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Message from DCA



Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to all our partners and stakeholders. The past success and achievements of the project wouldn't have been possible without your strong and continuous supports to JICA Project for AUN/SEED-Net.

Starting from last year, JICA Project for AUN/SEED-Net has opted the "Go Green" policy meaning a digital platform rather than a paper-based one was favored because we consider environmental issues as one of our priorities. Reducing paper waste in the workplace could be one tangible and effective stepping stone to save our planet. Aside from the fact that digital platforms can be reached by a wider audience and people nowadays are more IT savvy than ever, this will allow more people, including our future applicants and members from our Member Institutions (MIs) to easily get access to the pool of information at the same time. You will see more of our programs with online features such as online application forms, e-meeting minutes and e-annual reports, and e-newsletters (like this one!). Thanks to the new technology that allows us to move towards a more eco-friendly life. It is time to go green!



New Project Phase IV, more exciting future to come!

March 11, 2018 marked the day AUN/SEED-Net Phase IV officially started. For the past 15 years, we have put our best efforts to drive the engineering education in ASEAN countries through our scholarships, research and mobility grants, and numerous networking events.

The road ahead for the next 5 years will be as an exciting journey for us to reach our project's objectives in which we are committed to maintain the currently established strong network between our ASEAN member institutions and Japanese supporting universities and to make it flourish.

In this new phase, we are excited to introduce our new programs: Collaborative Education Program (CEP) and Alumni Support Program (ASP) which are crafted to sustainably enhance collaborations between our member institutions and industry on academic, research, and mobility purposes. With these new activities, we look forward to exciting future endeavors in engineering education within ASEAN countries and Japan.

Want to Present paper? Share thoughts and ideas with interesting people? If this is what you are looking for...

AUN/SEED-Net Regional Conferences are coming soon!

AUN/SEED-Net's Regional Conferences are organized annually, bringing together people from academia, industry and government to share knowledge and information. For many years, our regional conferences have contributed to strengthening AUN/SEED-Net's scholar network and fostering collaboration between ASEAN and Japan.

Served as a platform for knowledge sharing, the conferences provide an opportunity for academic staff and students to present their research findings and to gain insight into current technology trends. All participants can enjoy these interesting presentations as well as lectures by high-profile speakers from leading universities and industries.

In addition, the Field Management Meeting (FMM) is held in parallel with the conference to discuss the future direction of field activities for sustainability in the long run. The participants are

representatives from Japanese Supporting Universities, ASEAN Host Institutions and AUN/SEED-Net Secretariat.

Let's be a part of our events and meet with other professionals. Your participation is welcome. The sponsorship is eligible for academic staff of AUN/SEED-Net's network and PhD Singapore and Japan scholars who wish to present their research findings.

The upcoming conferences in 7 engineering fields are shown in the following table.

Date	Regional Conference on...	Host
August 14-15, 2018	Electrical and Electronics Engineering (RC EEE)	Universiti Sains Malaysia
September 3-5, 2018	Natural Disaster (RC ND)	Universitas Gadjah Mada
September 5-6, 2018	Civil Engineering (RC CE)	Universitas Gadjah Mada
September 27-28, 2018	Environmental Engineering (RC EnvE)	Institute of Technology of Cambodia
September 27-28, 2018	Energy Engineering (RC EneE)	University of the Philippines Diliman
November 7-8, 2018	Chemical Engineering (RC ChE)	Universitas Gadjah Mada
November 26-27, 2018	Computer and Information Engineering (RC CIE)	Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember

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ASEAN Engineering Journal (AEJ)

First launched in 2011, ASEAN Engineering Journal (AEJ) is intended to be an international platform for scholars, researchers, and students from ASEAN countries to publish the new and innovative knowledge from academic research outcomes in the region and to improve research quality through review process as well as to develop strong academic society and network.

From 2017 onwards, AEJ will no longer be divided into Part A, B, and C. All the three parts will be merged under the new name ASEAN Engineering Journal with a new e-ISSN 2586-9159. It will only publish full papers in electronic format and the printed versions will no longer be available. In addition, AEJ will introduce an online journal management system that allows the journal to be fully automated and electronically managed.

AEJ is indexed by Thai-Journal Citation Index Centre (TCI) and ASEAN Citation Index (ACI). The journal is in the final process of being indexed by SCOPUS, a famous database of peer reviewed literature containing abstracts and citations for academic journal articles.

AEJ is open for online-submission all year round welcoming all researchers, especially from the ASEAN region, including young staff and graduate students. For more information about the journal, please visit <http://www.aseanengineering.net/aej/>

We look forward to receiving your online-submission!

