AUN-QA delivers the very first “regional” QA Assessment at Institutional Level in Southeast Asia

Hanoi, Viet Nam – July 19, 2016, the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) launched its very first Quality Assurance Framework at Institutional Level, and the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level at the Vietnam National University, Hanoi with the aims and dedication to develop quality assurance practices and quality improvement in higher education.

Based on the strong foundation of AUN-QA in the past 18 years, the institutional approach to quality assurance is the new development under the AUN-QA, with the current showing of 220 undergraduate and graduate programmes in 28 Universities in 8 ASEAN countries that have been assessed by AUN-QA. The AUN-QA Framework at Institutional Level will be the first regional system and mechanism of its kind in Southeast Asia. This development sets the milestone towards a better future for the continual enhancement of quality and standard of higher education in the ASEAN region.

Introduction of the very first Institutional Guidebook

The 2nd version of the AUN-QA Framework at Institutional Level consists of criteria, procedures, and assessment tools. It was created in allignment with other frameworks: the ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF) Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015- Part 1) and the Baldridge Performance Excellence Framework (Education – 2015/16) to attain a comprehensive AUN-QA Institutional Level Framework.

This second version is redesigned from the original AUN-QA Manual for the Implementation of the Guidelines as a quality assurance framework that is transnational, promoting cross-border mobility for students, faculty members and internationalisation of higher education, to support the ASEAN Economic Community. Along with the launch, the AUN-QA also introduces its very first Institutional level guidebook. The version 2.0 of ‘Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level’ is served as a tool for AUN Member Universities and the growing numbers of AUN-QA Associate Members to implement and assess the quality of their institutions.

Highlight

Version 2.0 of Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level

AUN Executive Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nantana Gajaseni, at the press conference for the launch event of the AUN-QA System and Mechanism for Institutional Level.

The AUN Executive Director, the AUN-QA Technical Team and Experts, and representatives from Vietnam National University, Hanoi with the new Guidebook.
Endorsement of the ASEAN’s first Quality Assurance System and Mechanisms at Institutional Level and the Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level

The Guide to AUN-QA Assessment at Institutional Level Version 2.0 was endorsed by the 32nd AUN Board of Trustees Meeting in Phuket, Thailand on the 3rd August 2016.

With the official opening of the ASEAN community in December 2015, the successful development and arrival of the first AUN-QA Assessment at the Institutional Level scheduled in January 2017 has never been more appropriate. For the ASEAN region to be the hub of quality education, there is a need to develop and sustain high quality educational services at institutional and national/regional levels. As a result, the AUN-QA continues to strive in developing our QA practices so that we can help each other in ensuring internationally acclaimed standards of education.

Quality Assurance to help boost higher education

Lần đầu đánh giá chất lượng các trường đại học ở Đông Nam Á The First time for Institutional Quality Assessment in ASEAN

Mạng lưới đảm bảo chất lượng đại học Việt Nam AUN-QA assures Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Công bố hệ thống và cơ chế đánh giá chất lượng các trường đại học ở Đông Nam Á Launching QA System and mechanisms at Institutional Level in ASEAN

The Education and Times, the voice of the Ministry of Education and Training, gives a full account of the event, emphasising that in order to realise the dream of founding AESA, a hub of quality education in the region, it is necessary to produce and enhance quality service at all the levels of the educational institutions and to the next stage of achieving ASEAN’s quality assurance. The fact that the University of Science, VNU will be the very benchmark university to launch the pilot AUN-QA system and mechanisms is an important milestone.

Trường đại học đầu tiên khởi động hệ thống và cơ chế đánh giá chất lượng First university to launch QA System and Mechanisms at Institutional Level

The initial launch of the AUN-QA Institutional framework appeared in the news in Viet Nam and Thailand

The Manual for the Quality Management of Education Programmes have been translated into 3 languages; Burmese, Laotian, and Khmer under AUN-ADB project. The translations had assisted the projects with ADB last year, and will be useful communication tools in spreading of QA knowledge and aid training efficiency. The ADB project has been focusing on CLMV countries due to disparity in education gap that is not yet on par with other ASEAN nations. The translations of QA Manual are crucial in increasing accessibility of universities in CLMV countries, easing access to QA knowledge, and make QA practice more attractive to universities that may lack academic personalities who are proficient in English.

Translated AUN-QA Manuals

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The ASEAN University Network hosts AUN-QA International Conference annually to encourage discussions on cross-cutting QA issues, and exchange of ideas for the betterment of QA practices for universities in ASEAN. In 2016, AUN-QA International Conference was held in 28-29 March at Universitas Indonesia, Depok, Indonesia under the theme “Fostering Quality Education Improvement in Our Universities for ASEAN Community Post-2015.” In 2017, AUN-QA International Conference will be held in 27-28 March at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, Malaysia under the theme “Continuous Improvement: Are We There Yet?”. This year’s International Conference consists of 6 sessions, including 2 presentations and 4 panel discussions sessions. The presentations will include reports on the progress and new developments in AUN-QA activities in the ASEAN region. The panel discussion sessions include; Relationship between QA and University Ranking, Stakeholder Involvement in QA Process, and QA at Institutional Level and the Achievement of Institutional Excellence. The panelists and moderators are invited experts on specific issues to ensure productivity of the discussion.

In 2018, the International Conference will be hosted by Mahidol University, Thailand.

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