



ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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ASEAN Foundation's Initiative Themes



Education

Capacity building for ASEAN citizens, especially youth and students, with the skills and knowledge to be highly competitive and to advance ASEAN's socio-economic growth.



Arts and Culture

Celebrating and preserving ASEAN's diversity, but also uniting its people as one ASEAN, and instilling a pride in being a part of ASEAN.



Media

Helping members of the media understand ASEAN better so that they can showcase the real stories of the real people of ASEAN.



Community Building

Strengthening the relationships between ASEAN citizens, advancing their common interests, and getting them involved and benefiting from ASEAN's integration.

Messages from the Leaders:



In the year 2017, we celebrated 50 years since ASEAN was founded, as well as the achievements we've made. To commemorate this, the ASEAN Foundation organised various initiatives. Regular initiatives were held with special meaning, and new initiatives added zest to the celebrations.

An art exhibition titled "Assemblage" was held, and it was the first time the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Foundation held a curated art exhibition. A high-level forum was also organised together with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to discuss ASEAN at 50 years old.

As the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the ASEAN Foundation, I am pleased to present the 2017 ASEAN Foundation Annual Report. This annual report shares the initiatives that the ASEAN Foundation has put together in the year 2017, and the results from their efforts. The ASEAN Foundation continues to reach out to the ASEAN Community to raise awareness about ASEAN and how ASEAN citizens can benefit from being a part of the ASEAN Community. Its well-established initiatives like the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting and the AFOSP are consistently opening new doors for more ASEAN citizens. New partnerships like the one with SAP bring even more people in ASEAN into the picture.

Moving forward, we will strive to bring more benefits of the ASEAN Community to even more ASEAN citizens so that they can feel, think, and be ASEAN. The achievements of the ASEAN Foundation so far should be credited to the different parties involved. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and staff of the ASEAN Foundation for their passion and belief in the work we are doing, our ASEAN dialogue partners, private sector and tertiary institutes, as well as those who helped and contributed to the ASEAN Foundation's initiatives. We will continue to strive and achieve a truly people-centric ASEAN.

H.E. Ambassador Min Lwin
Chair of Board of Trustees

The year 2017 celebrated many significant milestones - it was ASEAN's 50th Anniversary, and key partnerships such as those with SAP and the Temasek Foundation resulted in new initiatives that helped to raise awareness about ASEAN and build stronger bonds in the ASEAN Community.

To commemorate ASEAN's 50th anniversary, the ASEAN Foundation partnered with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to organise the High-Level Forum on ASEAN@50. Projects like the ASEAN Youth Video Contest also had themes around ASEAN's 50th. Contestants of the video contest had to produce a video with the theme of "50th Year of ASEAN means to you and ASEAN youth." For the first time, the ASEAN Foundation organised a curated art exhibition titled "Assemblage: Reflections on ASEAN," especially for ASEAN's 50th anniversary.

The ASEAN Foundation's established initiatives like the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting and the ASEAN Farmers' Organisation Support Programme progressed steadily this year and continued to draw support from participants and stakeholders. New initiatives like the Philippine Textile Research Institute - TELA Conference raised awareness about a strong traditional feature (and fabric) of ASEAN's culture - textiles.

To close off the year, the ASEAN Foundation and SAP held a visualising workshop, where a method called Design Thinking was used to help the ASEAN Foundation brainstorm on ways to engage with ASEAN citizens more. This was a wonderful way to reflect on the year so far, and plan and gear up for the years ahead to engage even more ASEAN citizens.

The Annual Report 2017 details these efforts and outreach, as well as the inspiring stories of the people of ASEAN.

Elaine Tan
Executive Director





Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque, Brunei Darussalam

ASEAN Foundation's Initiatives Scorecard



Education:

The initiatives under the ASEAN Foundation's Education theme aim to empower ASEAN citizens, especially youth and students, with the skills and knowledge to be highly competitive and to advance ASEAN's socio-economic growth. These initiatives promote greater interaction between ASEAN citizens and connect us even more by increasing mobility between countries. The initiatives also raise ASEAN awareness amongst the youth, the future of ASEAN, about how working together as one ASEAN Community can benefit us all.

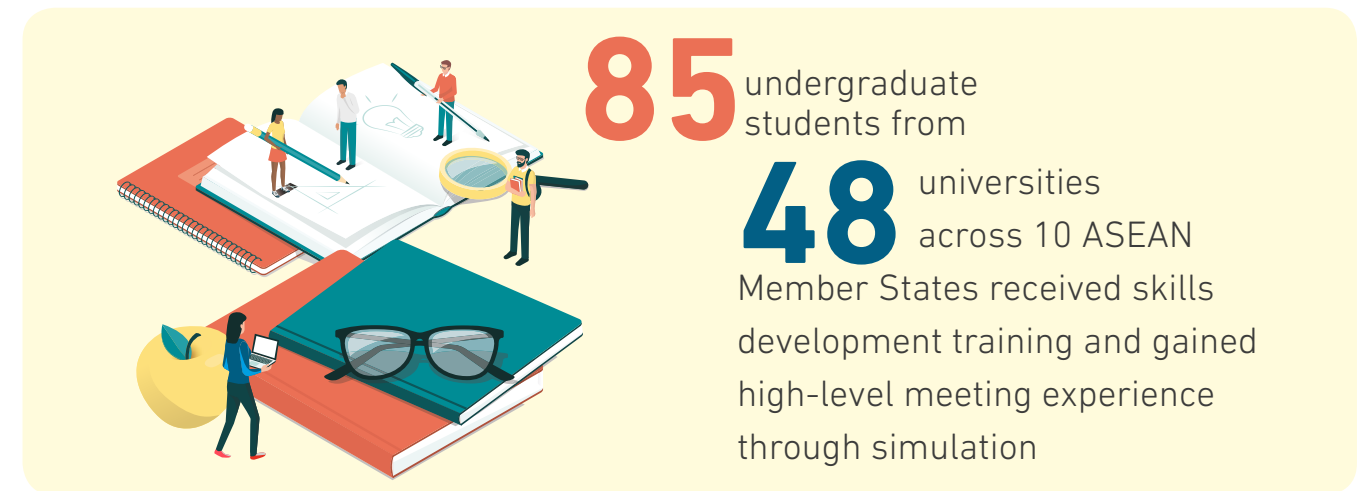
ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting

One of the ASEAN Foundation's most established programmes is the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting (AFMAM). Giving ASEAN youth the opportunity to role play as decision makers of another country besides their own is a wonderful way to get young people to understand more about ASEAN and to be ASEAN. The AFMAM is one of the events organised by the ASEAN Foundation that causes a ripple effect - young people are inspired to organised their own model ASEAN meetings in their home country, raising even more awareness about ASEAN and being ASEAN to their fellow countrymen - in effect reaching out to even more ASEAN peoples.

The 3rd AFMAM 2017 was organised in Manila, the Philippines, from the 25 to the 30 of September 2017, with the theme of "Anticipating Environmental Displacement of People in ASEAN due to Global Climate Change." The 85 participants came from 48 different

universities and were divided into 11 teams with each team consisting of seven undergraduate university students and one faculty advisor. One of the main benefits of AFMAM is that participants get the opportunity to create an "Outcome Document of the AFMAM" with their own views on the selected topic of the forum. Select participants will even get to present this document to the ASEAN National Secretariat of the ASEAN Chair and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Eth Nith, adviser to the Cambodian team, describes the simulation that takes place during the model ASEAN meeting as "an excellent" opportunity for participants "not only to come to a foreign country and explore things, but also to learn how to be leaders." He added, "they learn how to be researchers. During my generation, we did not have that."



Some of the main points from the Outcome Document of the AFMAM were:

- ASEAN Member States are obliged to draft an ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Environmentally Displaced Persons (EDPs) in the next ASEAN Meeting to uphold their rights.
- It is crucial for each ASEAN member country to formulate a National Action Plan for Climate Change by considering EDPs. This plan should at least cover the adaptation, mitigation, and prevention of climate change, and would involve all sectors of society: private, government, and civil. The issues surrounding the migration of EDPs should be integrated into this action plan.
- Recommended establishment of an ASEAN Environmental Displacement Coordination Facility, under the AHA centre, specialising in climate-caused displacement.
- In emergency situations when a state receiving EDPs who flee away from environmental disasters, cannot provide enough support, other member states and organisations are encouraged to support the receiving state upon their consent, with the recommendation of the AHA centre.
- National policies should be strengthened and enforced to hold companies, business actors and individuals responsible for damages that their activities caused to the people and environment.
- National resettlement and assistance programmes by all ASEAN member states
- Development of climate change technology to monitor, forecast, communicate warnings, hazards, risk information and adaptation to climate change.
- Partnerships between multilateral organisations, donor governments, the United Nations and the private sector should be encouraged, to divert investments to the recovery and restoration of livelihood of the people whose habitats were devastated by the impacts of climate change.
- All ASEAN Member States should strengthen the documentation of disaster risk reduction research and strategies.
- Communities located in environmentally vulnerable areas should be educated on the causes and impacts of climate change, and what they can do to mitigate it.

Many participants shared how they learned so many important skills at AFMAM that they could never learn in the classroom. It was an experience to treasure and use to take them to greater heights.

Ahmad Afiq Md Hashim, a student from Malaysia who played the role of the head of government of Cambodia, revealed, "for Malaysia, most of the youth are really sceptical about the potential of ASEAN. But through this

programme, we get to know more about what ASEAN has done for Malaysia. ASEAN has actually contributed to the development of Malaysia."

The participants saw how they could play a role in ASEAN instead of thinking that ASEAN was just for governments to deal with. Hearing what these young people have to say gives hope to ASEAN's future. Elaine Tan, the Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation, said that since youth form

the majority of the ASEAN population, they can make important contributions to regional development. She said that the ASEAN Foundation will work towards circulating the outcome statement to the policymakers of ASEAN so that they know about what young people are discussing. Elaine added, "that is one way of actually making sure that there is a loop from what is happening here (at the AFMAM) with the policymakers."

Inspired by the AFMAM they attended, some of the participants also organised their own Model ASEAN Meeting in their home countries. A total of 324 students participated in five university-led Model ASEAN Meetings that were organised by Universiti Islam Bandung – Indonesia, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak – Malaysia, Ha Noi Law University – Viet Nam, University of Santo Tomas – the Philippines, and the American University of Phnom Penh – Cambodia.

A Journey of (Be)ing ASEAN, and (Feel)ing ASEAN

Jos Quỳn

(Alumni of 3rd AFMAM 2017 and Winner of ASEAN Youth Video Contest 2016)

Jos was like most ASEAN youth. He thought that ASEAN was just an association of nations formed by governments, and that it had nothing to do with himself. After all, he was just a regular student. He first heard about ASEAN when he joined the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP), a programme that aims to promote friendship and mutual understanding between Japanese and ASEAN youth. This was just the beginning of how he would learn what it meant to be part of ASEAN and be inspired to do so much more. "At that time, I was a freshman and I regretted why I did not know about ASEAN earlier when Viet Nam had been its member since 1995," Jos said. "Where have I been in the past 20 years?"

