



SEAMEO RIHED:

Programs and initiatives for Academic Exchanges in
Southeast Asia and beyond

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The SEAMEO regional centre for higher education and development

Originally founded as the Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development in Singapore in 1959. RIHED was reorganised and established in Thailand in 1993, as a regional centre of SEAMEO.

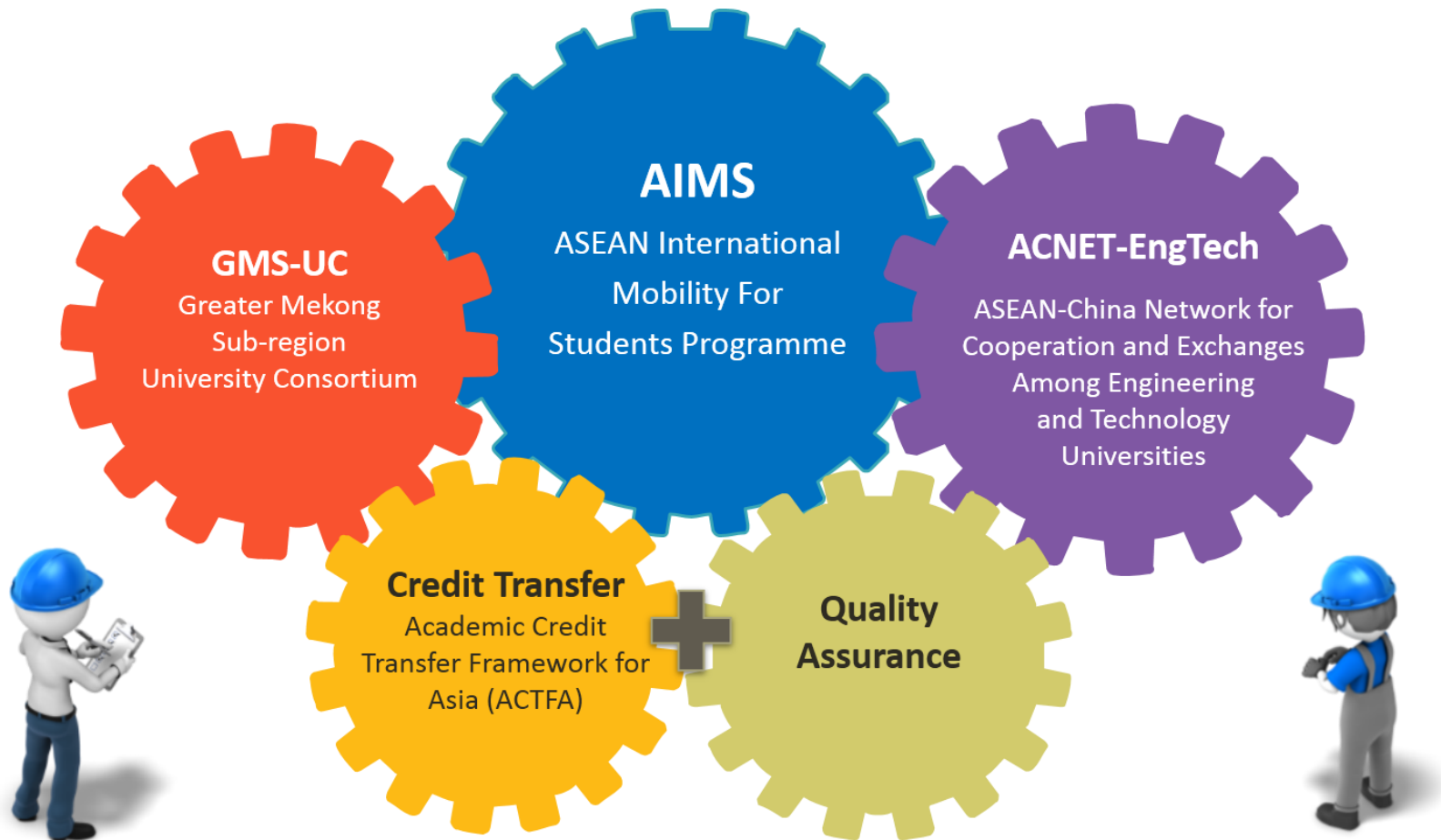


SEAMEO RIHED,
with the aims to cultivate globalized human resources
and promote regional harmonization.

We believed that **Mobility** of Students,
Researchers, Faculties and Administrative Staffs
will support the region's overarching aims in
establishing a Common Space for Higher Education.



