1. On-Going Programs

1.1 Collaborative Education Program (CEP)

AUN/SEED-Net Welcomes 5 New Consortiums Under Collaborative Education Program

Following the first consortium led by Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University in August 2018, 5 more consortiums are awarded early this year.

Among a wide variety of academic activities offered, these consortiums commonly feature scholarships, staff and student mobility schemes, international workshops and conferences, formulation of Double Degree programs, and hands-on experiences through research collaboration with private sector.

The followings are the 6 consortiums under CEP.

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In 2018, CEP was initiated. Through long-standing partnership among academic institutions and industrial alliances, it is anticipated that the networking and collaboration AUN/SEED-Net has built up for more than 15 years will be sustained and enhanced.

The brand-new program empowers the Member Institutions (MIs) to create and manage their own projects in order to gain the greatest benefits among members. The program implementation has already kicked off and it will last until December 2022.

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• Universiti Sains Malaysia  
• Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University | • National University of Laos  
• University of Yangon |
| Industrial Partner | Takasago Thermal Engineering | • Shimadzu  
• Primetech Corporation  
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• Universiti Brunei Darussalam | Yangon Technological University |
| Industrial Partner | Dalian Research & Development (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. | JFE Steel Corporation |
KICK-OFF MEETING
Collaborative Education Program (CEP)

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1.2 Alumni Support Program (ASP)

Go Far, Go Together--Successful Alumni Network in 2018 & 2019

Alumni Support Program or ASP is a newly established program in phase IV of AUN/SEED-Net. Started in 2018, the first 2 alumni groups at HUST and ITC were initially set up with only 5 founding members, and now the network expanded outstandingly to 28 and 116 members respectively.

For ASP, alumni are not limited to only graduated scholars, but also the advisors and those who received our supports in collaborative research programs, mobility programs, trainings, and conferences. ASP fund is available for one alumni group per MI only, hence we strongly encourage our alumni to join this prestigious program, which will help strengthening the connection and further collaboration among them.

The highlights and plans of each alumni group/association are summarized below for your reference;

**HCMUT: HCMUT AUN/SEED-Net Alumni Association (H3A)**

* Creation of alumni database, directory and mail group
* Symposium-workshop-conference jointly organized by HCMUT Alumni and industrial partners, with emphasis on Japanese companies
* Collaboration of alumni and network among currently AUN/SEED-Net scholarship students, ASEAN and Japanese researchers, industry and community

**HUST: HUST/SEED-Net Alumni Group (awarded for 2nd consecutive year)**

* Continual annual general meeting
* Continuously promoting linkage with industry (activities include Industrial visit)
* Expanding alumni network with seminar/workshop under the topic of common academic interests

**ITC: AUN/SEED-Net Alumni in Cambodia (ASAC) (awarded for 2nd consecutive year)**

* Continuously collecting alumni information by expanding to private sectors and other Institutions
* Keeping the culture of gathering and networking with group meeting
* University – Industry linkage with relevant research topics in seminars

**UP: UP AUN/SEED-Net Alumni Association (ASAA)**

* Creation of alumni database including people who received different type of supports from AUN/SEED-Net
* Plan for registration of alumni association
* Involvement of the alumni group with other group of UP alumni
* Strengthening and expanding the network national and internationally with seminar, workshop, colloquium, and conference

**UTM: UTM Engineering & Sustainability SEED.Net Alumni**

* Alumni group established from people who have received support from AUN/SEED-Net, not only scholar
* Creation of alumni’s social media package and alumni website
* Workshop, seminar, and knowledge sharing among alumni and new potential partners from ASEAN countries in the process of translational research and academic program at the global sharing ecosystem

We look forward to seeing all the plans complete successfully and the network grow productively and sustainably.

The call for ASP application is announced every year, the next round will be announced soon.
1.3 Regional Conference (RC)

*Keep Calm and Stay Tuned for Our Upcoming Regional Conference in 2019*

For more than a decade, hundreds of RCs have been continuously hosted by our awarded MIs. Regional Conference program, one of the main programs organized to promote mobility among AUN/SEED-Net network, is an annual academic conference served as a forum for exchanging up-to-date knowledge and sharing experience among ASEAN and Japanese scholars in 10 thematic fields of engineering. With the attendance and support of external participants, including representatives from the governments, industrial partners, communities, non-MIs, and professional organizations, the outreach of AUN/SEED-Net academic network will contribute to the international development and collaboration in engineering in the future.

As for the year of 2019, 10 RCs will be organized by the awarded MIs which can be either hosted as a single event or hold in conjunction with related conferences. For delegations who would like to participate in any of our RCs this year, please find more information of the upcoming events in the summary table below;
2. News

2.1 ASEAN Engineering Journal (AEJ)

AEJ Celebrates its Acceptance to Scopus Database

Since its first launch in 2011, ASEAN Engineering Journal (AEJ) has never ceased to grow and always thrives to become an international platform for all researchers, scholars, and students from all around the world to publish their innovative knowledge and research work. The journal realizes that the indexation of a journal is a key indicator to determine the quality and the level of recognition of a journal. Since 2015, AEJ has been indexed by Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) and ASEAN Citation Index (ACI), which helped pave the way for our journal to reach another great achievement today.

We are pleased to announce that ASEAN Engineering Journal (AEJ) has now been
On June 5, 2019, Mr. Yusuke Murakami, Managing Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kasem Choocharukul, Assistant Executive Director, Prof. Dr. Teerapong Senjuntichai, Section Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Hideki Shimazu, Managing Editor and Ms. Paew Pirom, Project Editor, led AEJ Editorial team to submit the Scopus application at King Mongkut’s University of Technology. Prof. Dr. Narongrit Sombatsompop, Head of Thai-Journal Citation Index Center (TCI) and Chairman of ASEAN Citation Index (ACI), was also present to advise and facilitate the application process.

AEJ has officially been accepted for inclusion in Scopus database on June 17, 2019, taking only 13-day turnaround time.

TCI-TRF-Scopus Collaboration Project, initiated by Thai-Journal Citation Index Center (TCI), Thailand Research Fund (TRF), and Elsevier-Scopus, is a three-year project (2017-2020) which aims to enhance research visibility, capacity and impact of journals in Thailand and ASEAN countries. A number of trainings, workshops and seminars, along with monitoring sessions has been organized to improve the quality of journals in the program and ultimately reduce the turnaround time of Scopus application process. As one of the 40 selected journal titles in TCI-TRF-Scopus Collaboration Project, AEJ was the 27th journal accepted by Scopus. Our future articles will be indexed and appear in Scopus database.

AEJ editorial team would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to TCI-TRF-Scopus Collaboration Project for the continuous guidance and support to improve our journal quality and standard. The long-term contribution and tireless effort from all Editor-in-Chiefs, Reviewers, Editorial Board Members, and Authors are also the key factors that helped AEJ to achieve this significant milestone today.

2.2 Message from new staff
2.3 Premium: Polo, T-Shirt, And Folder

The exclusive items, including polo shirt, t-shirt, and folder with the official logo are now available for all JICA Project for AUN/SEED-Net family members. We have been distributing the items to create and strengthen a sense of community among our stakeholders. If you happened to be around, do not miss the opportunity to grab the premiums.