After SSEAYP, he was driven to find out more about ASEAN. The ASEAN Foundation became his first stop in his journey as he decided to take part in the ASEAN Youth Video Contest (AYVC) 2016. "I did not hesitate to participate in the contest, whilst positioning where am I in this community," Jos said of his decision to join AYVC. "I gradually learned about the ASEAN Foundation and it's really an ideal organisation for me, as a young

man who is beginning to learn about ASEAN and aware as an ASEAN citizen."

After joining the ASEAN Youth Video Contest, which he won, with a video about volunteering to help those less fortunate in society, he took part in the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting (AFMAM). It was an excellent platform for Jos to see how he as a young person can impact his community by playing the role of an ASEAN leader. Jos saw that ASEAN was not just for government officials, even though he was playing the role of one.

"AFMAM was a tremendous opportunity for me to deepen my understanding about ASEAN and realize how important ASEAN is to my future," Jos said. "Indeed, AFMAM has given me chance to raise my voice as a young person, as well as my responsibility towards the community's growth, to develop my leadership skills and expand my connection to other ASEAN leaders."

In the ASEAN Summit simulation session, which is one of AFMAM's highlights, Jos took the role of a minister. "My role as a minister brought me the

most unforgettable and unique experience in life," He said. "It motivates me to contribute to the peace and prosperity of the community, improve dialogue among ASEAN friends, deepening integration, developing lasting relationship. My participation in AFMAM has helped me to position myself as a young leader with the abilities in public speaking, communication and diplomacy skills."

Jos was also impressed with the setting of AFMAM simulation that enables him to experience the difficulties of reaching a decision. "To come to the consensus was very difficult, but very interesting for us to understand each other and let us experience ourselves as the true national leaders," Jos said, remembering his time in the simulation of ASEAN Summit.

Jos's journey with ASEAN even motivated him to give a TED talk on his experience. "Being aware of being an ASEAN citizen, and aware of my responsibility to ASEAN led me to understand that giving the speech in TEDx was something that I had to do so that everyone could recognise ASEAN is a community of opportunities," Jos explained about the reason he took part in the TEDx.

Bringing the topic "Knowing ASEAN to Identify Yourself," he draws from his own experiences as an ASEAN youth, to encourage more youths to step out of their comfort zone, get to know ASEAN, be involved with other youths and learn invaluable lessons like he has.

He stressed this perspective during his session in the TEDx, saying, "even after a year of knowing ASEAN, I can't believe that ASEAN has changed myself a lot. It brings me friends, cultural understanding, opportunities in leadership, public speaking and communication. Many times going abroad as for a youth leader in exchange programmes, ASEAN is a chance for me to raise my voice as a young person in the community. The fact is 60% of ASEAN population are youths. Youths play an important role for ASEAN. Step out of your safe zone. Knowing ASEAN means you know its people. The more you get to meet others, you can know their culture, philosophy, the more you get to know yourself."

He emphasises the point about stepping out of your comfort zone by giving his TED talk in English, a language that isn't his first. "English is not my native language, and I am learning it every day," Jos said. "However, I did not hesitate to practice and gave the speech in English, thus motivating young people to be brave with English since it is the common language of ASEAN. Encourage young people to get out of the circle of learning English and begin cultivating our expertise as well as seizing opportunities from ASEAN."

What an inspiring young ASEAN leader indeed!

“This year AFMAM’s theme is very important for us, the Filipinos. We experienced challenges regarding environmental displacement of people caused by global climate change. I believe my participation in this event will help me to know more about ASEAN mechanisms and how does it work plus this simulation certainly will improve my negotiation, diplomacy and influencing skills.”

Neil Joseph Lisondra Esperanza

AFMAM 2017 delegate from the Philippines



ASEAN Data Science Explorers

The ASEAN Data Science Explorers (ADSE) is a regional competition organised in partnership with SAP that encourages ASEAN youth to use data analytics to develop creative solutions for issues being faced in ASEAN. The

competition targets tertiary students of all disciplines across the 10 ASEAN member states and aims to enhance awareness and appreciation of the ASEAN Community amongst ASEAN youths. In 2017, 886 students took part.

886

ASEAN youths were empowered to provide solutions to ASEAN development issues through the use of data analytics



By using the SAP Analytics Cloud tool, the students identified issues being faced by ASEAN across the six United Nation Sustainable Development Goals: (1) good health and well-being, (2) quality education, (3) gender equality, (4) clean water and sanitation, (5) decent work and economic growth, and (6) sustainable cities and communities. Then they developed their recommendations to address these issues.

Chandevipha Hourn, from team The Tunder, of Zaman University, Cambodia, joined ADSE because she wanted to learn how to use data to gain insights about the problems society faces and how she can use data so address these problems. “The topic that I chose was how to create equal opportunities and decent work for all. It was talking about the unemployment

rate, youth unemployment rate and disability in ASEAN. Data science help me analyse the words into number to have a best estimate of the proportion and [to visualise it] which it is really essential for me to find the best solution,” she said.

The students were excited to learn about data analytics tools and treasured the opportunity. Ngoc Nguyen Thi Anh from RMIT University Viet Nam said, “it’s a really valuable experience for us to have hands on with software like SAP Analytics Cloud where normally in school we don’t have the chance to have that interaction. The skill to learn like how to analyse data is like very valuable for us in the work place, so that’s just wonderful experience for us.” Participants first had to go through national competitions before competing regionally. Ten top winning teams from

10 ASEAN Member States participated in the ASEAN Face-Off on 29 November 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The winning team was Team ASEANalysts from Monash University, Malaysia, and their topic was on improving the education system in ASEAN through; (i) Investing more on both quantity and quality of educational materials, assisting staff, and teaching staff, (ii) revamping current education systems and methods of teaching and learning.

In a post programme survey, more than 80% of the respondents said they are interested to continue working on the solutions they proposed in the competition and to work on other solutions using data analytics. This shows how the competition has inspired ASEAN youth to think of creative and innovate solutions to address some of the serious issues facing the region.

This competition was a really great advantage for us to be able to apply the skills that we have learned in university on real-life data and be able to understand what is currently happening in the ASEAN nations. We've learned a lot of things. And we can have a voice and be able to share with the public with such opinions and we would think about creative ideas.

Thean Su Mei
Member of Team ASEANalysts





Angkor Wat, Cambodia

ASEAN Science and Technology Fellowship

Policies have a significant impact on improving the lives of people in ASEAN, and the ASEAN Science and Technology (S&T) Fellowship allows scientists and researchers in ASEAN to play a part. Through the Fellowship, ASEAN scientists and researchers will be integrated into national-level ministries in ASEAN Member States to encourage governments to use more science-based approaches in their policymaking and decision-making.

Equipped with the knowledge of science and technology, they can closely advise governments when they are making policies and other national-level decisions that can benefit from their insights. The Fellows in the initiative will also gain knowledge about how policy making works and how governments are run, and the programme will raise awareness about ASEAN at high levels of government.

"The S&T fellowship programme brings new perspective into my career as a scientist. We have to think about how our knowledge, our findings can be used for broader users, for policy makers," Dr. Frida Sidik said, a mangrove ecologist from Indonesia who was hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. The fellows got an opportunity to leave their mark and see how their research isn't just in the lab but can affect national policy as well. Governments have also seen the benefits of having the scientists in their ranks,

as the ASEAN S&T Fellows bring a fresh pair of eyes to the policies they are crafting. Dr. Kanapong, a Supervisor from the Ministry of Energy, in Thailand, said, "while the Ministry is the main actor in drafting policy, having someone who brings fresh perspective and recommendations as an outsider can really help us make policy that is more practical and delivers tangible outcomes."

This programme is supported by the U.S. Government through United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and managed by ASEAN - U.S. PROGRESS since its enactment 4 years ago. In 2017, we enhanced the implementation of the ASEAN S&T Fellowship by providing a venue for conducting the close-out workshop for the 2016/2017 fellows and contributing to the drafting of ASEAN S&T Fellowship's implementation manual guideline. Following our impactful contribution and rigorous proposal selection, ASEAN Foundation was chosen to take the baton from ASEAN - U.S. PROGRESS to continue the management of ASEAN S&T Fellowship project from 2017 to 2020.

"The U.S. Government has a strong intention to continue to support the successful transition of the S&T Fellowship and will work hand in hand with Ms. Elaine Tan and her staff to ensure a smooth transition into the future," Ambassador Daniel Shields, Charge d'Affaires, U.S. Mission to ASEAN said.

"Through one year of fellowship, I have had many opportunities to join decision making meetings in Viet Nam. I know more about the energy sector in Viet Nam, and then I can contribute more in the future for more sustainable energy in Viet Nam and ASEAN in general."

Dr. Hoang Anh
Fellows from Viet Nam



Scholarships

The ASEAN Foundation Scholarship was set up to raise awareness about ASEAN, bring the young people of ASEAN closer together, and to build the skill capacity of these university

students. By immersing themselves in another country, the students can make new friends, gain new experiences, and will be able to think, feel and be ASEAN.

ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS)

Launched in 2014, the ASEAN Foundation – Kyoto University Scholarship, through the ASEAN University Network – ASEAN Credit Transfer System (AUN – ACTS), enabled undergraduates to spend one semester at Kyoto University, and similarly, students from Kyoto University could spend time at a university in the ASEAN University Network (AUN). Ten ASEAN students got the chance to spend one semester studying at the Kyoto University and 20 Japanese students to study at the Mahidol University for a two-week study abroad programme. ACTS aims to promote understanding between ASEAN students and Japanese students. It aims to facilitate student mobility and expose students to new international experiences as they become true global citizens.

The Kyoto University students who studied at Mahidol University shared that they had real eye-opening experience. By immersing themselves in Thai society, they gained a deeper understanding about Thailand and changed their perceptions of the country, which were based on simple stereotypes.

One of the ASEAN scholars studying at the Kyoto University, Maudy Elvira Saraswati, testified that the scholarship had given an avenue for a self-challenge in stepping out of comfort zone and being different for the good cause and an avenue for exchange of cultures. She also had a warm and wonderful experience with Kyoto culture. “As soon as I landed in Kansai, Osaka, I met a lot of nice people who were really nice to help me with my big luggage and help me finding my shuttle bus to go to my dormitory in Kyoto. What surprises me the most are how friendly people are here. Living in Kyoto means I got to meet lots of elderly in daily basis and they are more than generous to help you or simply answer your question,” she said.

Besides academic learning, the scholarship also aims to cultivate cultural intelligence amongst the students and open their hearts and minds.

