



ASEAN FOUNDATION

Think, **Feel** and **Be** ASEAN



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1. ASEAN Foundation Scholarship

About

The ASEAN Foundation Scholarship was set up to raise awareness about ASEAN, bring the young people of ASEAN closer together, and to build the skill capacity of these university students. By immersing themselves in another country, the students can make new friends, gain new experiences, and will be able to think, feel and be ASEAN.

Outcomes

ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS)

Launched in 2014, the ASEAN Foundation – Kyoto University Scholarship enabled undergraduates to spend one semester at Kyoto University, and similarly, students from Kyoto University could spend time at a university in the ASEAN University Network (AUN). As of March 2017, 20 ASEAN students and 20 Japanese students have taken part in this scheme. The ACTS scheme aims to promote understanding between ASEAN students and Japanese students. It aims to facilitate student mobility and expose students to new international experiences as they become true global citizens.



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Chulabhorn – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship

The Chulabhorn Graduate Institute - ASEAN Foundation Post-Graduate Scholarship initiative in Science and Technology aims to build the capacity of the next generation of ASEAN scientists. Postgraduate students from ASEAN could apply for this scholarship to study a course of their choice at the Chulabhorn Graduate Institute.

Through fulfilling their studies at the institute, the scholars also learned about Thai culture, and by interacting with the international community at the institute, raised awareness about ASEAN as well.

As of March 2017, there are six Indonesians, two Filipinos, and three Viet Nam nationals taking part in this programme.



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2. ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting

About

Many citizens of ASEAN may not understand how ASEAN works and how the decisions made at the regional level can help them. However, through the ASEAN Foundation's Model ASEAN Meeting (AFMAM), many ASEAN youths were given the opportunity to experience ASEAN for themselves.

The students took on the role of country leaders of another ASEAN country that was not their own, so they gained deep insights into other ASEAN member states. The students gained a greater understanding of the ASEAN Charter, the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, ASEAN protocols and procedures, and how all these parts in the system worked together for the betterment of ASEAN.

They had to discuss the respective areas of concern within their assigned roles, and had to come up with a proposal or resolution paper and an outcome document. By working together and interacting with each other over the course of the programme, the students forged networks with their peers, and learned important skills such as public speaking, negotiation, and diplomacy.



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The event was well received as 89 per cent of the participants found their overall experience in the 2nd AFMAM 2016 positive. Many of the students shared that they all learned something they couldn't have in the classroom and that it was a very value-added experience for them. 72% of participants indicated that they would like to host their own Model ASEAN Meeting in their university back home.

This positive response was received from the very first AFMAM in 2015, because in 2016, four university-level Model ASEAN Meetings were organised by the AFMAM alumni in ASEAN Member States. They were organised in Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Thailand. What's impressive is that even universities outside ASEAN and from ASEAN Dialogue Partner countries organised their own Model ASEAN Meeting. These were held by university students in China and New Zealand. This helps to spread more awareness about what ASEAN is, how it works, and the importance of an ASEAN Community to even more youths, as those who did not attend the regional AFMAM got to experience ASEAN for themselves.



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3. ASEAN Science and Technology Fellowship

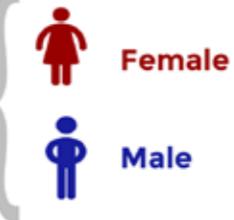
About

Policies have a huge impact on improving the lives of people in ASEAN, and the Science and Technology Fellowship allows scientists and researchers in ASEAN to play a part. Through the Fellowship, ASEAN scientists and researchers will be integrated into national-level ministries in ASEAN Member States to encourage governments to use more science based approaches in their policy making and decision making.

How Can Line Ministries Participate?

- 1 Submit Letter of interest to ASEAN Foundation
- 2 Select shortlisted Fellows from applicant database
- 3 Confirm placement of Fellows & nominated supervisor

S&T Fellows



Qualifications

- Citizen of ASEAN Member State, aged 45 or younger
- Early Career Scientists
- Doctorate or Master's Degree with 5 years professional experience

Technical Areas of Focus

- Energy
- Health
- Climate Change
- Science, Technology & Innovation

WHY SCIENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING?

- To increase synergy between scientists and policymakers
- Equip early-career scientists with skills and resources to support informed, data-driven public policymaking

- Support ASEAN Community integration by building transnational network

Outcomes

6 fellows started the first fellowship in 2014, followed by 14 fellows in 2015, and a new batch of 15 fellows who started theirs in 2016. A total of 35 fellows have participated in the programme. Equipped with the knowledge of science and technology, they can closely advise governments when they are making policies and other national-level decisions that can benefit from their insights. The Fellows in the initiative will also gain knowledge about how policy making works and how governments are run, and the programme will raise awareness about ASEAN at high levels of government.



4. ASEAN Data Science Explorers (ADSE): Partnership with SAP (2017)



About

The ASEAN Data Science Explorers (ADSE) is a national and regional competition jointly organised between the ASEAN Foundation and SAP to give ASEAN youths a voice, understand the challenges of the 10-member states and take part in leading social transformation within the ASEAN bloc. Through a data analytics competition, this joint-initiative encourages ASEAN youths in all 10 ASEAN Member States to harness the power of data, highlighting the key issues in ASEAN and derive meaningful insights that lead to innovative solutions. The innovative solution that youths will submit is not limited to a campaign, policy, product, or service recommendation.

Targeting tertiary students across all 10 ASEAN member states from any discipline, this data analytics competition aims to enhance awareness and appreciation of the ASEAN community amongst ASEAN youths. Titled "Today's Youth for Tomorrow's World", this competition will allow all ASEAN youths to play a key role in tackling today's social issues facing the region and help create positive change for a better future.

By using the SAP Analytics Cloud tool (formerly known as SAP BusinessObjects Cloud), the initiative encourages participants to deliver data-driven insights which highlight issues in ASEAN across six United Nation Sustainable Development Goals, namely (1) good health and well-being, (2) quality education, (3) gender equality, (4) clean water and sanitation, (5) decent work and economic growth, and (6) sustainable cities and communities. This will also work towards realising the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025 vision of creating an ASEAN community that engages and benefits the people, and is inclusive, sustainable, resilient and dynamic.





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