Hosted by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), the 21st Steering Committee Meeting and Year 2014 Annual Meeting successfully held on 17 November 2014. Attending the meeting were delegates from 26 Member Institutions (MIs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, ASEAN University Network, ASEAN Secretariat, and JICA Headquarters, with the special addresses from Prof. Dato’ Dr. Mohd Fauzi b. Hj. Ramlan, Vice Chancellor, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Mr. Aribayashi Koji, First Secretary from Mission of Japan to ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ms. Sano Keiko, Deputy Director General of Human Development Department, JICA, and Prof. Dato’ Dr. Asma Ismail, Director General Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Malaysia.

Underline: Main Country In-charge

The 23rd Steering Committee Meeting and Year 2015 Annual Meeting

Rhodes University 2014-2016

Pre-Steering Committee Meeting: 17th-18th November 2014

Main Country: Malaysia

Workshops: 19th November 2014

Interactive Session: 20th November 2014

The 23rd Steering Committee Meeting

The 23rd Steering Committee Meeting will be held on 16th-17th November 2015 at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa. The meeting consists of the following:

- Pre-Steering Committee Meeting: 17th-18th November 2015
- Main Country: Malaysia
- Workshops: 19th November 2015
- Interactive Session: 20th November 2015

The meeting will be held in accordance with the wishes of all participating countries and their respective representatives. The meeting will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and exchange ideas on the steering committee’s activities and achievements as well as their expectations towards the future.
Graduate Degree Program Scholarships Japanese First Year 2014: Successful Applicants, Final Result of Assessment

The results of screening of Graduate Degree Program Scholarships have been successfully finalized. The list of overseas applicants have been announced at http://www.japan-dp.jp, and announced at the same time through the following channels:

- The official web page of MEXT, the Embassy of Japan, the Japanese Educational Centers, and the Japanese Association for Overseas Study
- Japan Air Lines website

MEXT will have academic representatives from the four host institutions (Ph.D. Degree) of Phase I-VI, please make sure to read the instructions carefully.

The results of the initiative above (list 1) to raise awareness among students, (list 2) to increase number of applicants to host institution, and (list 3) to answer the questions of students, and (list 4) to further encourage students in engineering field, closed by the new year.

Almost 800 participants (undergraduate and faculty staff) including MEXT/SEED Network attended.

Regional Conference & Field Management Meeting

On day three, theMEXT Field Management meeting have been reported by each institution, meeting field with hundreds of participants. The events were a great success that the MEXT officials and officers expressed their expectations for the future.

AUN/SEED-Net Network

AUN/SEED-Net has been active in and has been working on PhD Magazines, a quarterly magazine for Japanese students in many universities in the AUN/SEED-Net Network. The latest issue was an issue of 8-9 in September 2014.

AUN/SEED-Net also has been a network for Japanese degree programs in Thailand. The magazine can be read from now on.

Launches of new Websites

AUN/SEED-Net launched University Industry Collaboration Website on 1 August 2014. The University Industry Collaboration Website will make the present information, especially financial information, public. The website also can show what services are provided by the universities, and success stories.

Please visit www.ainvit.org in Thai or you may visit AUN/SEED-Net website for more information. Please visit University Industry Collaboration Website on 1 August 2014.

SOUTH THAILAND

AUN/SEED-Net and the MIT in Thailand launched the MIT, Khon Kaen University, AUN/SEED-Net Phase III Research and Development - Sustainable Energy Program, for Phase III Research and Development at Future University (Khon Kaen, Thailand) for sustainable energy research.

Nara University of Education

On 12 August 2014, Nara University of Education in the AUN/SEED-Net Network launched a new website on their own university website.

Japana's Official Development Assistance (ODA) - 60th Anniversary

As a part of the initiative of "JPRJ for Peace" project, the event was held on 23 November 2014 at the Nara Prefecture Government Building.