

The Impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution
on Higher Education in the Asia Pacific

Session 7- New Modalities in Global Engagement and Mobility

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University Mobility Networks in Asia

What are they good for? :

A case of AIMS and GMS-UC projects

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AIMS Programme

ASEAN International Mobility for Students

I. What is the AIMS Programme and its Effectiveness?



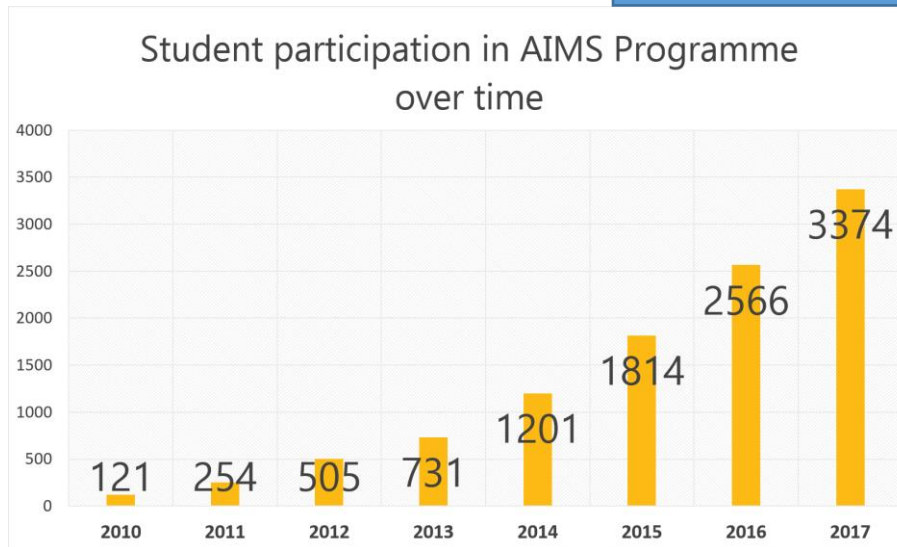
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Multi-lateral student exchange programme, involving both Governments and HEIs

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Self sufficiency and sustainability, and balanced mobility



AIMS
at First Glance


8+
Countries


10
Study Fields


68+
Universities


3374*
Students

*For Brunei Darussalam and Vietnam the figure does not currently represent data from all member universities



What makes AIMS different?

- Self-sufficiency & Solidarity
 - Regional mobility
 - Member Country supports participation
 - Based on academic readiness
- Balanced Mobility
 - Mutual agreement on the number of exchange students
- Supporting Mechanisms
 - AIMS Steering Committee Meeting
 - AIMS Review Meeting

SUSTAINABILITY





II. What is the GMS-UC Project and its Effectiveness?



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The GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)



SEAMEO RIHED and the ADB have **common aims**

- 1) To improve cooperation and networking of higher education institutions so as
- 2) to foster higher education harmonisation within the GMS countries and beyond



SEAMEO RIHED's implementation on the **Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Human Resource Development Strategic Framework and Action Plan (Phase 2)** with the support from the ADB



Under 7 Strategic Thrusts of the GMS HRD Strategy (iii) Cooperating in higher education and research



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The GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)

Aims to help strengthen and accelerate cross-border collaboration among universities in the GMS countries as well as to develop regional platform for HEIs and lead to harmonize higher education in Southeast Asia

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



Key areas of collaboration include

- Faculty exchange
- University governance and social responsibility
- Credit transfer
- Information sharing
- Talent cultivation,
- Research collaboration, and
- QA.



The GMS University Consortium (GMS-UC)



- 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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Royal University of Phnom Penh
Svay Rieng University
University of Battambang**



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Yenanchaung Degree College**



**Thuy Loi University
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Vietnam National University of Agriculture
Hue University**



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Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University**



**Guangxi Normal University
Guangxi University for Nationalities
Kunming University of Science and Technology
Yunnan University**



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ACTFA Implementation Plan

1

EXPLORE

Action Research: Building a Common Credit Transfer System for the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and Beyond

2

EXPERIMENT

Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia (ACTFA) piloted among nominated universities in GMS countries

3

EXPERIENCE

Analysis and comparison between existing national credit transfer practices and ACTFA to determine compatibility

