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ASEAN **Australia** Education **Dialogue**

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Linking Australia with Southeast Asia


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About Us

The ASEAN-Australia Education Dialogue (AAED) is a track II diplomacy platform that strengthens Australia's education and training relationship with key stakeholders in the ASEAN region. It is focused on achieving practical partnership outcomes for Australia and ASEAN.

AAED was inaugurated in 2017 by ASEAN Focus Group (AFG VG) and received initial seed funding support from the Australia-ASEAN Council at the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Since then, it has been largely self-funding with unlimited goodwill and limited sponsorship support from various education and training institutions, businesses, State and Territory Governments as well as NGOs across Australia and Southeast Asia.



Australian Mission to ASEAN



“ ...we seek a region where sovereignty and a country's right to make its own decisions are respected. With ASEAN centrality at its core. ”

Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Australian Foreign Minister
'Australia's future is tied to the region we all share' - The Jakarta Post
7 June 2022

AAED Partners and Supporters 2020-2021





Key Outcomes from AAED 2018-2022

- Deepening relationships for Australian international education sector with key ASEAN stakeholders including the ASEAN University Network (AUN), SEAMEO and the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN)
- Commercial benefits for Australian and ASEAN education businesses including universities
- Study visit to Australia by senior staff from AUN to meet Australian university and peak body counterparts
- Bi monthly AAED newsletters
- Special edition of *Higher Education in Southeast Asia (HESB)* devoted to AAED 2019
- Strengthening the Adelaide- George Town (Penang) Sister City relationship
- Targeted webinar series 2020-22 covering all key education sectors including EdTech, as well as country focus updates on Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Brunei

Photo Gallery

AAED Plenary and Breakout Sessions-Penang Malaysia



Photo Gallery

Social Events - 2019 Welcome Reception in UNESCO
World Heritage George Town, Penang, Malaysia



What our delegates say about AAED?



Dr Syaheerah Lebai Lutfi

Former Deputy Director

International Mobility and Collaboration Centre (IMCC)
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

"AAED is an exceptionally good platform, probably the only and unique platform that connects ASEAN and Australian education institutions. USM has made valuable connections and we are going all out to build partnerships with Australia".



Dr Choltis Dhirathiti

Executive Director

ASEAN University Network (AUN)

"The AUN Secretariat has enjoyed working with ASEAN Focus Group (AFG) on the ASEAN-Australia Education Dialogue (AAED) since 2018. AFG and AAED's stellar record in producing indispensable results in building regional connectivity will strengthen the partnerships in the education and training sectors between ASEAN and Australia".



Julie Wilkens McMahon

Regional Director (APAC)

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings

"AAED is a fantastic opportunity to learn from and work with key individuals in a fresh and innovative initiative to build and strengthen relationships across the region. The event fostered timely dialogue and follow-up actions to produce true impact".



Planning Ahead - AAED 2022 and 2023

AAED Cambodia 2022

The AAED Secretariat is currently meeting with key stakeholders in Cambodia, including the Australia Centre for Education (ACE), Puthisastra University, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) through Rebecca Ball Senior Trade Commissioner for Vietnam and Cambodia, as well as representatives from the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh.

Depending on the COVID-19 situation, we are hoping to convene AAED as a hybrid event in Cambodia in November 2022 when Cambodia is the Chair of ASEAN and the presidency of AustCham ASEAN also sits with Cambodia.

AAED Indonesia 2023

Indonesia will be the Chair of ASEAN in 2023 and it will be a vital year for ASEAN-Australia relations. We will be discussing and planning the AAED program with key stakeholders over the next 12 months.



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