From Executives

After four years since the inauguration of the AUN/SEED-Net on April 23, 2001, the Network, with the generous support of the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), has produced some 40 Master’s graduates with over 170 students currently studying in 10 institutions for the Master’s degrees and 46 students for the Doctoral degrees.

The AUN/SEED-Net Newsletter hopes to strengthen the ties between alumni and the Network, to provide information on AUN/SEED-Net activities, and to serve as a vehicle by which opinions/comments/suggestions can be shared or voiced.

The support and contribution of all stakeholders are always sincerely appreciated. The participation of all as partners is vital to the success of the Project, and we look forward to any constructive suggestions you may contribute to this end.

I am very pleased to inform you that the AUN/SEED-Net Project starts to deliver “Newsletter” to disseminate the recent activities.

Thanks to continuous and tremendous endeavors of the persons concerned during last 4 years in member institutions, Japanese supporting universities, JICA HQ, as well as in the Project office, the Project has begun to run smoothly.

Since the Project is multilateral-type involving 10 ASEAN countries and 19 member institutions, some programs are very new as the JICA programs. Therefore, the Project outcomes should be noticed and will hopefully be reflected in the future JICA human resources development projects.

Since the Project is still far from complete, I would like to ask all of you to cooperate and support continuously the Project.

Professor Dr. Kazuo TSUTSUMI
Chief Advisor

Student’s Achievement

Mr. Veasna Long, Master’s student from Institute of Technology Cambodia (ITC) now studying in Indonesia presented posters of his preliminary research result in the contest held in the 33rd Annual Convention of IAGI (Ikatan Ahli Geologi Indonesia) or the Indonesian Association of Geologists in Bandung, Indonesia, during November 29-30 and December 1, 2004. His poster titled "Preliminary Investigation and Proposed Methodology Towards Understanding of Landslide Process of Slope at Km 15.9 along Kalibawang Irrigation Channel" won the 3rd prize nationally.

Currently Long is doing his Master’s degree in Geological Engineering under the supervision of Dr. Dwikorita Karnawati at Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Veasna Long posting with his research poster
Get to Know Us

Many of you know what AUN/SEED-Net is doing, but only some may know “who” is doing what. Get to Know Us can help you much in coordinating with AUN/SEED-Net.

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- Manufacturing Engineering field at University of Malaya (UM), Malaysia
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- Information & Communication Technology field at King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL), Thailand
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- Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering field at Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB), Indonesia

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- Materials Engineering field at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysia

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- Implementation Guidelines and screening process for Master’s Degree Program and Doctoral Degree Sandwich Program
- Regulations and formalities for scholars
- General matters of the Secretariat
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- Manufacturing Engineering field at University of Malaya (UM), Malaysia
- Implementation Guidelines and screening process for Doctoral Degree Program in Japan
- Implementation Guidelines for all supporting programs
- 6 supporting programs: Collaborative Research, Field-wise Seminar, Japanese Professors Dispatch, Short-term Study in Japan, Short-term Visit to Japan, and Short-term Visit within Member Institutions

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- Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering field at Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB), Indonesia

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- Public relations
- All fields at National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
- Screening process for Master’s Degree Program and Doctoral Degree Sandwich Program
- Database of scholars and graduates

Ms. Wipawan Galanan, Secretary, in charge of:

- Accounting & financial support

Ms. Pannipa Chinavanichkit, Secretary, in charge of:

- Administrative support

Face-to-face contact may not be possible sometimes, but it is always better to know the face of the person we deal with and the field of responsibility. We hope that this will help you much in coordination and liaison with the AUN/SEED-Net.
February 2005: Mr. Ali Awaludin (middle front), Master’s graduate in Civil Engineering at Chulalongkorn University (CU), and a successful candidate to Doctoral Degree Program in Japan for 2005 took a photo with AUN/SEED-Net team. Now he is one of competent staff at Gadjah Mada University (UGM), Indonesia, and will go to study in doctorate level in Hokkaido University, Japan.

February 18, 2005: Laotian graduates in ICT from King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) flanked by Dr. Tsunoda from AUN/SEED-Net and Dr. Jongkol from KMITL at the graduation ceremony in Bangkok. Now Mr. Somphone Kanthavong (middle) is lecturer at National University of Laos and Director of Japan Technical Training Center; while Mr. Kham Khamthavivone and Mr. Khampheth Bounnady continue studying in Doctoral Degree Sandwich Program.

February 25–26, 2005: Joint Fieldwise Seminar in Chemical & Environmental Engineering at Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City, the Philippines.

February 28–March 1, 2005: Fieldwise Seminar in Mechanical & Aeronautical Engineering, arranged at Hotel Nikko Hanoi by Hanoi University of Technology, Vietnam.

February 28–March 1, 2005: The 5th Fieldwise Seminar in Manufacturing Engineering, arranged by University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

March 9–10, 2005: Fieldwise Seminar in Civil Engineering at Sheraton Bandung Hotel, Indonesia, arranged by Institute of Technology Bandung.


March 21, 2005: Prof. Chitoshi Miki, Dean of School of Engineering, and Prof. Tatsuo Ohmachi, Director of Center for Urban Earthquake Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology (middle) held a discussion with AUN/SEED-Net and faculty members from Chulalongkorn University on the possibility of academic collaboration on disaster mitigation.

May 16–17, 2005: The 6th Fieldwise Seminar in Materials Engineering at Universiti Sains Malaysia. In the photo, Mr. Rinlee Butch Cervera, Master’s graduate-to-be and successful candidate to Doctoral Degree Program in Japan for 2005 was presenting his thesis research to the seminar participants.