



**ASEAN-Japan Virtual Cultural Exchange Programme 2022
(AUN-SUN/SixERS Cross-Cultural Event)
Jointly organised by the AUN - SUN/SixERS**

Concept Note

EVENT DESCRIPTION

In 2013, AUN Secretariat had organised the kickoff “**AUN-SUN/SixERS Study and Visit Programme Discovery, Diversity, Dynamics (3Ds)**,” also known as the “Summer School”, for students from Okayama University. It has become the annual student mobility programme in partnership with 6 Japanese universities under the “SUN/SixERS” consortium.

Since the pandemic, we all have faced several challenges and issues in interacting and interconnecting with others domestically and internationally. The pandemic has directly affected the exchange of culture as it normally requires in-person interaction.

Even though the pandemic and social distancing are preventing students from meeting in person, our partnership believes that there is an opportunity to utilize the use of technology to continually provide new opportunities for students in our networks to exchange culture and knowledge and to establish good relations among the youths and young leaders from ASEAN and Japan. **The organisation of “ASEAN-Japan Virtual Cultural Exchange Programme 2022 (AUN-SUN/SixERS Cross-Cultural Event)”** proves that, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the cultural exchange opportunity is still ongoing. Therefore, the programme is scheduled to be organised virtually during 1 - 3 March 2022 for students from ASEAN Member countries and Japan.

The three-day programme consists of several activities such as Cultural Dialogue, ASEAN Virtual Museum Tour, ASEAN Unseen Trip Activities etc. Each activity will provide an opportunity for participants to explore other cultures and exchange their culture among participants. At the same time, these activities will allow each participant to get to know each other and to learn to be in a multicultural atmosphere. Furthermore, the programme is also expected to be a platform for South-East Asia and East Asia students to create their networks for their future collaborations.

OBJECTIVES

1. To build knowledge and understanding on ASEAN-Japan Identity, different cultures and languages in ASEAN and Japan.
2. To create competency for cross-cultural communication and to promote leadership skills among Southeast Asia and East Asia youth.
3. To provide participants platforms to materialise their ideas on the international stage while allowing participants to learn the necessary skills for future employment in a multicultural society.
4. To promote cultural engagement among Southeast Asia and Japan.
5. To promote awareness of sustainable development among youth.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

1. About 60 students attended from Japan and ASEAN
2. Two sessions of Cultural Dialogue by experts
3. Two sessions of Cultural Workshop
4. Three sessions of Cultural Exposure Activities

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes are evaluated by the “Individual Student Competency Assessment” on:

1. Personal Skills
 - Language proficiency
 - Active learning
 - Creativity and Innovation
 - Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
2. Interpersonal Skills
 - Leadership and responsibility
 - Communication and collaboration
3. Social and Cross-Cultural Skills
 - Adaptability and flexibility
 - Global awareness
 - Understand and respect cultural diversity

Date and Time:

1- 3 March 2022

15.00 - 19.00 GMT+7, Jakarta Local Time

17.00 - 21.00 GMT+9, Japan Local Time

Targeted participants:

30 students from AUN Member Universities

30 students from SUN/SixERS

* E-certificates will be provided to participants upon completion of the programme.

Language:

English

Activities:

The three-day programme includes 1) Cultural Dialogue, 2) Workshops, and 3) Cultural Exposures

Online Platform:

Zoom Meeting / Gather Town

Eligibility of applicants:

Must be a current student from AUN Member Universities.

* Please note that if the number of registrations exceeds the programme's capacity, participants will be selected based on the first come first serve basis with the quota of maximum three students per institution. Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email within 22 February 2022.

Background information on the organisers

The consortium of six National University in Japan—Chiba University, Niigata University, Kanazawa University, Okayama University, Nagasaki University, and Kumamoto University—has its aim to create a centre for world-class innovative research, develop highly trained graduates for leadership in a globalising world, contribute to local communities and promote international activities, through various forms of collaboration based on each university's respective strengths and traditions.

The partnership agreement between AUN and SUN/SixERS was officially established in April 2013 to explore the possibility of a collaborative framework on student mobility, student placement and internship. Exchanges with overseas partner universities, thus, are among SUN/SixERS' current initiatives and are keys to encouraging dynamic development and achieving the anticipated milestone.

The **ASEAN-Japan Virtual Cultural Exchange Programme 2022 (AUN-SUN/SixERS Cross-Cultural Event)** is jointly organised by the AUN Secretariat and the SUN/SixERS consortium. Previously, the on-site version of this event had been organised between 2013 to 2019. This virtual event is the first of its kind.

Brief Organisational Profile

ASEAN University Network (AUN) was established in 1995 under the auspices of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with the primary objective to strengthen and expand cooperation among leading universities in ASEAN. The AUN has continually conducted a wide range of activities through fostering solidarity among ASEAN scholars and academicians, developing academic and professional human resources, conducting educational

and cultural youth activities and enabling the dissemination of information among ASEAN academic community as well as among its Dialogue Partners.