The Chulabhorn Graduate Institute – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship

The Chulabhorn Graduate Institute (CGI) – ASEAN Foundation Post-Graduate Scholarship initiative in Science and Technology aims to build the capacity of the next generation of ASEAN scientists. Postgraduate students from ASEAN can apply for this scholarship to study a course of their choice at the Chulabhorn Graduate Institute.

Through fulfilling their studies at the institute, the scholars also learned about Thai culture, and by interacting with the international community at the institute, raised awareness about ASEAN as well.



An Thoai Nguyen (Recipient of the CGI – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship)

An Thoai Nguyen was already in the workforce for 3 years when she realised she needed to upgrade her skills to do her job better. She wanted to understand what her peers overseas were doing in their respective scientific fields and stay up to date with current trends. Thus the CGI – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship was perfect for her.

What impressed her the most was facilities and quality of teaching staff at CGI, which helped to enhance her learning experience. “CGI has great conditions for students who want to research such as modern laboratories with high tech machines, cutting-edge facilities, and libraries where I can find good books and references. Especially, CGI has young and outstanding professors who are willing to discuss with students even outside the class,” she said.

An Thoai is learning a lot in her studies, achieving her goal of joining the programme in the first place. She is also experiencing the rich culture of Thailand and gaining valuable experiences in her studies and life along the way. “CGI lectures impact deep knowledge about biology, chemistry and the way to study, to solve the problem in the study. I have more opportunities to present in front of the class, then increasing my confidence and

skills in presentation. I enjoy living in Thailand, I am now familiar with the life including studying, Thai food, and traveling in Thailand when I had some free time for relaxing.

“Besides studying, I also learned more about Thai cultures, the way the Thai people celebrate their holidays as well as participate in preparing for holidays in CGI such as Songkran Festival or Teacher’s Day. I also have the help of Thai friends. They are very nice, friendly and help me to communicate with local people when I go to the local market,” she said.

Through the CGI – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship, scholars like An Thoai are able to build their skill capacities and contribute to their work in the respective countries, and also build bonds and relationships with their peers around ASEAN, which will in turn bring the ASEAN community closer together.

“Studying at CGI will be my memorable moment in my entire life and I would like to thank the CGI – ASEAN Foundation Scholarship for giving me a chance to experience life as well as the study here,” she said.



Arts and Culture:

The Arts and Culture initiatives by the ASEAN Foundation celebrate ASEAN's diversity, but also unites its people as one ASEAN, and instills a sense of pride in being a part of ASEAN. The initiatives in the Arts and Culture theme serve to showcase and preserve each ASEAN Member State's unique culture, but also present ways in which we are all connected. They also promote awareness about ASEAN, and about how working together as one ASEAN Community can benefit us all.

ASEAN Puppets Festival

Puppetry is an art form and a piece of shared ASEAN culture that brings people together even if they do not speak the same language. The ASEAN Puppets Festival was held in Hanoi by the National Puppet Theatre of Viet Nam (Nhà hát Múa rối Việt Nam) to celebrate ASEAN's 50th Anniversary. The festivities ran from 10 - 15 October, where puppeteers performed to audiences on 13 October, and collaborated on a performance, titled "Opportunity for Unity" on 14 October, which was directed by Mr Nguyen Tien Dung. Forty seven puppeteers and musicians from all ten Member States of ASEAN performed for audiences of more than 500 each night. The festival was also put together by advisors, guest artists from Japan, and craftsmen. Altogether, 60 artists were involved in the festival.

The ASEAN Puppets Festival is a continuation of the ASEAN Puppets Exchange (APEX) that was organised by the ASEAN Foundation and its partners from 2014 to 2016. Building on the strong bonds that forged during APEX, the ASEAN Puppets Festival was

celebrated to let more people know about ASEAN and learn about the unique aspects of each culture within ASEAN.

This festival has inspired more collaborations between participants of the festival and civil society organisations. SJ Viet Nam, an international volunteer network from Viet Nam, and the coordinator of the ASEAN Puppet Exchange project, Artsolute, with other civil society organisations (CSOs) of the UK, Spain, and the Philippines aim to work on a project that uses puppetry for education.

Company director Mrs Ngo Thanh Thuy is keen to produce Professor Amihan Bonifacio-Ramolete's ASEAN themed script at the Hanoi International Puppetry Festival in October next year and submit it for competitions at the festival.

Photographer Ch'ng Shi P'ng of Malaysia, and Dr. Jennifer Goodlander, both participants of the ASEAN Puppet Festival, intend to collaborate on a book that showcases the rich culture and relationships in ASEAN through puppetry.



60

artists involved in sharing ASEAN culture to more than **3,000** people



Le Thi Hong Ha (Artist of National Puppet Theatre of Viet Nam)

Le Thi Hong Ha was one of the participants of the ASEAN Puppets Festival held in Viet Nam. She started puppetry when she was 15 years old. Now at 32 years of age with the National Puppet Theatre of Viet Nam, she has spent more than half her life honing her art. "I always wondered how the animal could run and disappear – so full of fun," she said.

At the ASEAN Puppets Festival, she was able to network, exchange experiences with fellow artists, learn, and share about Viet Nameese culture with pride with her ASEAN peers.

But the moment she found the most precious was when she saw puppeteer Myama performing with a monkey puppet with 32 strings. "His puppet is lively, wonderful. The artist controls the dance with his hands. That's really the best thing I've seen," she confessed.

This is one of the aims of the ASEAN Puppets Festival – to build relationships and networks between puppeteers, leading to preservation of this precious cultural art, and inspiring these artists.

Philippine Textile Research Institute - TELA Conference

ASEAN has a unique style of natural textiles and dyes and we need to celebrate and develop this aspect of ASEAN culture in an environmentally sustainable way. The Philippine Textile Research Institute - TELA Conference aimed to do that and more.

TELA, which stands for Textiles Empowering Lives Anew, held the conference with the theme: "Weaves of Change: Fostering Ties that Bind." This emphasises how we need to come together in times of change and declining traditions. The conference was also supported by the ASEAN Foundation and DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PTRI).

The conference achieved the following:

- It provided stakeholders an avenue to promote indigenous development in dyes and textiles, discuss and exchange ideas, learnings and information towards sustaining and strengthening the use of natural fibres and dyes.
- It showcased recent innovations and developments in textiles and natural dyes of ASEAN countries
- It was a platform for stakeholders to collaborate and engage with each other to grow productivity and develop the skill capacity in the textile sector of the ASEAN region.

The actions taken to achieve these objectives came through two parts of the conference:

1. Knowledge and culture sharing

On 7 - 8 November, a conference was held at the SMX Aura Convention Center to discuss and share insights on key issues affecting the promotion and sustainability of the handloom weaving tradition across the ASEAN region. From the discussions, delegates from across the region realised that they faced similar challenges. Some of the key themes discussed include:

- Traditional handloom facing a slow decline
- How modern science and technology can help sustain the sector
- How attaching a value to handloom weaving can promote and sustain it economically
- How the government and private sector can contribute to promoting handloom weaving

On 9 November 2017, an exclusive workshop on natural dyeing was conducted at the DOST-PTRI. The workshop was composed of two segments. The first segment was a lesson on silk dyeing using natural and botanical dyes facilitated by Ms. Kommaly Chanthavong of Laos while the second segment was a workshop on shibori dyeing using natural indigo dye conducted by Yana Ofrasio of the Philippines.

2. Collaborations

The event also served to facilitate partnerships among the participants on how to collaboratively move forward in promoting and sustaining the handloom weaving tradition in consideration of its cultural and economic implications.

Dinny Yusuf (CEO and Founder of Toraja Melo)

The ASEAN Foundation interviewed Dinny Yusuf, CEO and Founder of Toraja Melo, who aims to "solve the feminization of poverty and the rejuvenation of the "dying" hand-weaving heritage in Indonesia" (Toraja Melo website). She was one of the participants at the TELA Conference and is also a proud champion of textile heritage.

What was the most important thing to you that you learned at the conference?

I learned, that we are not alone. There are so many people who care and do something about our weaving heritage. And they come from all walks of life, i.e. academicians, activists, business people, government officials, scientists, and of course the weavers themselves! Across gender and age.

What parts of the conference did you like most?

I like the presentations from various countries.

I learned a lot of similarities of challenges, i.e. community organizing, access to market, regeneration among the weavers, to be relevant in the contemporary market, developing & growing natural fibre and natural dye. I also enjoyed the networking, getting to know each other.

I was happy, because I see hope that hand-woven textile will not disappear because it is one of our main heritage.

Bringing together the different craftsmen and craftswomen, the TELA conference allowed greater interaction between peers and inspired them to work together to preserve and develop the textile industry in ASEAN. Like the themes of the ASEAN Community, only by working together can we progress and grow.



Borobudur Temple, Indonesia



Media:

Using media as a platform of communication to inform, educate and connect people with stories, we can reach out to more people in ASEAN. The initiatives under the Media theme also help members of the media understand ASEAN better so that they can showcase the real stories of the real people of ASEAN.

ASEAN Youth Video Contest

The ASEAN Youth Video Contest engages young people by using interactive media to ignite a sense of excitement of being a part of the ASEAN Community, and develop a sense of familiarity with the ASEAN identity. By taking part in a video contest to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the ASEAN Community, ASEAN youth can come to their own understanding of being a part of ASEAN.

This programme was a partnership between the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN – U.S. PROGRESS, the ASEAN Foundation, and the National Youth Council Singapore, with support from USAID and the Government

of the Philippines. 137 short video submissions were received from across 10 ASEAN Member States. A technical evaluation panel then selected the ten finalists to represent each of the member states.

This year's theme was "What the 50th Year of ASEAN Means to You and ASEAN Youth." From 14 – 17 August 2017, the 10 finalists of the 3rd ASEAN Youth Video Contest gathered in Singapore to attend a workshop to improve their video making skills. After the training they returned to their home countries to continue working on their two-minute videos before the final submission on 30 September 2017.

137

videos from youths across ASEAN were submitted



10

talented ASEAN youths received expert-led video workshop



All the participants said that they felt they learned many valuable skills from the workshop, met new friends and expanded their network. "I learned about ASEAN, the goals of ASEAN, and that ASEAN is not just for me, but for all of us," Peter Chan, the representative for Cambodia said.

The winning video was by Murphy P Carbarello, from the Philippines. Titled "ASEAN in the Eyes of the Youth," the video spoke about how a dispassionate young person finds her confidence when she discovered what it means to be a part of ASEAN. She finds more opportunities and security as ASEAN connects its people from different countries together, and with that, she dares to dream.

"It was a great exposure for me to understand what my ASEAN counterparts are thinking about, what they aspire to be and what they like to do in real life. As Singaporeans, we are a part of the ASEAN Community, an ASEAN family, we have to learn about what our ASEAN friends are thinking about. We need to be connected to the community and the wider region, in particular what the youths are thinking. This programme allows us to do this. It allows youth in ASEAN to showcase our aspirations and hopes for the future."

