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in Bucharest, Romania on 18-19 November 2025



Asia-Europe Meeting

ASEM Education

Keynote

“ASEAN-Malaysia 2025: Fostering a Common space in Southeast Asian Higher Education”

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From 2015 to 2025: Continuing Malaysia's Commitment to ASEAN

2015



**27th ASEAN Summit
and related summits**

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
NOVEMBER 21-22, 2015

Malaysia Hosts Summit

10 Years

2025



ASEAN
MALAYSIA 2025
INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Malaysia Hosts Again

Theme:
*Inclusivity and
Sustainability*

ASEAN-MALAYSIA 2025 - 'INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY'

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

NO.	ITEM	ORGANISER	DATE
1.	ASEAN International Conference on Woman Leadership (ACWAL)	Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT)	20 Feb 2025 Kuala Lumpur
2.	ASEAN Universities Exhibition & Forum 2025 (AEF2025)	Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS)	24-25 Feb 2025 Kuala Lumpur
3.	The 8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Higher Education Mobility 2025 (AWGHEM)	Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) / ASEAN	23-24 Apr 2025 Kuala Lumpur
4.	ASEAN Higher Education Ministers' Roundtable: Envisioning The Next Decade And Beyond	Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)	17-19 June 2025 Langkawi
5.	EU–ASEAN Policy Dialogue on Higher Education: Enhancing Talent and Skills Development through Internationalisation	Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) / SCOPE-HE	14-15 Oct 2025 Kuala Lumpur
6.	19 th ASEAN Mobility for International Students (AIMS) Meeting	Department of Higher Education (DOHE) / ASEAN	4-6 Nov 2025 Putrajaya

HE Ministers Roundtable Langkawi



The ASEAN Ministers Of Education
And Higher Education Roundtables
(#EduRoundtables2025) and Events
17-20 June 2025, Pulau Langkawi

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The ASEAN Higher Education
Ministers' Roundtable: Envisioning the
Next Decade and Beyond
19 June 2025, Ritz Carlton

Bridging ASEAN
Higher Education
Session
**18 June 2025,
Maha Tower**

ERIA Forum on Talent
Development and Future
Technologies Toward
2045- Potentials and
Challenges
**18 June 2025,
Westin Hotel**

Gala Dinner
**19 June 2025,
Parkroyal
Hotel**

The ASEAN Higher Education Ministers' Roundtable

19 June 2025 | Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi, Malaysia

- Attended by the Ministers, Vice Ministers, and Representatives from the ASEAN Member States, SEAMEO Secretariat and the ASEAN Secretariat.
- The objective of the roundtable is to develop a long-term strategic direction for ASEAN higher education for the next decades.
- 4 Outcomes documents were produced

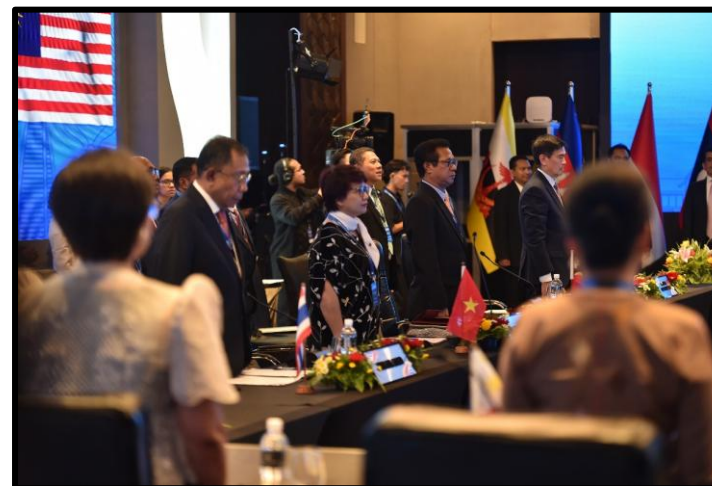


The ASEAN Higher Education Ministers' Roundtable

19 June 2025 | Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi, Malaysia

4 Outcome documents:

- I. The Roadmap and Workplan on the Common Space in Southeast Asian Higher Education - **ASEAN**
- II. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Steering Committee on the Common Space - **ASEAN**
- III. The ASEAN Leader's Declaration on Higher Education: Towards an Inclusive, Sustainable and Prosperous ASEAN - **MALAYSIA**
- IV. The Global Exchange for Mobility and Scholarship (ASEAN-GEMS) Platform - **MALAYSIA**



Common Space in Southeast Asian Higher Education



JOINT DECLARATION ON THE COMMON SPACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

WE, SEAMEO Member Countries and ASEAN Member States;

REAFFIRMING the Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on Strengthening Cooperation on Education to Achieve an ASEAN Caring and Sharing Community, adopted at Cha-Am Hua Hin Thailand on 24 October 2009;

ACKNOWLEDGING the principles adopted at the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) in Bali, Indonesia on 7 October 2003 to establish the ASEAN Community by 2020;

RECALLING the 2015 Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the establishment of the ASEAN Community, the 2015 Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education, and the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, which established the ASEAN Community, acknowledged the important role of higher education in accelerating ASEAN Community-building and set the post-2015 ASEAN Community agenda towards realising a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN of "One Vision, One Identity, One Community";

