ASEAN Co-operation Initiative in Quality Assurance

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Background of ASEAN University Network (AUN)

• The AUN was established in November 1995.

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

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

- To promote co-operation 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
(10 ASEAN countries)

Brunei
• Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Cambodia
• Royal University of Phnom Penh

Indonesia
• Universitas Gadjah Mada
• Universitas Indonesia
• Institut Technologi 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
• Anteneo 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
Implementation of the AUN major activities:

1. ASEAN Studies Programme (M.A. in ASEAN Studies)
2. Student and Faculty Exchange Programme
   2.1 AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest
   2.2 ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum
   2.3 Student Exchange Programme
   2.4 AUN Distinguished Scholars Programme
3. Collaborative Research
4. Information Networking (AUNILO)
5. AUN Quality Assurance (AUN-QA)
Co-operation with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners

Co-operation under ASEAN-China
» ASEAN-China Academic Co-operation and Exchange Programme

Co-operation under ASEAN-EU
• ECAPII/AUN Intellectual Property Education Project
• ASEAN-European Engineering Exchange Programme (ASE3)

Co-operation under ASEAN-Japan
» AUN/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net)

Co-operation under ASEAN-Korea
» ASEAN-ROK Academic Exchange Programme
» International College Student Exchange Programme between Korea and ASEAN Nations
» Promotion of ASEAN and Korean Studies
» AUN-Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology Scholarship programme
Establishment of AUNQANET Task Force

Bangkok Accord on AUN-QA in 2000: All members shall....

1. Appoint Chief Quality Officer (CQOs) & organising workshops on AUN-QA for CQOs every six months

2. Formulate common AUN-QA policies, criteria and benchmarking procedures

3. Identify and encourage the implementation of QA good practices
4. Enhance mutual collaboration and information exchange

5. Invite and facilitate auditing, assessment and review by other member universities as well as by external bodies

6. Be responsible for the implementation of this Accord

7. Seek further and deeper engagement regarding QA in higher education with ASEAN Dialogue Partners
AUN-QA Common Policies

AUN Member Universities shall...

1) strive to improve the implementation of a QA System

2) institute a QA exchange and training programme

3) formulate a plan by which the QA System of Member Universities could be enhanced and commonly recognised by AUN

4) welcome cross-external audits using commonly agreed upon auditing instruments

5) quality criteria of the core activities of Member Universities shall be the foundation of any audit instruments formulated by AUN
AUN-QA Common Criteria

1 QA System
2 Teaching/Learning
3 Research
4 Services
5 Ethics
6 HRD
AUN-QA Achievement


AUN-QA Guidelines

<http://www.aun-sec.org>
With AUNP support,

- the ASEAN Regional QA Workshop and 8 National Workshops were organised by Drs Ton Vroeijenstijn.
- Training on Self-Assessment and Audit for the AUN-QA was conducted in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

As the results:

- Agreed to revise the AUN-QA Guidelines
- Selected voluntary CQOs to assist other AUN Member Universities for QA System Development
Follow-up from the Yogyakarta Workshop:

- The HRK expressed the intention of cooperation in the field of QA with AUN;
- Informal meeting of the “Steering Group” for the project “Towards a manual for AUN-QA”
With CQOs’ co-operation, the final draft of a manual for the Guidelines was endorsed by the 20th AUN-BOT meeting in November 2006.

The manual was supported by HRK.

Currently, AUN is disseminating the manual to AUN and Non-AUN Member Universities.

<http://www.aun-sec.org>
AUN-QA continuation

- The 7th AUN-QA Workshop was organised on 3-4 May 2007 in Burapha University, Thailand.

*Theme: “Internal Quality Assessment at Institutional and Programme Level”*
Objectives

• To continue AUN-QA activities and further enhance higher education standard

• To practice “Manual for Implementation of AUN-QA Guidelines” by assessing the programme level (Engineering programme)

• To gain the experience in the IQA at institutional and programme level
Outcomes

- Gain experiences in implementing “AUN-QA Guidelines & Manual”
- Refine the Manual for better implementation by CQOs’ Task force
- Set up the CQOs’ Team for promoting AUN-QA System within ASEAN and with other regions
- Strengthening the AUN-QA System among AUN Member Universities
  – Actual assessment programme for voluntary AUN Member Universities
- Agree on the preparation of “AUN-QA Label”???
Future Activities (I)

- Actual assessment at programme level (Business and Engineering programme) by AUN-CQOs’ Team:
  - University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur on 11-12 December 2007
  - De La Salle University, Philippines in June 2008
  - University of Indonesia, Jakarta in December 2008
  - University Brunei Darussalam in June 2009
  - Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh in December 2009
Future Activities (II)

• AUN-CQOs’ Team will conduct the series of training/workshop in CLMV countries supported by ASEAN (tentatively in early 2008).

• AUN-CQOs will prepare details for AUN-BOT approval in order to certify “AUN-QA Label” in the future.
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