Kwan Hong

Training participant from Singapore

Reporting ASEAN

Much of the news coverage on ASEAN is about high-profile government-level events, and less about stories of the people of ASEAN. The stories about how government policies were affecting people's lives, and the successes and challenges faced by the people of ASEAN need to be heard. Thus, the Reporting

ASEAN programme was developed. The ASEAN Foundation partnered with Inter Press Service (IPS) Asia Pacific to develop a Media Fellowship in 2016 and organised a Media Forum with Probe Media Foundation in February 2017.

Reporting ASEAN series

The Media Fellowship in 2016 gave the journalist-fellows a fresh perspective on ASEAN. Armed with ideas, alumni and non-alumni journalists were able to write more "human" stories about the people of ASEAN, instead of high-level government events in the Reporting ASEAN series. The Media Fellowship built journalists' capacity for deeper, more consistent, and critical reporting on the ASEAN Community.

Daniel Abunales, a contributor to the "Vera Files" news website and an alumni of the Media Fellowship, did a story on Filipinos' perceptions of ASEAN where he said that the Philippines was ASEAN Chair in 2017. "Before the fellowship I can't think of an ASEAN story angle that goes beyond the meetings and official documents. I thought it would be impossible to write story based on ordinary people's perspective. I also thought asking random people on the street about ASEAN would not make a good story. I was surprised how it turned out. While they don't understand what's being discussed during ASEAN meetings, talking to street vendors, for example, will make you realise there's an ASEAN story from the ground that's often overlooked," he said.

Through the Reporting ASEAN website, which tells stories focused solely on ASEAN, readers and contributors can see the value and rich treasure trove of stories that the ASEAN people have to tell. There is so much scope for discussion and debate as well, as the regional issues we face are unique and we need to address them together.



Reporting ASEAN Media Forum

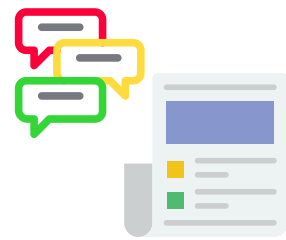
More than 80 participants attended the Reporting ASEAN Media Forum. They were a good mix of journalists and editors, invited resource speakers, representatives from other ASEAN bodies, foreign policy and academic institutions, foundations, international organisations, and students.

At the forum, they exchanged views and experiences on reporting on ASEAN issues. They also discussed emerging issues, challenges, opportunities in reporting and analysis on the ASEAN Community 2015 and beyond. It gave them opportunities to position the media and the public's perceptions, discussions, and reporting about ASEAN.

Some of the main themes discussed during the forum were the challenge of finding the ASEAN identity, the ASEAN Community as a means to integration, and how it needs to go forward for the next 50 years. During the editors' panel, discussions were held about how media outlets cover ASEAN related news, and what they look out for when covering ASEAN related news. The discussion demonstrated how policymakers and journalists speak a different language and need to have forums like this, so they can take a look into each other's minds and see how they can work together.

Many participants liked the mix of speakers from diverse backgrounds, the fact that they were very frank, and that the discussions were brief but comprehensive. Some others said they had a new appreciation for the complexity of issues around ASEAN regionalism.

Reporting ASEAN programme Achievements:



MORE FEATURES AND COMMENTARIES

Production of 11 features/commentaries (800 to 1,000 words) around ASEAN's relevance, role, prospects and potential as it reaches its 50th year



WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF STORIES

Distribution of these outputs to a mix of media outlets in the region, including some local-language media, as well as social media outlets including the programme's Facebook and Twitter accounts



MORE STORIES

Producing 17 stories/sets of stories, including a three-part series from the Philippines. This is more stories than required, and was achieved by maximising resources, and increased regional contributions to the Reporting ASEAN site as it become more well known



GOOD MIX OF STORIES AND WRITERS

The project stories are a mix of features/ analyses/commentaries, linked to current ASEAN issues, from a mix of editors, senior writers as well as ex-fellows in the Reporting ASEAN programme, in addition to the ones produced by the project editor/manager



STRONG SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

More than 1,500 likes on Facebook

ASEAN Youth Citizen Journalism

Using the power of the media, the ASEAN Youth Citizen Journalism Initiative gets ASEAN youths to present impactful stories about ASEAN values and ideals. These young journalists learned how to use media formats to spread these important messages to other young people throughout ASEAN

and influence positive change in their communities. 20 young journalists took part in the programme which was held in Singapore in November 2017. They attended a workshop on writing, blogging, photography, videography, and generating content for social media.



It was Charles Kennneth F. Lijauco's first time in Singapore and the people he met at the ASEAN Youth Citizen Journalism programme left a very lasting impression on him. "I met a lot of good people. These young visionaries inspired me to do better not just in life but in doing good for other people. This is just the start of something big," Charles said.

The student from Malayan Colleges Laguna in the Philippines added, "this contest is very important for

us. I think that the youth of today should be involved, not just discussing social issues or promoting [what they advocate], but actually taking action." Charles and his partner Arnel Murga created "Project Akay" to promote issues affecting Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the Philippines and it has been recognised by the local community, mainstream media and the ASEAN Secretariat. They were the eventual winners of the contest.



Community Building:

The initiatives under the Community Building theme aim to strengthen the relationships between ASEAN citizens, advancing their common interests, and getting them involved and benefiting from ASEAN's integration.

ASEAN Farmers' Organisations Support Programme

The ASEAN Farmers' Organisations Support Programme (AFOSP) aims to improve the livelihoods and food security of smallholder farmers and rural producers in ASEAN Member States. Fully funded by European Union (EU) through International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), this programme assists farmers' organisations in improving their services to members, especially their

entrepreneurial capacities and value chain participation.

The role of ASEAN Foundation is to promote policy dialogue and interactions between farmers and rural organisations with the ASEAN level institutions, such as the ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) and ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE).

In 2017, the ASEAN Foundation had a significant role in many initiatives that were part of the AFOSP:

- Participating the 24th ASEAC Centre for the Development of Agricultural Cooperative (ACEDAC) Meeting) and the 19th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives, 16 – 19 May 2017 in Vientiane, Lao PDR
- Supporting ASEAN in developing the ASEAN Roadmap on Agricultural Development 2025. The ASEAN Roadmap on Agricultural Cooperatives Development was endorsed by 39th AMAF in September 2017 in Chiang Mai, Thailand as one of key 2018 deliverables for ASEAN cooperation in Food, Agriculture, and Forestry
- Attending and participating the SOM – RDPE (Rural Development and Poverty Eradication), 3 – 6 October 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Participating in the Regional Steering Committee AFOSP, 5 – 9 October 2017 in Ahmedabad, India
- Participating in the Coordination Meeting on the promotion of ASEAN Coffee during the 7th ASEAN Cooperative Business Forum, in Manila, the Philippines.

Other events were held as part of AFOSP, and they provided a wide platform for ASEAN citizens in the agricultural industry to interact and cooperate with each other.

ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperative (ALSPEAC)

On 19 – 21 July 2017, the ASEAN Foundation organised an ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperative (ALSPEAC) in Yogyakarta, through AFOSP. The programme focused on coffee farmers and the participants came from civil society organisations (CSOs) and farmers' agricultural cooperative members. They were able to see best-in-class examples of well-managed agricultural cooperatives. They got to see what good internal organisation looked like, what kinds of services to provide to members, and how they can network through agricultural cooperatives. They also saw how to create more market opportunities and how to involve more women in the production and supply process.

Many of the participants felt that they forged many friendships, and learned a lot about coffee production, management, and the benefits of joining cooperatives. Khin Lay Phiu, a participant from Myanmar, said, "after this meeting, I will go back to Myanmar to share this experience with the other farmers who are members of the farmer cooperatives."

The participants also learned how to develop cross-country market strategies and agreements between public and private sectors. "Farmers must be committed to bring their products to cooperatives so that we can offer our products to companies for a bigger profit and a higher price," Anacleto Mejares, from the Philippines, explained. All these factors were within the framework of the ASEAN 2025 Blueprint and they saw how they had a place in it, and how they can benefit from it.



EU - ASEAN Youth Forum

Farmers make the food we eat but many young potential farmers are seeking job prospects in the cities instead. The issues surrounding this and what can be done to encourage more young farmers was discussed at the EU - ASEAN Youth Forum. Young farmers from Europe and Southeast Asia gathered at the ASEAN Secretariat for the forum, which focused on Youth Engagement in Food Crops Production and Value Chain.

Held from 24 – 25 October 2017, the forum was organised by the ASEAN Foundation, ASIAN Farmers' Association, La Via Campesina, with support from the European Union Delegation for ASEAN and IFAD.

Wopsyjenn Merida Penas, a participant at the Forum from the Philippines, said, "I call for the advancement of young farmers in the Philippines and I hope the government will support us. Most young farmers have no lands to fill, no access to support services or a steady income, and being a farmer is looked down upon. Because of this, young farmers opt to leave their farms for jobs abroad. This is sad because without farmers, we have no food, and no future."

The issues being faced by young farmers in Europe is similar, as noted by European participant Jannes Maes, a representative from the EU Young Farmers' Association. "We need to unite as one voice in order to make the voice as loud as possible. If everyone is speaking through the same microphone, we make the voice very loud. And the voice needs to be loud in order to be heard by policymakers."

Calls for government support were made to encourage more young people to become farmers so that they can get the help they need.



ASEAN Leaders' Programme

The ASEAN Leaders' Programme gathers senior leaders from the public, private, and civic sectors in ASEAN to work together to address a challenge in the region. The programme will help them build strong connections with other leaders from around ASEAN, share knowledge and develop the cultural intelligence required to grow ASEAN's cities, realise the immense potential of the ASEAN Community and secure the future of its people for generations to come. Participants collaborated to develop practical proposals to address a central challenge facing ASEAN, and to implement these proposals beyond the programme.

Organised by Common Purpose, in partnership with the ASEAN Foundation and with the support of GE, FWD Insurance and the UK FCO, the ASEAN Leaders Programme brought ASEAN leaders out of their comfort zone. They learned how to lead inclusively, make better decisions as a leader, develop fresh creative approaches to solutions, and extended their regional networks during the programme.

Yeow Hin Lai, Market Development Director, Singapore & Brunei, GE ASEAN had this to say about his experience in the programme, "I was particularly struck by a leadership insight I was exposed to on the programme being unafraid to ask questions, and to ask for help, from the head of an industrial powerhouse, no less – struck a deep chord in me. It was a show of authentic leadership.

"I learned about the benefits of transparency, that senior leaders can also be vulnerable, how it is more important to get the right information by asking questions, and that, at times, it's ok to admit to a lack of knowledge. I have put it to practice and brought an authentic and transparent voice to my own leadership." Indeed, 88% of participants shared in the post-event analysis that they are better able to lead or operate beyond their circle of authority.

"After being on the programme, I view [new] ideas as fresh, imaginative. Now, I don't dismiss new ideas, but think of ways to fine tune them."

