online (AUNILO)

Secretariat: University Sains Malaysia Library, Malaysia

Roles: This sub-network focuses on utilisation ICT in education through the information networking programmes. This includes establishment and development of online information exchange system within Member Universities. Various initiatives to enhance information sharing and dissemination have been launched since AUNILO’s official establishment in 2003.

- The 6th AUNILO Committee Meeting was held during 7-9 April 2010 in Jakarta hosted by Universitas Indonesia with the theme entitled “Building Portal, Bridging Nations”. Reflecting the Meeting theme, the main focus was to establish the Portal as the main system for information and materials sharing among member institutions.

- The Meeting concluded that all member institutions agree to share the contents of their Institutional Repositories (IRs) subject to the legislation of their country as well as terms and level of access as decided by their parent institution. Survey of availability of IRs will be conducted in all member institutions. The Meeting also concurred that compiling a bibliography on a topic of common interest to be conducted with the minimum level of access to bibliographic record and abstract of items. In overseeing the inception of AUNILO Portal, all member institutions will pool financial support for continuous enhancement and maintenance of the Portal.

Website: http://aunilo.wordpress.com
AUN Intellectual Property Network (AUNIP)

**Secretariat:** Chulalongkorn University Intellectual Property Institute (CUIPI)

**Role:** The network on IP was established as a sub-network of the AUN named as “the ASEAN University Network Intellectual Property Network” or “AUNIP”.

- With the support from the ECAPII and Chulalongkorn University, the AUN organised the “ECAPII/AUN Regional Conference on IP Education and Networking” on 29-30 May 2007. Scholars from 12 AUN member universities; namely, the Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Gadjah Mada University, University of Indonesia, National University of Laos, University of Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia, University of the Philippines, Nanayang Technological University, Chulalongkorn University, Burapha University, Mahidol University and Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City attended the Conference. As a result of the ECAPII/AUN Regional Conference on IP Education and Networking organised in Bangkok in May 2007, the representatives agreed that network and partnership on IP should be established in the ASEAN region. Hence, the network on IP was established as a sub-network of the AUN named as “the ASEAN University Network Intellectual Property Network” or “AUNIP”.

- The AUNIP comprises 19 members of the AUN and shall enlarge at a later stage upon agreement of existing members. The AUNIP has main responsibility of enhancing IP knowledge in the region through the organisation of workshops/conferences and establishing relationship with other IP networks. It has been agreed that the AUNIP Meeting will be organised annually so that scheme of IP education would be developed.

- The establishment of the AUNIP came into effect through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 30 May 2007. The AUNIP’s main objectives are:
  - To enhance IP knowledge in the ASEAN region;
  - To raise the quality of IP education and research in the ASEAN region;
  - To assist both AUN and non-AUN Member Universities in developing IP curriculum and teaching materials for courses offered to law and non-law students; and
  - To organize innovative and high quality conferences and research seminars on significant contemporary IP developments.

- The 2nd AUNIP Board Meeting was hosted by the University of Malaya (UM) on 14 January 2009 at Hilton Petaling Jaya Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The Meeting was attended by the AUNIP Board Members and representatives from Universiti Brunei Darussalam, the National University of Laos, the University of Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia, De La Salle University, Ateneo de Manila University, the National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University, AUN and AUNIP Secretariats.
Achievements

The achievements of the year 2009/2010 were measured by the 10 key objectives that has been indicated in the AUN Secretariat Strategies Plan for 2010-2014.

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| Objective 6: Delivering new collaborative initiatives with new dialogue partners | Apart from our 4 current Dialogue Partners which are:  
- The European Union  
- China  
- The Republic of Korea  
- Japan  
New cooperation between ASEAN and the U.S. has been started. |
| Objective 7: Instigating new sub-network initiatives | Sub-network on AUN Human Rights Education already set up in February 2010 in order to serve and support the promotion of human rights in ASEAN. |
| Aim 4: To seek new funding sources for the operation of AUN activities | Achievements |
| Objective 8: Locating new funding sources for the long-term implementation of AUN’s activities | Japan Foundation has granted 14,000 USD to support AUN’s initiative on the University Social Responsibilities & Sustainability (USR &S) Programme  
2 local private sectors in Thailand namely, PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited, and Thai Beverage Company Limited provided the financial support to the AUN Activities in the amount of 5,000 USD. |
| Aim 5: To improve the managerial aspects of the network’s programmes, projects and activities | Achievements |
| Objective 9: Delivering improvements in staff’s performance | AUN Secretariat conducted an in-house training every 3 months, topics included in the trainings were Project’s Thinking and Planning, Immediate Problem Solving and Strategic Planning. |
| Objective 10: Delivering improvements in the core business processes of the Secretariat | The AUN Secretariat has developed a new model approach and workshop technology of AUN meetings and conferences. This is to encourage and increase an active participation from Member Universities which geared toward concrete outcomes. |
Special Thanks

Member Universities

Dialogue Partners

Supporting Organisation and Institution within ASEAN

Other Networks