ACADEMIC MOBILITY: NETWORKS ESTABLISHED BY





AIMS Programme

ASEAN International Mobility for Students

- ✓ Initiated in 2008 as a Pilot Project under RIHED's Framework for Regional Integration in Higher Education in Southeast Asia (endorsed by the SEAMEO Council at the 43rd SEAMEO Council Conference)
- ✓ Being launched in 2010 as a M-I-T Student Mobility Project and renamed as ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme in 2012
- ✓ One of the support mechanism that helps promote student mobility among Southeast Asian Nations and beyond
- ✓ Based on the principle of Reciprocity & Balanced Mobility
- ✓ Universities nominated by respective governments of participating countries



AIMS Overview

A regional platform for HEIs to harmonize higher education
People-to-people and cross-cultural connectivity
Globalized human resources



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Countries



10

Study Fields



72

Universities



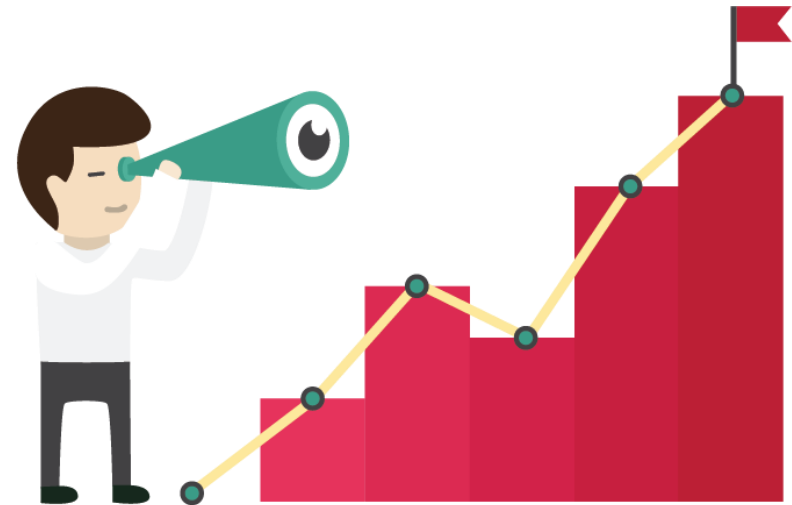
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Students

SEAMEO RIHED's AIMS Programme has become a successful model for regional mobility based on **the principle of self-sufficiency**, whereby each country supports their own participation in the Programme.

- ✓ Commitment + Strong felt need of Gov' t to work cooperatively to harmonize education systems in SEA
- ✓ Gov't authorities are being serious and determined, and working closely with HEIs
- ✓ Individual HEIs very keen to push forward
- ✓ Financial assistance extended by participating Gov' t and HEI' s to support on-going projects and new initiatives

SUSTAINABILITY





**The Signing of the Joint Declaration of ACNET-EngTech
September 2014– Guiyang, Guizhou Province, China**



**Exploring possibilities of collaboration
with the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC)
since 2012 to promote:**

1. Better understanding
2. Enhance more structured cooperation
3. Increase sharing of information of good practices
4. The mutual recognition towards higher education institutions between SEA and PR China

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ACNET-EngTech

ASEAN-China Network for Cooperation and Exchanges Among Engineering and Technology Universities



17 member HEIs



E9 Universities

- Svay Rieng University, Cambodia
- Mean Chey University, Cambodia
- Asian Institute of Cambodia
- Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember, Surabaya, Indonesia
- Savannakhet University, Lao PDR
- Champasak University, Lao PDR
- Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- Mahidol University, Thailand
- Beijing Institute of Technology
- Chongqing University
- Dalian University of Technology
- Southeast University
- Harbin Institute of Technology
- South China University of Technology
- Tianjin University
- Tongji University
- Northwestern Polytechnic University

Permanent Secretariat



**Mahidol
University**

**Tianjin
University**

Chair

**China Northwestern Polytechnical
University (2016)**

**Intitut Teknologi
Sepuluh Nopember (2017)**

Academic Mobility: Networks established by



Under ADB's the
Strategic Framework
and Action Plan for
Human Resource
Development in the
GMS (2013-2017)