Michelle Leung

Participant of the ASEAN Leaders' Programme

The ASEAN leaders were inspired to put what they learned in the programme to practice and many explained how they were able to lead more positively. "I have been able to apply a lot of what I observed on the programme, into initiatives we run here. I have been able to make suggestions to our masterplan on education for rural transformation, where I extended ideas gained from the programme into workshops. We have already integrated the ideas with new curriculum reform for general education and non-formal education. It includes imparting vocational skills for students, to help generate an income from working within the home," Dr. Soeur Socheata, the Under Secretary of State,

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of Cambodia said.

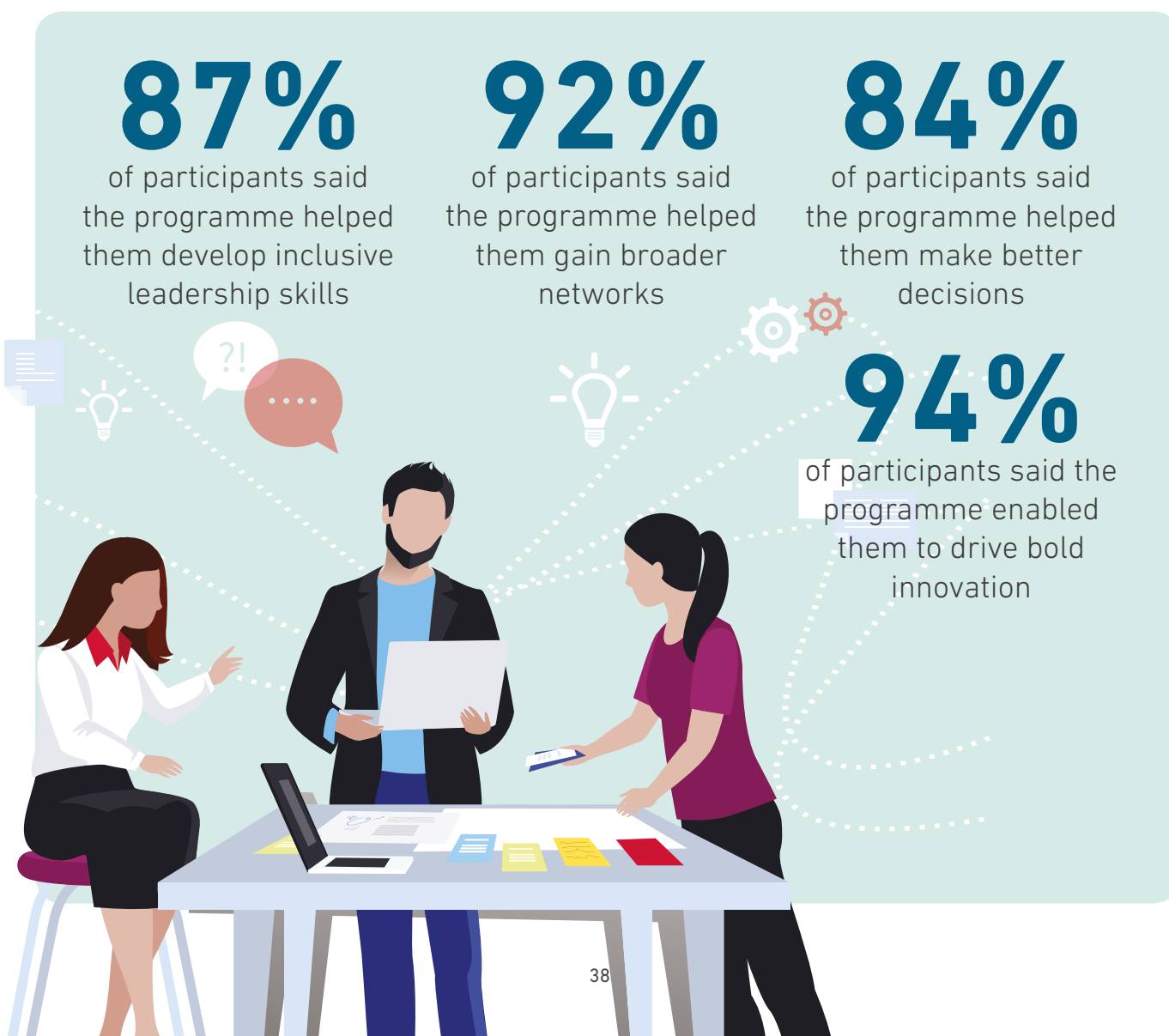
The programme changed many of the ASEAN leaders' perspectives on how they do their work. Michelle Leung, Associate Director, Intermediaries Supervision, Intermediaries, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, said, "from time to time, we have junior professionals who try to apply new perspectives to policy. Earlier, I was quite prudent. After being on the programme, I view those ideas as fresh, imaginative now, I don't dismiss new ideas, but think of ways to fine tune them. The financial world is always changing. We need new ideas!"

S Rajaratnam Endowment – ASEAN Community Forum

The S Rajaratnam Endowment (SRE) – ASEAN Community Forum aimed to discuss ways to make the ASEAN Community Blueprints 2025 more relevant and responsive to improve lives of ASEAN citizens. Civil society members have great networks within the communities that they have chosen to work for, so they were invited to participate at the SRE – ASEAN Community Forum. For the first and second forums, a total of more than 120

members of CSOs from all 10 ASEAN member states attended.

The CSOs got acquainted with ASEAN processes and mechanisms to understand how they can better engage with ASEAN, and how the work of ASEAN can benefit the communities they work for. Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat attending the forums also spoke on the elements of the ASEAN blueprints relevant to each forum's topic.



The first SRE – ASEAN Community forum was held on 9 – 10 March 2017 in Singapore, with the theme Rural Development, Women's Economic Development and Micro-Small-Small-Medium-Enterprises (MSMEs). The second forum was held on 23 – 24 August, with the theme environment protection, disaster management and sustainable development.

The CSOs then considered the impact of the blueprints on the people of ASEAN, challenges to ASEAN integration, and possible ways forward during the last part of the forums called the World Café sessions.

"I hope that the action plans that have been collaboratively formulated can be taken by those who are representing the organisations in their respective countries to follow through and move

forward in terms of achieving the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) that has been set in the work plans," Nadira Yusoff, who is from the National Council of Women's Organisation of Malaysia, said.

The outcomes of the forum were encouraging – participants learned a lot about the ASEAN blueprints, and expressed hopes that they could integrate their activity into the existing ASEAN framework in some way, and yet remain faithful to their respective causes. Many participants felt that the forum was a great platform to network and meet like-minded and passionate peers. They also gave feedback to the ASEAN Secretariat on how they could work more closely together with ASEAN.

"We are working a lot with the government and other CSOs in our country. And the community forum is giving us direction to work together instead of doing things on our own, and we learn how everyone can work together under the ASEAN umbrella."

Dr. Khin Muang Win

President of the Community Development Association of Myanmar

Even after the conference ended, there were follow ups with participants to ensure that the relations they built with ASEAN enabled them to serve their community better.

Participation in ASEAN Senior Official Meetings

The 14th Senior Official Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE) was held on 3 October 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ASEAN Foundation and some CSOs were invited to present the outcomes of the first two SRE – ASEAN Community Forums. It was a great opportunity to give the CSOs exposure to senior ASEAN officials. The ASEAN Foundation was then invited to join the 6th ASEAN Public Private People forum (PPP) on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction (RDPE).

This annual forum regularly brings CSOs that are working on Rural Development issues to share good practices and consult with the respective Senior ASEAN Officials. They can then later discuss with policymakers the recommendations that can be presented and discussed at the Ministerial Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication. This forum allowed the ASEAN Foundation to have intensive interaction with the senior officials and ASEC to discuss how the ASEAN Foundation can play a role as a co-organiser for the next forum in 2018 with AsiaDHRRA and ASEAN Secretariat. This would then allow CSOs that participated in the SRE – ASEAN Community Forum series to continue to be engaged in ASEAN meetings.

Partnerships between CSOs and ASEAN groups

As the follow-up to the 2nd SRE – ASEAN Community Forum, the ASEAN Secretariat Division of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance informed the ASEAN Foundation that they have included all the CSO contacts in the AADMER Partnership Group (APG)3. This inclusion of SRE participants in the APG network would allow them to further engage and follow-up on the second forum's recommendations. Also, the Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Division informed that they would keep in close contact with the ASEAN Foundation on ASEAN CSO initiatives on disaster management soon.

Social Sabbatical and Volunteerism

The SAP Social Sabbatical (SoSa) programme is a collaborative programme between the ASEAN Foundation and SAP, with support from Pyxera Global. This programme aims to build the capacity of innovative social enterprises from ASEAN countries. Several SAP employees from various offices across Europe, America, and Asia, got to work directly with selected ASEAN social enterprises for two weeks up to one month. During this period, they consulted and mentored the social enterprises to solve operational challenges and helped deliver a business plan to each of the social enterprises to solve pressing business issues and set them for sustainable growth.

All the social enterprises were extremely grateful for the knowledge and skills transfer from the SAP employees and learned a lot from

them. Suprpto, Javara's Chief of Operation Officer, said, "to tackle the mismatch of information and lack of coordination between production and sales departments, SAP employees developed a simple yet practical approach which is to use a dashboard. This dashboard can be seen by all Javara workers which really helped to improve our internal coordination."

Three SoSa Programmes were successfully carried out in Viet Nam, Indonesia and Myanmar on from 3 – 21 April 2017, 25 April – 5 May 2017, and 14 – 28 October 2017 respectively. Four Social Enterprises (SEs) in Viet Nam and Indonesia and three SEs in Myanmar were selected. 31 SAP employees from America, Europe, and Asia took part in the programme.