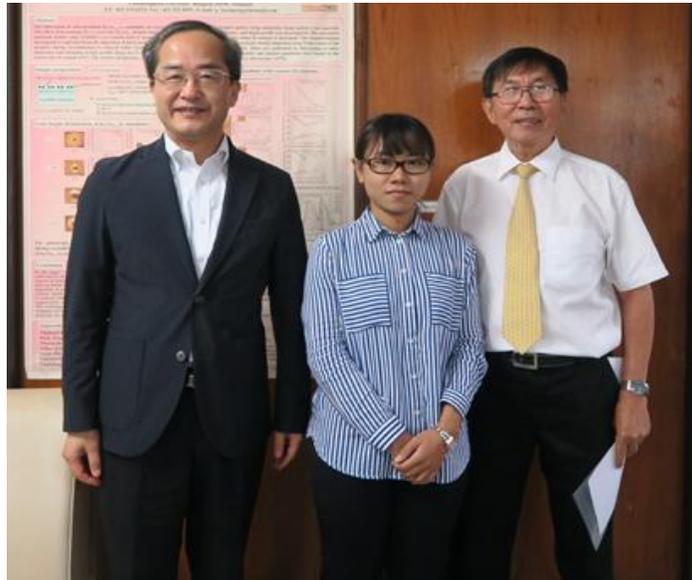
Meet our AUN/SEED-Net's outstanding scholar!



We are pleased to introduce one of our excellent students, Ms. Zon from The University of Yangon (UY), Myanmar. In 2014, she received an Integrated Graduate Degree Program scholarship (integration of Master's and Doctoral Degree Program) to study at the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) at Chulalongkorn University (CU) in Thailand. Her academic performance proves to be outstanding by the fact that she has published 5 papers with high standard international journals, it is a great opportunity for us to have her share her secret that makes her stand out.

“I have learned and gained many wonderful and memorable experience while being here but I have to face a lot of difficulties at the same time. I think the key to my success is attitude, motivation, and English skills. I wouldn't be afraid to ask questions when I don't understand something and I've never given up when I have to struggle with my study. When I have problems I will not sit on the fence but actively seek help from my advisor and people around me.”

She elaborated further that the problem of language barrier might affect the performance of international students, and the importance of English skills was emphasized.



Ms. Zon also mentioned that without the strong support from her advisor (Dr. Somsak Panyakeaw) at CU and Japanese co-advisor (Prof. Yasuhiko Arakawa) at The University of Tokyo, she could not have reached this far. Dr. Somsak always encouraged her to go beyond her limits by stepping out of her comfort zone when opportunities knocked on her door and gave herself a try and learned from the mistakes.

Lastly, Ms. Zon expressed her gratitude to AUN/SEED-Net. Having been dispatched to Japan under the Short-Term Study in Japan Program (SSJP) had proven to be advantageous when she was presented with lots of opportunities to conduct many experiments with state of the art devices and facilities.

Ms. Zon passed her thesis defense with an excellent result. She will be leaving Thailand and back to Myanmar this coming August. She is planning to be a faculty member at the Sending Institution at the University of Yangon. So we wish her all the best to the bright future ahead and we believe that what she had gained as an AUN/SEED-Net scholarship student would be beneficial to her university and country.

You are really one of the exceptional AUN/SEED-Net scholarship student, we will definitely keep in touch with you with our future programs and activities. See you around!

Meet our new staff at AUN/SEED-Net

Welcome back to the family! Ms. Kanokpan Paladech used to be a part of this family at the beginning of Phase III and left for a while. Now she is back with the team at the beginning of Phase IV. She had been involved in several social development projects during her career pursuits away from the Secretariat. She loves yummy food but she also does exercises after work to lose those calories she has taken during the day to stay in shape. What a great work life balance since we all know that a sound mind lives in a healthy body!



Ms. Kanokpan Paladech (in her own word)

“To work with JICA Project for AUN/SEED-Net again in this phase is my great pleasure.

The concept of human resource and sustainable development with international collaboration always inspires me. Working in an organization with a friendly atmosphere with an excellent team and other people within the great network will be invaluable in my professional experience.

I am glad to be a part of a team to give support to people who strive to develop a culture of innovation and advanced technology that would have a huge impact on the society. Let us work together to create a better future.”

About our activity of the month



Only an hour drive away from the bustling city of Bangkok lies a hidden treasure cove where thousands of fireflies light up the night sky and various kinds of palatable food await. The staff from AUN/SEED-Net office had an opportunity to enjoy a great team outing experience together at Baan Siriporn Resort in Samut Songkhram between June 8-9, 2018. Not only did the event prove to be fruitful and productive in bringing in lots of useful ideas to drive the organization ahead, but it also provided a good chance to the people behind the scenes of the project success to rub their shoulders with one another while being surrounded with good music, delicious food and good vibes to have their energy boosted up.

“I had such a fun evening with great activities that would make everybody do their job to serve you better.” *Sirin Chakamanont*

“Bravo, it was such an incredible night with a mind opening session.” *Erina Tsuchii*

See you again in the next volume 😊



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