

UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASCC BLUEPRINT

Commission on Higher Education (October 2013 – December 2014)

ACTION LINE	ACCOMPLISHMENT			Remarks
	Programs/ Projects/ Activities Conducted	Date Conducted	Outputs	
A. Human Development				
A.1 Advancing and Prioritizing Education				
	ASEAN 2015-2025 Strategic and Action Plan	In progress (1 st FGD held on 27 March 2014; 2 nd FGD held on 24 April 2014; 3 rd FGD held on 25 July 2014)	The Commission already hosted three Focused Group Discussions as the means to consult with its stakeholders: the first was with AIMS/UMAP participating HEIs; the second was with SUC Presidents; the third was with entities facilitating industry-HEI linkages	The draft version has been accomplished by the Consultant and is due to be presented for public hearing within Q2 or Q3 of 2015
	Building of higher education partnerships with fellow ASEAN Member States	In progress (signing of the PH-Indonesia MOU on Higher Education Cooperation was on 23 May 2014)	Signed the MOU on Higher Education Cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, Indonesia	A Philippines-Indonesia Action Plan on Higher Education is currently under development, which is expected to be completed in the PH-Indonesia JWG Meeting on HE within 2015

				Other MOUs on Higher Education under negotiation are those with Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
	Participation in the establishment of an ASEAN Quality Assurance Network	In progress (CHED representative attended the AQAN Roundtable meeting on 6 March 2014)		AQAN concentrates on building the ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework for higher education through discussions and sharing of QA best practices and experiences.
v. Promote education networking in various levels of educational institutions and continue university networking and enhance and support student and staff exchanges and professional interactions including creating research clusters among ASEAN institutions of higher learning, in close collaboration with the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the ASEAN University Network (AUN)	Co-hosting of the 6 th Rectors Conference of the ASEAN University Network and Academic Summit with DLSU	17-22 June 2014	A total of around 100 participants attended the Rectors' Conference, Board of Trustees Meeting, and the Academic Summit	
	Co-hosting of the AUN/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net) Joint Review Committee (JRC) Meeting with MSU-IIT	24 June 2014	The AUN/SEED-Net, now on its 3rd Phase, has been evaluated through reports given by the AUN/SEED-Net Secretariat and Philippine member HEIs i.e. UP, DLSU, and MSU-IIT	
vii. Strengthen collaboration with other regional and international educational organizations to enhance the quality of education in the region	Co-hosting of the 1 st ASEAN Teachers' Camp with PNU	14-17 December 2013	A total of around 100 participants attended the event at the Teachers' Camp, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City	The event produced the idea of an ASEAN Teacher Education Network; PNU thus hosted the ASEAN+3 Teacher Education Conference on 18-19 September 2014

	Co-hosting of the 2014 Congress of the ASEAN Association of Schools of Medical Technology (AASMT) with PASMETH	10-12 December 2014	This event was the second international congress of the AASMT. It aimed to strengthen cooperation between schools of Medical Technology in ASEAN countries with the end view of unifying and improving academic standards in medical technology education within the region.	One of the results of the Congress was the establishment of the AASMT head office/secretariat here in the Philippines.
xvii. Promote the options of university placements in an institution of higher learning in a second ASEAN Member State through “a semester abroad” or “a year abroad” programme	Participation in the ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme	In progress	Twelve Philippine HEIs were selected to participate in the AIMS Programme (see attached list) for our pilot year this AY 2014-2015	
	Hosting of the 7th AIMS Review Meeting, in cooperation with UP, DLSU, UST, and ADMU	8-9 May 2014	150+ participants attended (3 from Brunei; 16 from Indonesia; 14 from Malaysia; 67 from the Philippines; 16 from Thailand; 10 from Vietnam; 22 from Japan; 4 from SEAMEO RIHED, etc)	
	Hosting of the International Relations Officers’ (IRO) Workshop	10-11 December 2014	Representatives of the IROs of the 12 participating HEIs in the AIMS Programme and other schools attended; Major topics discussed included the possibility of establishing an IRO	

			Association in the Philippines and the IRO guidelines to be drafted by the Commission; Schools consulted representatives from the DFA, DOJ and BI for their concerns	
A.2 Investing in Human Resource Development				
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		<p>(CHED representatives attended the 5th Meeting of the Task Force on AQRF held on 7-8 October 2014 and the IOM ASEAN Forum held on 9-10 October 2014 in Manila)</p> <p>PRC's hosting of the 5th TF-AQRF was co-funded and supported by CHED</p>	<p>The status of the endorsement of the AQRF by relevant ministerial meetings, implementation of the AQRF, the concept of a Governance and ASEAN Quality Board, and the AANZFTA ECWP NQF Phase III Project, among others, were discussed.</p>	<p>2014 in Myanmar, the Framework was subsequently endorsed at the 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Meeting and at the 8th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) in August and September 2014, respectively. The AQRF is currently under inter-sessional consideration by the ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM).</p>
A.4 Promoting Information and Communication Technology (ICT)				
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A.5 Facilitating access to applied Science and Technology (S&T)				
<p>ii. Strengthen collaborative research and development in applied S&T to enhance community well-being</p>	<p>Co-hosting of the 6th International Conference on Humanoid, Nanotechnology, Information Technology, Communication and Control, Environment, and</p>	<p>12-14 November 2013</p>	<p>Around 450 participants attended the event</p>	<p>Aside from the note above, the knowledge pooled at this event is applicable to various areas, including emerging advanced technologies. It is currently</p>

	Management with DLSU			in line with CHED's PHERNet Sustainability Research Projects within the Philippines.
E. BUILDING ASEAN IDENTITY				
E. 1 Promotion of ASEAN awareness and sense of community				
vi. Support school activities promoting ASEAN awareness, such as by encouraging the observance of the annual ASEAN Day	Celebration of the ASEAN Day in partnership with DLSU	8 August 2014	Around 100 participants attended the event, comprised of international students from DLSU and CHED officials and personnel	To mark the milestone that is AEC 2015, 2015's activity will be a week-long event and will be hosted in cooperation with higher education institutions around the country.