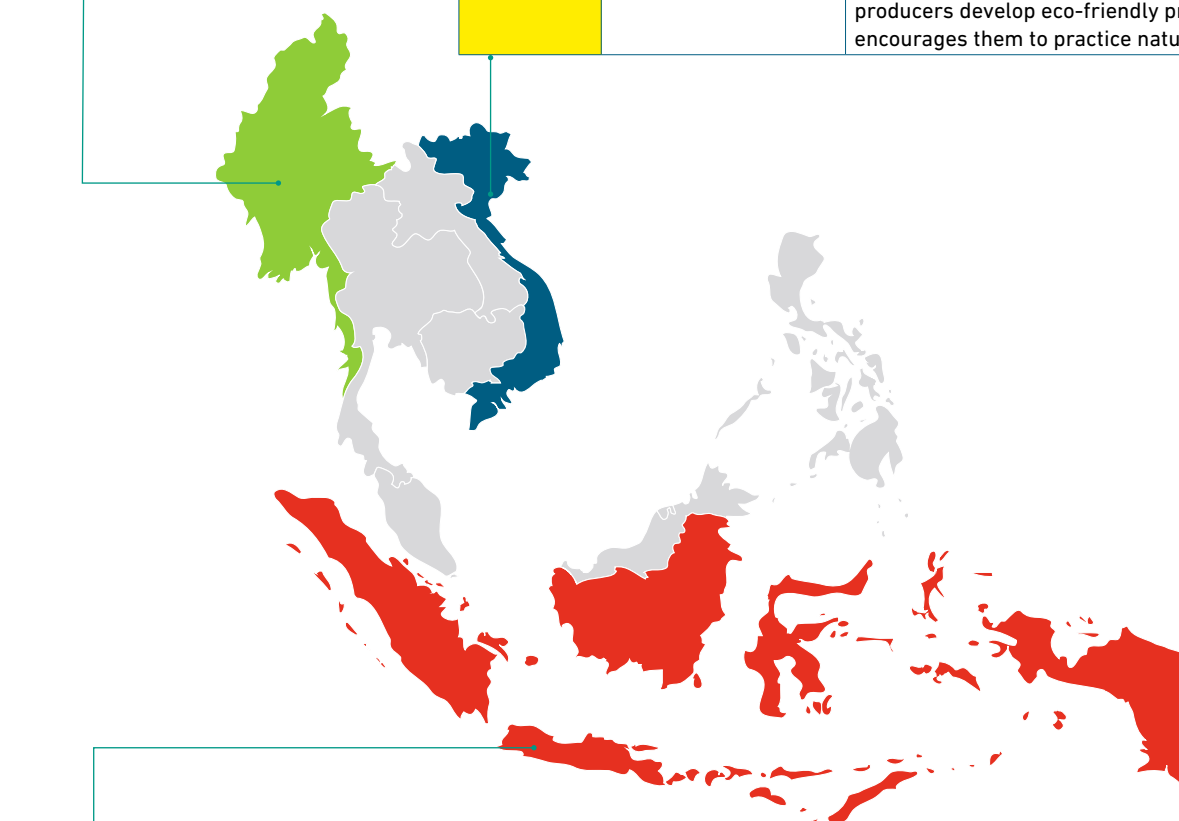
What also made the programme great was it was flexible in a way it allowed CAMPA Tour to convey the challenges we face and in response, SAP employees would provide inputs to tackle the issues. They tried to solve the problems from the very root and most importantly, the advices given were in a structured manner.

Fitri Utama

Staff from CAMPA Tour

MYANMAR	(i) myME	a social enterprise that provides education in a mobile classroom to children who are forced to work at teashop restaurants to make a living
	(ii) KT Care	a non-profit organisation that provides education, health and emergency preparation and relief services by empowering local expertise to do so
	(iii) Phandeeyar	an innovation lab that is spearheading the development of Myanmar's tech ecosystem and investing in local technology start-ups, training new entrepreneurs and building the pool of tech talent

VIET NAM	(i) Saigon Children's Charity	a UK-registered charity that aims to eliminate poverty through education
	(ii) Teach for Viet Nam	a nonprofit organisation under the umbrella of Teach for All
	(iii) G.A.P. Institute	a social enterprise that aims to train youths in language and professional skills
	(iv) XanhShop	a social enterprise that helps farmers and producers develop eco-friendly products and encourages them to practice natural farming.



INDONESIA	(i) Campa Tour and Travel	an Indonesian tour company that partners with local operators and service providers to provide high quality tours for individuals and larger groups
	(ii) Javara Indigenous Indonesia	a self-sustained organisation working from sustainable production to sustainable distribution of community made, organic products
	(iii) Prestasi Junior Indonesia	the national branch of Junior Achievement Worldwide based in Boston, USA. They introduce innovative, experiential learning initiatives to schools from junior to high school level
	(iv) Mien R. Uno Foundation	a non-profit organisation that focuses on training and developing young people through entrepreneurship training.

Knowledge sharing in programmes like this benefits the SAP staff too, as they get to play a role in helping the communities the social enterprises serve.



Pha That Luang, Laos

Celebrating Partnerships

ASEAN @50

High Level Forum on ASEAN @50

The ASEAN Foundation partnered with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on the High-Level Forum on ASEAN @50 on 19 October 2017. Honest discussions and fresh perspectives on the ASEAN way and the ASEAN identity were given at the forum.

The High-Level forum was co-hosted by the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs, ERIA and the Foreign Service Institute of the Philippine Government with the support of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) and the ASEAN Foundation.

More than 350 high level officials, diplomats, members of the academia, Heads of State, former Heads of State, Ministers, and former Ministers attended the forum. The High-Level Forum is the culmination of a series of events hosted by ERIA and its partners. These events focused on the three pillars of ASEAN: the ASEAN Political Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio - Cultural Community.

One of the topics discussed at the High-Level Forum was that the “ASEAN way” of doing things - that mutual consensus must be reached - is a hindrance to ASEAN’s development. This slow and tedious decision-making process was useful in binding all the member states together in ASEAN’s early years. But for the future, many agreed that the “ASEAN way” is getting in the way of an integrated ASEAN.

Former Asean Secretary-General and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Dr. Surin Pitsuwan said, “I think the problem of diversity is the root cause of the ASEAN way because that diversity cannot be managed in a way that could be satisfactory to everyone. So, we have what we call the ASEAN way, which means, very slow, very deliberative and let time heal many of the suspicions among us and between us, and a decision will come.”

Thailand’s former Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said that for ASEAN’s goals to be achieved, ASEAN citizens need to feel a sense of belonging to ASEAN as a community and have an ASEAN identity.

“Moving forward with economic integration, common market, and free movement of labour will eventually require changes in domestic laws. For these changes to be possible, the reforms have to be on top of the domestic agenda, in consonance with public opinion. This makes ASEAN identity - having the sense of common destiny and values - the key to community-building,” Abhisit said.

The ASEAN identity was also another key topic discussed at the forum. President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines said, “I therefore call on our fellow ASEAN leaders to empower our peoples by making them understand the importance of ASEAN in their lives, [how] its past gains have directly contributed to their well-being, and how the realization of its goals will make their lives better.”

This forum served as an important milestone in ASEAN’s journey. Just as ASEAN is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, this high-level forum is a good pitstop for the region to look at what it wants to be in the next 50 years, and what it must do to achieve it.

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Former Prime Minister of Thailand

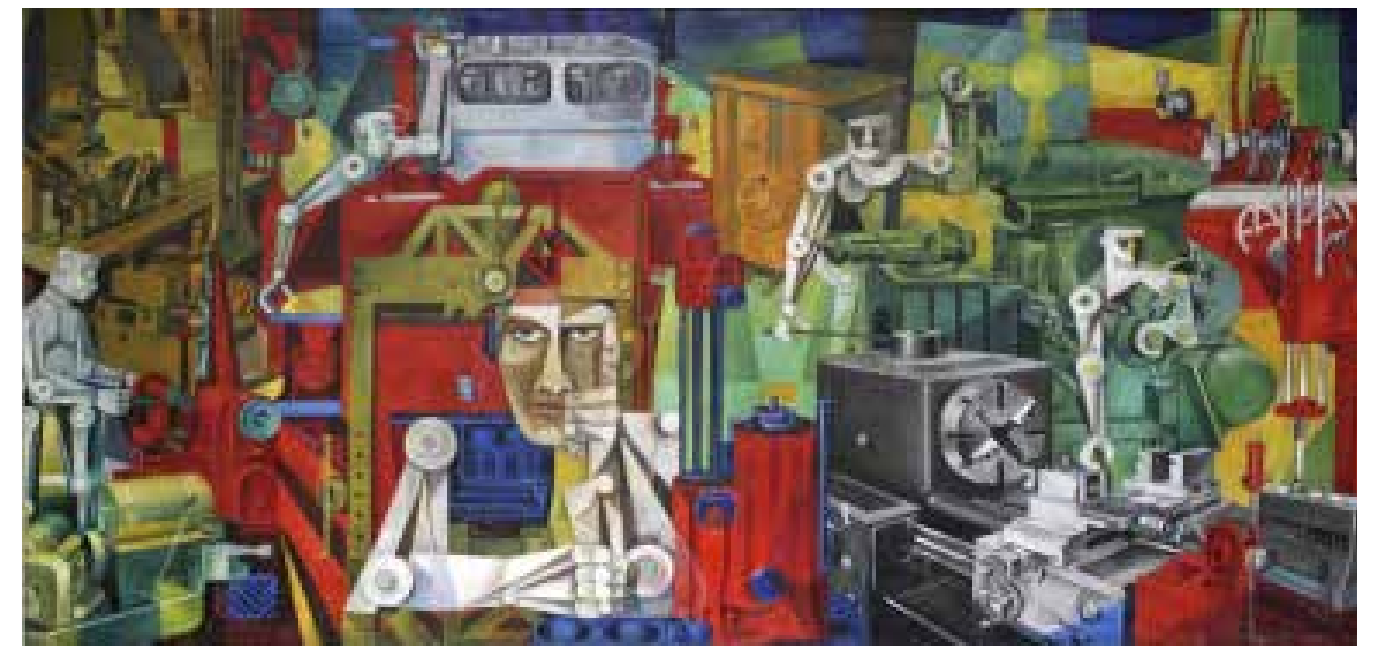
Assemblage Exhibition

To mark ASEAN's 50th Anniversary, the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Foundation organised a curated art exhibition for the first time. Titled "Assemblage: Reflections on ASEAN," the exhibition featured more than 20 works by ASEAN artists, as well as specially commissioned sculptures by up and coming Indonesian contemporary artist Hendra Priyadhani. Held from 28 July – 31 August, the exhibition was organised in partnership with Art Agenda, S.E.A., DayaLima and UOB Indonesia.

Elaine Tan, the Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation, said, "as an ASEAN body that connects people, we are pleased to be involved in this project to welcome people to the ASEAN Gallery – a place where ASEAN people can enjoy the artworks created by talented ASEAN artists. The 'Assemblage: Reflections on ASEAN' exhibition invites people to appreciate the richness and diversity of ASEAN and most importantly how this diversity binds people in the ASEAN Community in the past, in present time and excitedly for the future."

The artwork in the exhibition showcase what life and the community is like in ASEAN - differences between rural life and city life, social issues affecting each society, and the people's hopes and dreams for the future.

Assemblage was able to encapsulate how far ASEAN has come and where it hopes to go in the next 50 years.



ASEAN – Korea Culture Exchange

To promote greater cultural exchange between ASEAN and Korea, the ASEAN-Korea Centre partnered with the ASEAN Foundation to organise three initiatives: (i) Online ASEAN Quiz, (ii) the Second ASEAN – Korea

Academic Essay Contest, and (iii) the ASEAN – Korea Youth Short Film Festival 2017. The year 2017 was also declared to be ASEAN-Korea Cultural Exchange year.



Online ASEAN Quiz

The Online ASEAN Quiz was an effective way to raise awareness about ASEAN and ASEAN – Korea relations. It was especially significant since 2017 was ASEAN's 50th Anniversary, in addition to its being the ASEAN – Korea Cultural Exchange year. The quiz gave ASEAN and Korean youth the opportunity to forge friendships during the networking session after the on-site quiz. The quiz was on topics in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Pillar and ASEAN – Korea relations. Three hundred thirty quiz entries were received through the ASEAN Foundation Facebook fan page, and eventually 50 winners were selected.

