

Overview of the QA Landscape in Southeast Asia



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‘promotes
cooperation in
education, science
and culture in the
Southeast Asian
region’



Southeast Ministers of Education Organisation (**SEAMEO**)

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the enhancement of regional understanding, cooperation, and networks is implemented through SEAMEO 19 specialist institutions:

SEAMEO BIOTROP (Indonesia) – Tropical Biology

SEAMEO CHAT (Myanmar) – History and Tradition of SEA

SEAMEO INNOTECH (Philippines) – Education Innovation

SEAMEO QITEP in Language (Indonesia) – Language

SEAMEO QITEP in Science (Indonesia) – Science

SEAMEO QITEP in Mathematics (Indonesia) – Mathematics

SEAMEO RECSAM (Malaysia) – Science and Mathematics

SEAMEO RELC (Singapore) – Language

SEAMEO RETRAC (Vietnam) – Education Training

SEAMEO RIHED (Thailand) – Higher Education Development

SEAMEO SEAMOLEC (Indonesia) – Open and Distant Learning

SEAMEO SEARCA (Philippines) – Agriculture and Development

SEAMEO SPAFA (Thailand) – Cultural Development

SEAMEO TROPMED (Network, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand)

– Tropical Medicine

SEAMEO VOCTECH (Brunei Darussalam) – Vocational and Technical Education

Centre
Mission



‘To assist member countries in promoting efficiency and effectiveness in higher education policy planning and development’

RIHED is working to **harmonise**
HE systems in the region



SEAMEO RIHED's Governing Board

Comprised of High Ranking officials responsible for higher education in 10 SEAMEO member countries:

- Brunei Darussalam;
- Cambodia;
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR;
- Malaysia;
- Myanmar;
- The Philippines
- Thailand
- Singapore
- Vietnam



Regional
QA
at
Policy
level

Harmonisation
of HE systems
in the region

Quality Assurance Development Initiatives

Harmonising QA Framework

A system of readable and comparable Degrees

QA Networks



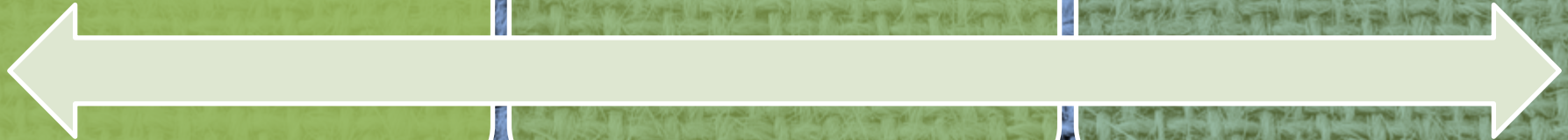
SEAMEO RIHED
Policy, Research



AUN
Best Practice



AQAN
Collaboration



SEAMEO RIHED Research

→ A Model of QA in SEA Region

In line with the ASEAN Vision 2020, SEAMEO RIHED strongly believes that the establishment of Regional Quality Assurance System, along with Student Mobility and Credit Transfer System will enhance the process to achieve the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) and to bring about harmonisation in the region



SEAMEO RIHED Research



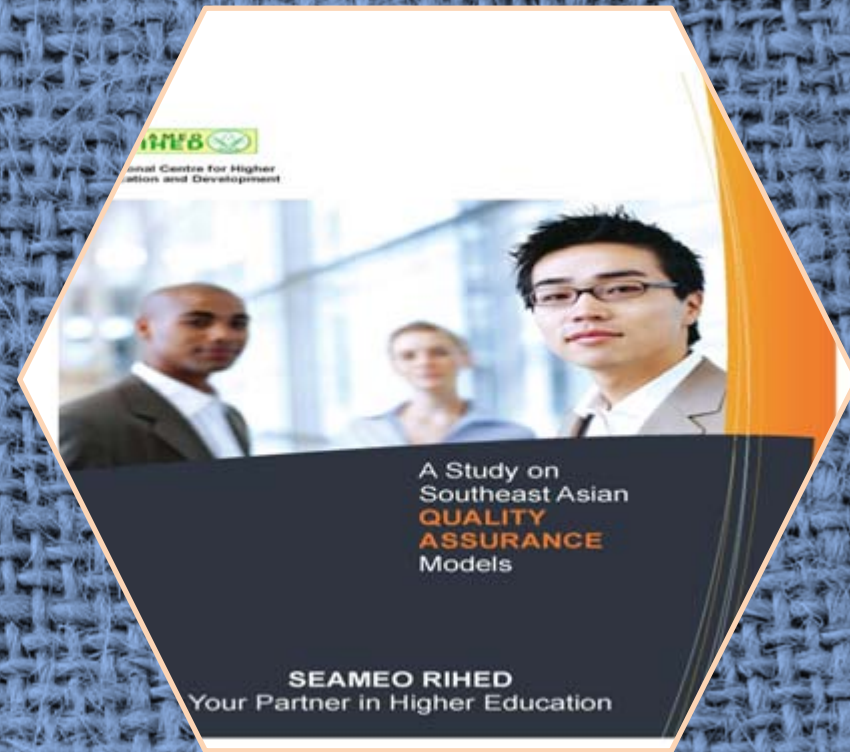
A Model of QA in SEA Region

Recognizing the differences in HE system among ASEAN member countries together with the determination to keep up with the fast pace of QA development in the region, **SEAMEO RIHED** developed a set of survey to create **a Model of Quality Assurance in SEA Region**

The Model is made aiming to collect and update on QA information in the region, as well as, to examine for the possibility of setting up an ASEAN QA System in the near future

SEAMEO RIHED Research Outcome

- Common commitment to quality assurance
- Different approaches but many similarities
- All countries have internal quality assurance within institutions
- External quality assurance varies, some countries are without a national system



Current State of Development – Quality Assurance Systems

Either no Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) or just being established

Myanmar
Lao PDR
Vietnam

QAA without National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

Brunei-
Darussalam
Singapore

QAA + NQF

Indonesia
Malaysia
Philippines
Thailand

Quality Assurance Agencies



PPAASCU, PACU-COA

AACCUP, ALCU, CHED

(1955)

CHED (1994)



ONESQA (2000)

VIETNAM



Surface area: 331 689 km²
 Population (2000): 79 832 000
 GNP per capita (1998): USD2312
 City: Hanoi
 City: Hanoi
 City: Hanoi
 City: Hanoi

ETA (2003)

HEQA (2001) & CPE (2009)



Cambodia

ACC (2003)



BDNAC (1990)



MQA (2007)



INDONESIA

BAN-PT (1994)

Surface Area: 1 904 569 km²
 Population (2000): 212 107 000
 GNP per capita (1998): USD 412



ESQAC (2008)

N/A



Quality Assurance Methods

Most common:
Accreditation

Often:
Assessment

Rarely:
Audit

1. QA is not the ends in itself, but there to uplift broader HE quality
2. AQAN can lead QA in SEA region, like ENQA in the EU
3. QA criteria and process alignment will aid harmonisation



The Future of Quality Assurance in Southeast Asia

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ways to strengthen QA

1. Promote Benefits
2. Build Capacity
3. Regional Principles



Thank you for your attention