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#### **ASEAN Foundation, AUN/Seed-Net, JICA collaborate to promote knowledge exchange and networking in ASEAN**



On 11 June 2010, the ASEAN Foundation and ASEAN University Network / Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/Seed-Net) formalized its partnership to undertake the “AUN/Seed-Net Regional Conference Project (Phase II)”, a project that aims to further strengthen and promote consortium among engineering scholars, industry and community through capacity-building and networking. The signing ceremony led by Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte, Jr., Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Prakrit Tangtisanon, Executive Director of AUN/SEED-Net was also attended by representatives from the ASEAN University Network, Embassy of Japan in Thailand, JICA and AUN/Seed-Net Thai Member Institutions including Burapha University, Chulalongkorn University, and King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang.

With funding support from the ASEAN Foundation through the Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the project will implement 14 regional conferences in nine engineering fields, which will draw together experts and researchers from leading universities in ASEAN and Japan including representatives from the government and private institutions to exchange experiences and knowledge and share technologies in various areas such as energy, natural resources, materials and disaster management which are essential to the development of the ASEAN region. Among the outputs of the regional conferences are publications such as journals and proceedings and platform to promote transfer of relevant technologies for possible development and commercialization in ASEAN countries.

This partnership addresses the mission of the ASEAN Foundation of promoting ASEAN awareness and identity and enhancing collaboration among ASEAN stakeholders. Through the promotion of technology transfer, the project also aims to develop quality human resources in ASEAN through capacity-building and to bridge the development gap between developed and less developed ASEAN member countries.

The AUN/Seed-Net was established in 2001 aimed at promoting human resources development in engineering in ASEAN. It comprises of 19 Member Institutions in ASEAN and 11 Japanese

supporting universities. The ASEAN Foundation, through the Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund, has supported the development of AUN/Seed-Net through various projects amounting to more than US\$1.4 million. The ASEAN Foundation helped enhance the educational and research capacities of the network's member institutions, supported 28 regional conferences in various engineering fields wherein more than 1,400 engineering professors, scientists and professionals participated together with international and regional organizations, business groups and experts from other countries outside ASEAN.

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