ASEAN – Korea Academic Essay Contest

International relations and the global economy are experiencing rapid changes. The ASEAN – Korea Academic Essay contest aimed to show how the relationship between ASEAN and Korea were affected by this, and what ASEAN and Korean students thought about it. Kim Young-sun, Secretary General of the ASEAN – Korea Centre, said, "on such a significant juncture, the 2nd ASEAN – Korea Academic Essay Contest will provide a meaningful platform for the future leaders of ASEAN and Korea to conduct scholarly research on how to navigate through current challenges and make a bright future."

Tertiary students in ASEAN and Korea were invited to pen their thoughts in this academic essay contest on three themes: (1) 50 Years of ASEAN and the Prospect for Multilateralism; (2) ASEAN – Korea 4.0: Adapting Digital Economy; (3) ASEAN – Korea Educational Cooperation for Cultural Understanding.

161 essay entries were received, and the 12 winning essays were from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam, with five from Korea.

An academic workshop was held for the winners to present their essays and have an in-depth discussion and networking session with the other students. The winners from ASEAN got to go for a study trip to the Busan University of Foreign Studies in Korea, in December 2017, and the Korean winners had their own study trip to Singapore in January 2018. The winners' essays were published in a book by The Korea Herald titled "Young Perspectives," which will be distributed to relevant organisations and libraries in Korea and ASEAN.

2017 ASEAN – Korea Youth Short Film Festival

Fifty videos were submitted to the Short Film Festival and five winners were selected from the Philippines (grand prix award), Indonesia (gold, silver, and bronze awards) and Korea (bronze award).



Kuala Lumpur Skyline, Malaysia

Visualising Workshop on 6 December 2017 with SAP

The ASEAN Foundation and its stakeholders meet regularly to ensure that the Foundation stays aligned to its vision and objectives. In 2017, the regular strategic planning workshop was made a bit more special with the involvement of SAP, who helped to conduct the meeting using a method called Design thinking. In order to help the Foundation brainstorm on how to engage with the community in ASEAN more, members of the public and private sector, such as Maybank, and Edelman Indonesia; CSO partners such as Artsolute and Common Purpose; ASEAN bodies, think tanks, and the ASEAN Foundation Board of Trustees attended the workshop.

This wide range of attendees made the discussions very dynamic as different

viewpoints were presented. The outcomes of the workshop were:

- An alignment on the Foundation's vision and strategic objectives
- An understanding of the changing ASEAN environment and what the impact is on the Foundation
- Initiatives that the Foundation should prioritise in the next 3-4 years

The Foundation's strategic objectives were: (i) strengthening organisation efficiency and effectiveness, (ii) strengthening partnership and coordination with various ASEAN stakeholders to promote ASEAN awareness, (iii) building the ASEAN Foundation brand, and (iv) diversifying the donor base and repeat commitment from ASEAN member states.

Eight big bet initiatives

were selected by the end of the workshop, to be implemented by the ASEAN Foundation to achieve each of the ASEAN Foundation's strategic objectives.





Kuthodaw Pagoda, Myanmar

Resource Management

The ASEAN Foundation is honoured to receive funding from both public and private sector donors in 2017. We are pleased that they see the value of the work we are doing in ASEAN region. Overall we have successfully secured a total of USD 1,122,924.22 in grants or almost four times more than the grants we received in 2016, totaling USD 316,572. The breakdown of grants is as follows:

- USD 66,532.59 were allocated by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to us for AFOSP's activities in 2017, that consisted of the ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperatives and the ASEAN Roadmap 2025 on Agricultural Cooperatives Development.
- For the implementation of the first and second ASEAN Data Science Explorers with SAP, a programme that aims to enhance awareness and appreciation of the ASEAN community amongst young people through digital literacy intervention, we received contributions totaling USD 314,951.06.
- Grants in an amount of USD 385,000 and USD 85,374.91 were awarded by the ERIA and the Government of Japan through JAIF respectively to us to execute the High Level Forum ASEAN@50.
- The ASEAN Foundation with the support of Temasek Foundation Connects aims to support the goals of ASEAN Community through the implementation of the SRE - ASEAN Community Forum. Total funds of USD 177,123.68 were used to run the first and second forums in 2017.
- One of the USAID's facilities PROGRESS generously funded USD 35,112.98 while the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives and British Embassy to Indonesia contributed USD 20,560.09 and USD 32,074.86 respectively for the third AFMAM 2017. Maybank Foundation and KBZ Bank also supported us by contributing USD 4,778 and USD 10,000 respectively.
- National Youth Council of Singapore extended their support to AYVC programme to empower 10 ASEAN talented young videographers by

contributing USD 3,513.

- Bangkok Bank contributed USD 20,000 to us to support the implementation of Reporting ASEAN Media Forum in Bangkok. The programme empower more than 80 journalists and editors with knowledge about ASEAN issues.
- UOB donated USD 2,000 to support us in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN during the ASEAN Day on 8 August 2017.





Cebu Taoist Temple, the Philippines

Websites, Communication and Social Media

Our Websites and Microsite

ASEAN Foundation's website

www.aseanfoundation.org

The ASEAN Foundation website is the main centre of information and knowledge about our programmes, and how participants have benefited from them. News stories, interviews and photo galleries showcase the experiences of ASEAN too.

AFMAM's microsite

modelasean.aseanfoundation.org/

As one of the ASEAN Foundation's major events, the AFMAM microsite is an all-in-one information and broadcast platform for all things related to the ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN meeting.

ASEAN Data Science Explorers' website

www.aseandse.org

The ASEAN Foundation developed a website for the ASEAN Data Science Explorers (ADSE) and promoted it to students across ASEAN. The website described the updated information related to ADSE content, stages of participation, important dates, information on the SAP Analytics Cloud (SAC) software, tutorials of the software, and most importantly the prizes to attract students to take part in the competition. It was used during the competition where students could submit their storyboards. After the competition, these storyboards were available for download and was open to the public.

Our Communication

The ASEAN Foundation has increased its media outreach and brand awareness. There has been more media coverage and mentions of ASEAN Foundation activities, as well as discussions about ASEAN, which is what we aim to do, instead of having the media only cover government-level ASEAN events.

The media coverage on our activities has shown that ASEAN is not only for governments - it is also for regular ASEAN citizens and it brings benefits. Our activities as well as

the discussions about ASEAN in the media also raise more awareness about ASEAN and make ASEAN more relatable to the public.

The signing of the MOU between SAP and the ASEAN Foundation received a lot of attention. We received 133 pieces of media coverage from six ASEAN countries. The ASEAN Data Science Explorers competition, which is a project under this partnership, also received much media coverage. There were 72 news coverage from across ASEAN.

The ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperative had three stories published in Indonesian dailies. A significant amount of media coverage was also received for the art exhibition in celebration of ASEAN's 50th Anniversary - Assemblage: Reflections on ASEAN at the ASEAN Gallery.

The 3rd AFMAM was covered in eight news stories in the Philippines. Five news stories covered the 2-day ASEAN-EU Youth Forum in October.

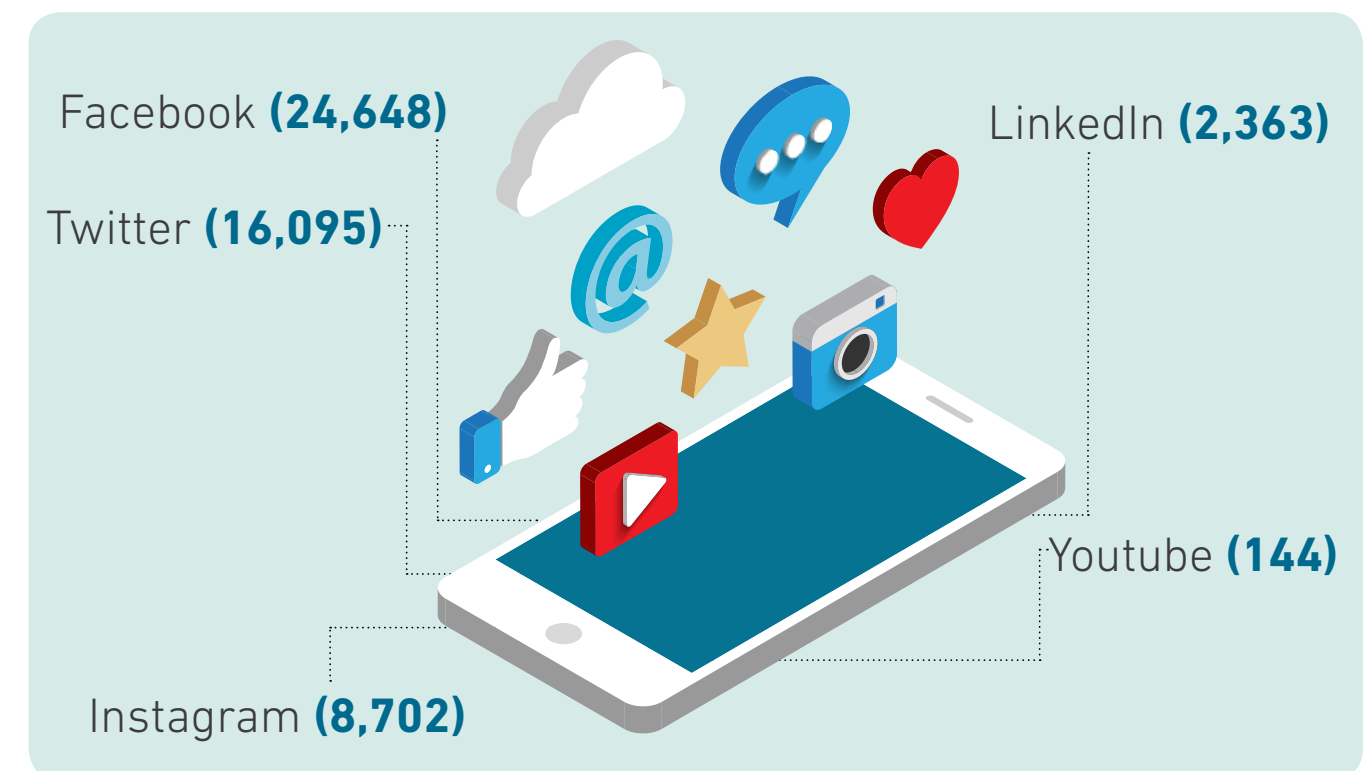
Our Social Media

Facebook and Instagram are the ASEAN Foundation's top two platforms for communication as our followers have seen steadily increased since the accounts opened, and we received the most interactions there. Our posts on Facebook reach almost 2 million, and Instagram reaches more than 1.1 million.

