

AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK

The leading universities of ASEAN namely Universiti Brunei Darussalam of Brunei Darussalam, Universitas Indonesia and Universitas Gadjah Mada of Indonesia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Malaya of Malaysia, University of the Philippines and De La Salle University of the Philippines, National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University of Singapore, and Chulalongkorn University and Burapha University of Thailand at the initiative of their respective governments (hereinafter referred to as Participating Universities) and represented by their Presidents/ Rectors/Vice-Chancellors as hereunder indicated:

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DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS :

The Participating Universities, in pursuance of the Charter of the ASEAN University Network, and as founding members, shall endeavour to promote human resource and capability development to further strengthen the existing network of leading universities and institutions of higher learning in the ASEAN region through the establishment of the ASEAN University Network, which shall hereinafter be referred to as AUN.

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

The AUN shall have the following objectives:

1. Promote cooperation and solidarity among professionals, academicians, scientists, and scholars in the region;
2. Develop academic and professional human resources in the region; and,
3. Promote information dissemination including electronic networking of libraries, exchanges and sharing of appropriate information among the members of the academic community, policy makers, students and other relevant users

ARTICLE II ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Academic institutions of any ASEAN member country may be admitted to the AUN upon submission of application for such membership to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following shall be the basis for acceptance of membership of an academic institution:

1. Recognition of its status as a centre of excellence in priority disciplines;
2. Faculty strength;
3. Experience in regional or international programmes; and,
4. Existence of adequate laboratories, libraries, and other facilities.

ARTICLE IV WORK PROGRAMMES

This Agreement shall encompass cooperative activities on the following:

1. Establishment of the AUN;
2. Student and faculty exchange programmes;
3. Scholarship for study at ASEAN universities;
4. Information networking among ASEAN universities;

5. Collaborative research; and,
6. Other projects that may be agreed upon by the AUN.

These activities shall be formulated in consultation with Participating Universities.

ARTICLE V

COMMITMENTS OF MEMBERS

To ensure effective collaboration among Participating Universities, the members shall endeavour to implement, as best as possible, the following measures:

1. Waiver of tuition and matriculation fees for selected disciplines and specific number of scholars;
2. Authorize the secondment/exchange of faculty members/ experts to academic institutions where their services are required;
3. Provide subsidy for the accommodation of scholars/faculty fellows;
4. Secure admissions of exchange students/scholars;
5. Assist students to enable them to participate in on-the-job training in private firms or companies;
6. Facilitate the exchange of library materials and publications electronically or through traditional means;
7. Authorize the cross-posting of researchers who are involved in joint research activities to optimize the use of laboratory facilities in the region;
8. Use resources under the technical assistance programme to complement AUN funds;
9. Allocate from the budget of the university such amounts as may be necessary to support priority programmes of the AUN and as identified under this Agreement or supplemental implementing agreements;
10. Secure the support of the public and private sectors for the AUN programmes; and,
11. Authorize eminent administrators or faculty members to serve in the AUN Secretariat or the Board of Trustees when nominated/ elected.

ARTICLE VI SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

The exchange of students, scholars and fellows, production of publications, other materials and information networking, and other related activities may be covered by specific contracts/agreements between the Participating Universities within the framework of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII FUNDING OF PROJECTS

In addition to the funds provided by the AUN, the members shall encourage cost-sharing in the funding of projects for the region. They shall also develop projects which will generate funds from other sources such as foundations and companies which are willing to support relevant projects.

ARTICLE VIII COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

In appropriate cases, technical personnel, governmental agencies and institutions of other countries may participate in projects and programmes being carried out under the Agreement at the invitation of any of the Participating Universities.

ARTICLE IX ENTRY AND EXIT IN MEMBER COUNTRY

Each Participating University shall facilitate entry into and exit from each territory of personnel and equipment of the other Party working on or used in joint projects and programmes in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations in force in their respective countries.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Each Participating University may, when circumstances warrant, request for the amendment of any provision of this Agreement after two years from effectivity thereof; provided however, such amendment will not be undertaken more than once every two years thereafter. Such amendment shall be approved after all parties concur thereto.

**ARTICLE XI
EFFECTIVITY**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the signing/ approval by member universities. It shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years and shall continue in force unless sooner terminated by the member universities. The notice to terminate shall be given to the Board of Trustees in writing, three (3) months prior to its meeting.

Projects which, at the expiration of this Agreement, have already commenced but have not been fully implemented, shall be carried out to their completion by the parties unless they shall agree to terminate it simultaneously with the termination of this Agreement.

Done in Capitals of ASEAN countries in November 1995 in eleven originals in English, all copies being equally authentic.