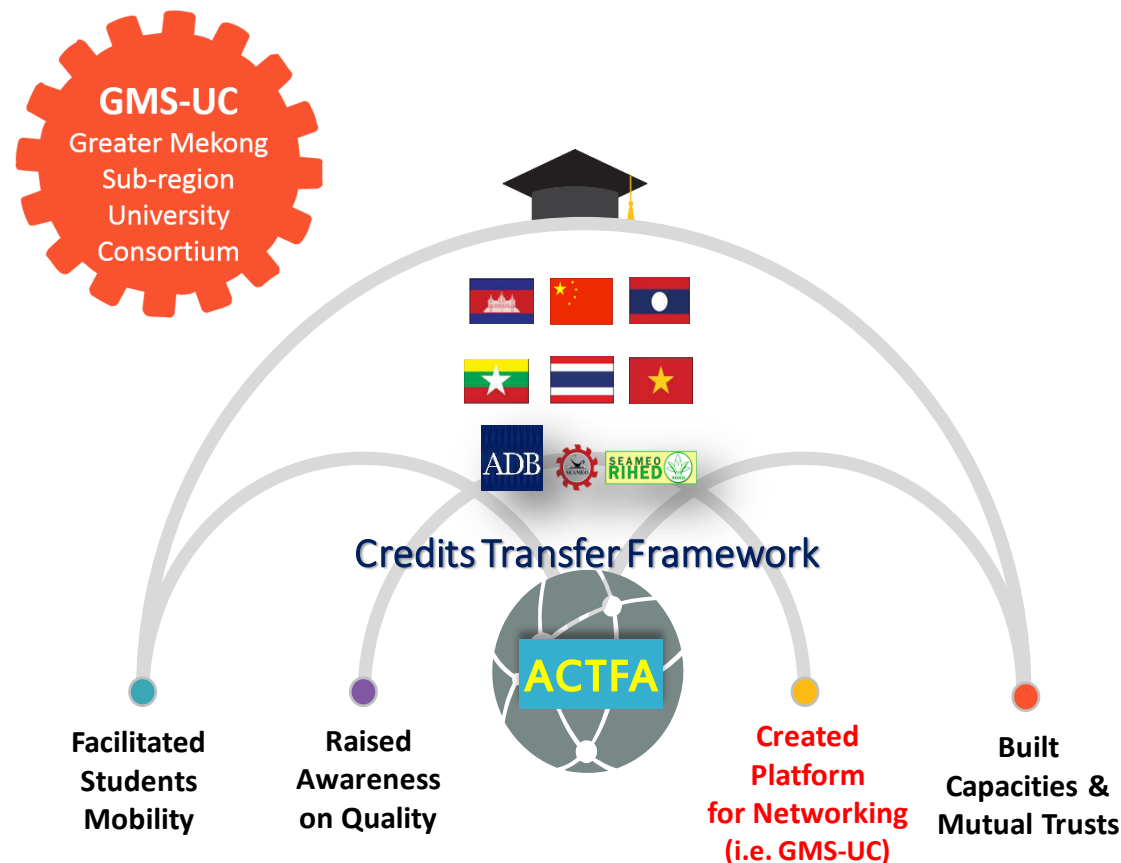
SEAMEO RIHED facilitated the establishment of the **GMS-UC** with **24 universities** nominated by their respective governments



Supported by ADB, the Consortium aims to build a regional platform to strengthen and accelerate cross-border collaboration among universities and address human resource development as well as promote the quality and excellence of higher education in the GMS.

Key areas of collaboration include faculty exchange, university governance and social responsibility, credit transfer, information sharing, talent cultivation, QA and research collaboration.

Academic Mobility: Networks established by



In line with the ACTFA project, capacity building activities have been planned for the GMS-UC that emphasize **leadership development and curriculum design** in order to strengthen and accelerate cross-border collaboration and excellence among universities in the GMS.

These **capacity-building workshops** use Thailand as the training ground and target university stakeholders, such as executives and administrators, presidents, deans and directors as well as staff from International Relations Offices (IROs) from the 24 member universities.



Kick off Meeting of the GMS-UC and ACTFA Projects and Signing Ceremony of GMS-UC for Collaboration and Excellence, 8 – 9 July 2015, Vientiane, Lao PDR



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GMS-UC: Member Universities



Cambodia



**China (Guangxi
& Yunnan)**



Lao PDR



Myanmar



Thailand



Vietnam

**Chea Sim
University of
Kamchay Mear**

**Royal
University
of Phnom Penh**

**Svay Rieng
University**

**University of
Battambang**

**Kunming
University of
Science and
Technology**

**Guangxi Normal
University**

**Guangxi
University for
Nationalities**

**Yunnan
University**

**National
University of
Laos**

**Savannakhet
University**

**East Yangon
University**

**Myeik
University**

**Yadanabon
University**

**Yenanchaung
Degree
College**

**Chiang Rai
Rajabhat
University**

**Kasetsart
University**

**King Mongkut's
University of
Technology
Thonburi**

**Mae Fah Luang
University**

**Suan Sunandha
Rajabhat
University**

**Thammasat
University**

**University of
Transport and
Communications**

**Thuyloi
University**

**Vietnam
National
University of
Agriculture**

Hue University

Possible collaborations between UMAP and Academic Mobility Networks established by SEAMEO RIHED



**UMAP (University Mobility
in Asia and the Pacific)**
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Thank You Very Much

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