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Prof. Hiroshi Matsumoto
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Dear Prof. Hiroshi Matsumoto,

Subject: 14th AUN and 3rd ASEAN+3 Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest

The ASEAN University Network (AUN) is a Network of 26 leading universities in 10 ASEAN Countries, established under the Charter signed by the ASEAN Ministers responsible for higher education and operated under the umbrella of ASEAN. The Network aims at hastening the development and solidarity of the ASEAN's region through collaborative programme between ASEAN countries and ASEAN dialogue partners, namely, the People's Republic of China, European Union, Japan, Republic of Korea and USA.

Regarding the ASEAN+3 relations, the 6th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (6th ASED), held on 29 January 2011, noted the ASEAN+3 Plan of Action on Education: 2010-2017 as part of the East Asia cooperation framework. The main aim of this plan is to promote educational cooperation between East and Southeast Asia as identified in the ASEAN+3 Cooperation Work Plan adopted at the 11th ASEAN+3 Summit in 2007.

To be in line with the Plan of Action, AUN proposed to extend the existing AUN activities to the Plus Three countries, in particular the initiative on youth exchanges. In order to intensify the cooperation on ASEAN+3 youth activity, the AUN Secretariat would like to invite the universities in the Plus Three countries to participate in **the 14th AUN and 3rd ASEAN+3 Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest in Indonesia. The Forum will be hosted by Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB), Bandung, Indonesia on 3-9 June 2013 under the theme "*Roles of the future leaders of ASEAN+3 toward overcoming connectivity problem for economic growth.*"**

The Forum primary objectives, are to allow participants to gain a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges facing ASEAN and East Asian communities and to encourage higher education cooperation towards ASEAN and East Asian integration.

The 14th AUN and 3rd ASEAN+3 Education Forum and Young Speakers Contest comprises of four main academic and non-academic activities, which are:

- Round table discussion and presentation on ASEAN+3 issues
- Speakers Contest
- Special lecture
- Cultural Programme

Guideline for Educational Forum

In this regard, the AUN Secretariat and ITB kindly request each member university to nominate **one student and one faculty member** to be the university's representatives for the Educational Forum.

Participating students are requested to submit a 1,500 words paper addressing the theme ***“Roles of the future leaders of ASEAN+3 toward overcoming connectivity problem for economic growth.”*** Students will be asked to make a 10 minutes oral presentation of their paper at the forum. The panel (round table) will be opened after the presentation and that students will be given a chance to discuss on the relevant issues. Faculty members would be assumed as a resource person to help their students come up with a Country Recommendation and the ASEAN+3 Youth Joint Statement after the meeting. The ASEAN+3 Youth Joint Statement will be submitted to the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) through the ASEAN Secretariat for reference and further action.

Deadline and instructions for paper submission

Desired papers should be appropriately focused and analytical in nature; while participants are encouraged to provide their opinion towards the theme ***“Roles of the future leaders of ASEAN+3 toward overcoming connectivity problem for economic growth.”*** Participants should seek to present arguments that address various aspects of the main theme of the 14th AUN and 3rd ASEAN+3 Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest. Participants are also encouraged to build on past scholarship through reference to sources like the *Journal of East Asian Studies* and expertise knowledge of ASEAN+3 policy in their respective countries.

The essay should be composed of the following components;

- Introduction
- Content
- Conclusion
- References

The essay paper is required to be submitted in soft copy to the AUN Secretariat at aun.naparat@gmail.com and Cc. to aun.vipada@gmail.com, aun.guill@gmail.com within **10 May 2013.**

Guideline for Young Speakers Contest

The AUN Secretariat and ITB kindly request each member university to nominate **one student representative** to the Speaker's Contest. Participating students are requested to submit a 2,000 words paper reflecting the aforementioned theme.

Deadline and instructions for paper submission

Participants of the Young Speakers Contest are requested to **orally** present their speeches that are relevant to the main theme. The oral presentation should **not exceed 10 minutes in length**. Presentations will be scored in terms of content and participants' oratorical skill.

The essay paper is required to be submitted in soft copy to the AUN Secretariat at aun.naparat@gmail.com and Cc. to aun.vipada@gmail.com, aun.guill@gmail.com within **10 May 2013**.

Qualifications of the Participants

For Lecturers

1. Be a current lecturer of the respective university, age not over 45 years old to the date of application
2. Be citizen of the Plus Three countries
3. Possess sound knowledge of ASEAN and East Asia
4. Be a good team player with good communication skills
5. Be a healthy person with an ability to adapt to change
6. Experience in dealing with people from diverse background
7. Possess good command of English
8. Committed to attend the programme for the duration of 7 days

For Students

1. Be a current student of the respective university, preferably in the second or third year of study
2. Be citizen of the Plus Three countries
3. Possess sound knowledge of ASEAN and East Asia
4. Be a good team player with good communication skills
5. Be a healthy person with an ability to adapt to change
6. Possess good command of English
7. Committed to attend the programme for the duration of 7 days

In this regard, the AUN Secretariat and ITB would like to seek your kind assistance in **nominating 2 students (1 for Educational Forum and 1 for speakers contest) and 1 faculty member** as your university representatives to the event as the detail listed above.

Following our common practice of the previous Forum, the AUN-BOT agreed on a cost-sharing principle in which ITB as the host university is responsible for organising costs in Indonesia, namely accommodations, local transportation, and meals while the AUN Secretariat will take care of other relevant expenditures such as communication cost. **The participants are requested to bear their own international traveling expenses.**

As attached herewith, please find 1) Three separate registration forms for student representatives and faculty member and 2) Tentative Programme. For further arrangements, **it would be most appreciated if you could return the completed registration forms of the nominees, essays and other required documents to the AUN Secretariat within 10 May 2012.**

Your kind cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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