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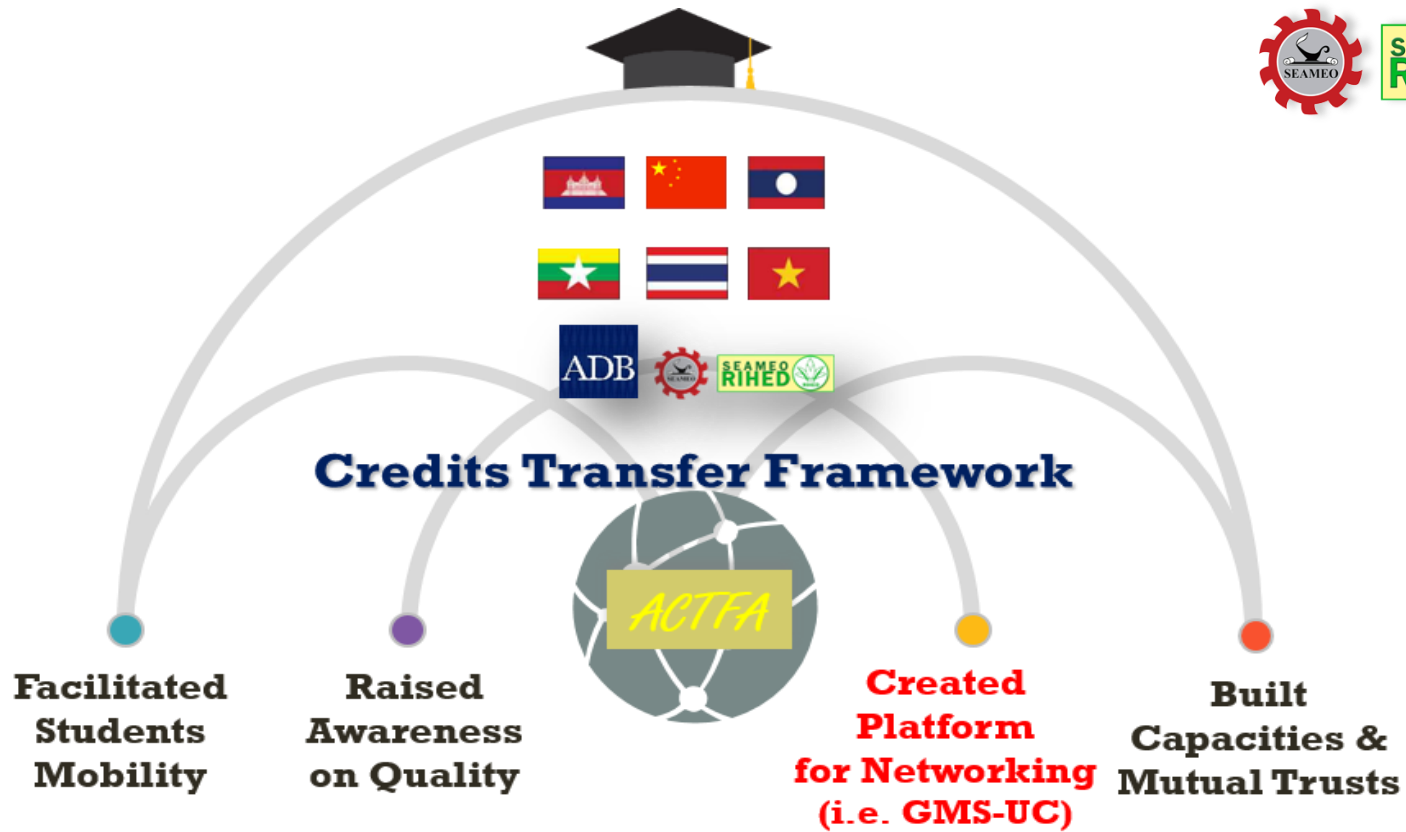
EXPAND

ACTFA endorsed at regional level and adopted at national levels with possibilities to expand to Asia



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ACTFA project (Phase 2) has provided opportunities for universities in the GMS countries to work together, with an aim to ultimately facilitate and further support student mobility in the subregion and beyond. This effort led to the initiation of GMS University Consortium.





III. The Future Contributions of AIMS Programme and GMS-UC project in ASEAN nations



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AIMS and GMS-UC will eventually create a Asian version of ERASMUS for ASEAN nations

- ✓ **More opportunities** for a massive number of students in ASEAN nations
- ✓ **More “Vertical” mobility** (academic advancement), in the region
- ✓ **Prosperity** by improving regional economic competitiveness in the international market
- ✓ **Regional peace** with mutual trust among people



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