The most liked articles on Facebook had to do with the ASEAN youth programmes such as the AFMAM

and ASEAN Data Science Explorers, when videos featuring a programme participant were posted, as well as fun facts about ASEAN such as coffee production in ASEAN. Our Twitter followers have also steadily increased from January until December 2017.

Working with Edelman Indonesia moving forward, the ASEAN Foundation will work on messaging and positioning strategies that increases our visibility.





Merlion Park, Singapore

The ASEAN Foundation's Team

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Two pagoda on the top of Inthanon Mountain, Thailand



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Vietnam

List of events in 2017

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
JANUARY		
18 – 19	Pertamina International Learning Conference	Yogyakarta
FEBRUARY		
13 – 14	ASEAN Inter-Secretariat Retreat	Bali
17 – 19	Reporting ASEAN Media Forum	Bangkok
MARCH		
9 – 10	SRE – ASEAN Community Forum	Singapore
30	SIIA Roundtable on the Future of ASEAN	Manila
APRIL		
3	ASEAN CSR Network's Briefing	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
5 – 7	Borneo ASEAN Model ASEAN Meeting	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Sarawak
12	Siemens Pte Ltd. and the European Chamber of Commerce Dialogue	Siemens Building, Singapore
19 – 21	Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) SERVE Asia Conference	AIM Centre, Manila
24	ASEAN Youth Leaders' Summit	DLSU, Manila
25	SAP Social Sabbatical Kick-Off	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
MAY		
2 – 4	World Press Freedom Day	Jakarta
5	SAP Social Sabbatical Ends	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
9	Press Conference: AF and SAP Partnership MOU Signing	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
15 – 17	24 th ACEDAC and 19 th ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agriculture Cooperative Meetings	Vientiane
19	ASEAN Foundation's Meeting on: Development of a TOR for an ASEAN Social Enterprise Network	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
22 – 24	ASEAN CSR Network's Strategy Meeting and Board of Trustees Meeting	Bangkok
22 – 28	ASEAN Online Quiz with ASEAN-Korea Centre	Online
30 – 1 June	S&T Fellows Close-Out Meeting	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
JUNE		
7	Meeting with President of Sasakawa Foundation	Singapore
9	37 th BOT	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta
14 – 15	First ASEAN Student Mobility Forum	Manila
16	3 rd ASEAN Youth Video Contest Outreach	@america, Pacific Place, Jakarta
20 – 23	Regional Workshop for ASEAN Impact Challenge & South-South Exchange on Youth Volunteering for SDGs	Bangkok
JULY		
3 – 7	ASEAN Leaders' Programme	Singapore
18 – 20	Prep-SOM for the AMMY X; 22 nd ASEAN Youth Day Meeting; 10 th ASEAN Youth Award and the Ten Accomplished Youth Organisations in ASEAN (TAYO ASEAN)	Jakarta

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
19 – 21	ASEAN Learning Series and Policy Engagement on Agricultural Cooperative.	Yogyakarta
28	Opening to Assemblage: Reflections on ASEAN Exhibition at the ASEAN Gallery	ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta
AUGUST		
11	ASEAN Day	ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta
14 – 17	3 rd ASEAN Youth Video Contest	Singapore
23 – 24	2 nd SRE – ASEAN Community Forum	Singapore
24	Public Symposium on Building the ASEAN Social-Cultural Community and Nation Building	Davao City
SEPTEMBER		
5 – 8	ASEAN Leaders' Programme: Part 2	Manila
10 – 13	12 th China ASEAN Cultural Forum	Nanning
12	15 th M.A.P International CEO Conference	Manila
13 – 14	SIS Visit by IFAD and AFOSP Steering Committee Meeting	Jakarta
15	TBN Asia Conference, Jakarta	Jakarta
21	Supervision Mission by IFAD for MTCP2/ AFOSP	Jakarta
25 – 30	3 rd AFMAM 2017 at DLSU	Manila
28 – 29	ASEAN-UNICEF Symposium on "No One Left Behind"	Bangkok

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
OCTOBER		
2 – 6	14 th SOMRPDE	Putrajaya
5	UNISBA Model ASEAN Meeting 2017	Bandung
6	ASEAN 50 Societal Leadership Summit	Singapore
6 – 9	Regional Steering Committee Meeting AFOSP	India
9	President University Major Association of International Relations, President University (PUMA IR)	Jakarta
9 – 13	Learning Exchange ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives	Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur
10 – 11	ASEAN CSR Partners Meeting	Singapore
12 – 13	6 th ASEF Rectors Conference	Singapore
11 – 15	One APEX	Hanoi
13 – 18	Coffee Event	Manila
16	ASEAN @50 - Conference on ASEAN's Development Paradigms	Myanmar
18	ERIA Editors Roundtable	Manila
19	High-Level Forum on ASEAN @50	Manila
19	ASEAN Data Science Explorers National Competition	Jakarta
24	ASEAN Data Science Explorers Virtual National Competition through Skype	Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam
25	ASEAN Data Science Explorers National Competition	Manila

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DATE	EVENT	VENUE
25	ASEAN Data Science Explorers National Competition	Yangon
25 – 26	ASEAN EU Youth Farmers Workshop	Jakarta
31	ASEAN Data Science Explorers National Competition	Kuala Lumpur
NOVEMBER		
3	ASEAN Data Science Explorers National Competition	Vientiane
6 – 10	ASEAN Youth Citizen Journalism	Singapore
7 – 8	Philippine Textile Research Institute TELA (Textiles Empowering Lives Anew) ASEAN Conference with a theme “Weaves of Change: Fostering Ties that Bind”	Manila
10 – 12	AICHR Regional Dialogue on Mainstreaming of the Right to Education in the ASEAN Community	Phnom Penh
23 – 24	ASEAN Data Science Explorers Regional Competition	Jakarta
28 Nov – 3 Dec	Coordination for 7 th ASEAN Cooperative Business Forum and ASEAN – AFOSP Join Action Workshop	Manila
DECEMBER		
6	ASEAN Foundation Design Thinking Workshop	Jakarta
7	38 th BOT	ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta

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Independent Auditors' Report

No. 01191918SA

**Board of Trustees and Executive Director
The ASEAN Foundation**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, the statements of activities, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing established by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the ASEAN Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.

Other matter

Our audit of the financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation as of December 31, 2017 and for the year then ended was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information of Japan – ASEAN Solidarity Fund, which comprises the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, and the statement of activities, statement of changes in net assets and a summary of explanatory information (collectively referred as the "Project Financial Information"), which is presented as a supplementary information to the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation under Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards. The Project Financial Information is the responsibility of the management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation. The Project Financial Information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation in accordance with Standards on Auditing established by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In our opinion, the Project Financial Information is fairly stated in all material respect, in relation to the accompanying financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation taken as a whole.

The financial statements of the ASEAN Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2016, were audited by other independent auditors whose report No. PHHAAS/546b/MA/BP/2017 dated April 25, 2017 expressed an unmodified opinion on such financial statements.

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October 15, 2018

THE ASEAN FOUNDATION
Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2017 and 2016
(Figures are Presented in United States Dollar, unless Otherwise Stated)

	Notes	2017	2016
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	482,569	544,761
Account receivable - net of allowance for impairment losses of USD 726.32 as of December 31, 2017	5	-	1,099
Interest receivable		11,924	10,252
Advances	6	290,135	1,014,929
Prepaid expense		2,389	3,356
Total Current Assets		787,017	1,574,397
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Restricted bank accounts	7	1,184,711	1,046,464
Restricted time deposits	8	2,495,805	2,508,940
Property and equipment - net of accumulated depreciation of USD 198,700 and 188,508 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively	9	17,154	24,954
Other assets	10	1,329	1,340
Total Noncurrent Assets		3,698,998	3,581,698
TOTAL ASSETS		4,486,015	5,156,095
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses	11	839	988
Other accounts payable		-	346
Total Current Liabilities		839	1,334
NONCURRENT LIABILITY			
Long-term employee benefits liability	12	38,169	52,620
Total Liabilities		39,008	53,954
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted		(647,235)	(679,655)
Restricted		1,874,242	2,561,796
Endowments	13	3,220,000	3,220,000
Total Net Assets		4,447,007	5,102,141
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		4,486,015	5,156,095

See accompanying notes to financial statements which are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ASEAN FOUNDATION
Statements of Activities

	Notes	2017			2016				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
REVENUES									
	14	-	1,122,925	-	1,122,925	-	316,572	-	316,572
	15	150,000	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	-	150,000
	16	130,561	-	-	130,561	69,374	-	-	69,374
		134,758	3,309	-	138,067	152,127	327	-	152,454
		1,779	-	-	1,779	35,136	-	-	35,136
	17	846	-	-	846	1,326	-	-	1,326
		417,944	1,126,234	-	1,544,178	407,963	316,899	-	724,862
EXPENDITURES									
	18	357,212	-	-	357,212	350,779	-	-	350,779
	19	17,393	1,813,788	-	1,831,181	108,790	972,680	-	1,081,470
	9	10,192	-	-	10,192	9,801	-	-	9,801
		-	-	-	-	52,620	-	-	52,620
	6	727	-	-	727	-	-	-	-
		385,524	1,813,788	-	2,199,312	521,990	972,680	-	1,494,670
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS									
		32,420	(687,554)	-	(655,134)	(114,027)	(655,781)	-	(769,808)

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THE ASEAN FOUNDATION
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
(Figures are Presented in United States Dollar, unless Otherwise Stated)

	Unrestricted	Temporary Restricted	Endowment	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2016	(563,387)	3,215,336	3,220,000	5,871,949
Corrections	(2,241)	2,241	-	-
Change in net assets	(114,027)	(655,781)	-	(769,808)
Balance as of December 31, 2016	(679,655)	2,561,796	3,220,000	5,102,141
Change in net assets	32,420	(687,554)	-	(655,134)
Balance as of December 31, 2017	(647,235)	1,874,242	3,220,000	4,447,007

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THE ASEAN FOUNDATION
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016
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	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Changes in net assets	(655,134)	(769,808)
Adjustments for:		
Loss (gain) in foreign exchange	13,147	(29)
Allowance for impairment loss of receivable	727	-
Depreciation	10,192	9,801
Provision for post-employment benefits	(14,451)	52,620
Interest income	(138,067)	(152,454)
Operating cash flows before changes in operating assets and liabilities	(783,587)	(859,870)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	372	(354)
Advances	724,794	35,161
Prepaid expenses	967	297
Accrued expenses	(149)	158
Other accounts payable	(346)	346
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(57,948)	(824,262)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in restricted bank accounts	(138,247)	198,674
Increase in Restricted time deposit	-	465,637
Acquisition of property and equipment	(2,392)	(3,054)
Interest income received	136,395	145,729
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	(4,244)	806,986
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(62,192)	(17,276)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	544,761	562,037
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	482,569	544,761


See accompanying notes to financial statements which are an integral part of the financial statements.





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