RECOGNISING the shared agenda of ASEAN and SEAMEO on harmonising higher education and research in the region as reflected in the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025 and SEAMEO Education Agenda;

WELCOMING the progress made in implementing the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and acknowledging the ongoing work towards the ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

COMMENDING the ongoing efforts in implementing the ASEAN 5-Year Work Plan on Education 2021-2025 and the SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2021-2030;

STRESSING the importance of cooperation among ASEAN Member States towards the formation of the ASEAN Community and harmonising the higher education common space agenda of SEAMEO;

- **ASEAN-SEAMEO Joint Declaration on the Common Space in Southeast Asian Higher Education adopted at the 13th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED) in Buriram, Thailand, on 25 August 2024**
- **The Joint Declaration reaffirms the strong and lasting partnership between ASEAN and SEAMEO**

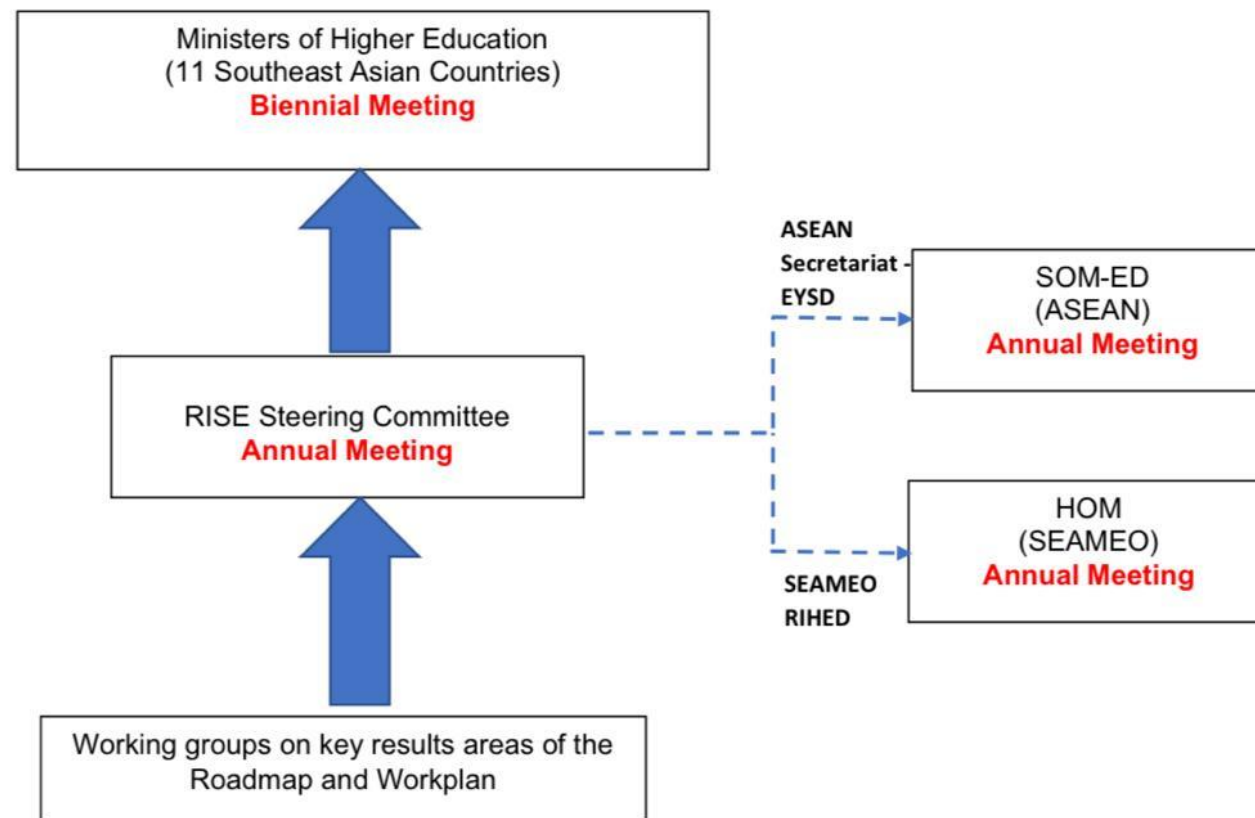
Common Space Governance

ENDORSED

The Roadmap and Workplan on
the Common Space in Southeast
Asian Higher Education

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for
the Steering Committee on the
Common Space

Figure 1: Governance Model





How Malaysia helps fostering ASEAN common space agenda?



ASEAN LEADERS' DECLARATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION: TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND PROSPEROUS ASEAN

We, ASEAN Member States, consisting of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, on the occasion of the Forty Seventh (47th) Summit in Kuala Lumpur.

RECALLING the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education 2015 which outlines the direction of higher education in ASEAN between 2015 and 2025;

ACKNOWLEDGING the formation of the ASEAN Community in 2015 and the adoption of the ASEAN Vision 2025 to deepen the ASEAN integration process, through among others, the realisation of a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community, where ASEAN peoples may enjoy higher quality of life and the benefits of community building; enhanced capacity to respond effectively to challenges; and ASEAN as a region as an outward-looking region within a global community of nations, while maintaining ASEAN centrality;

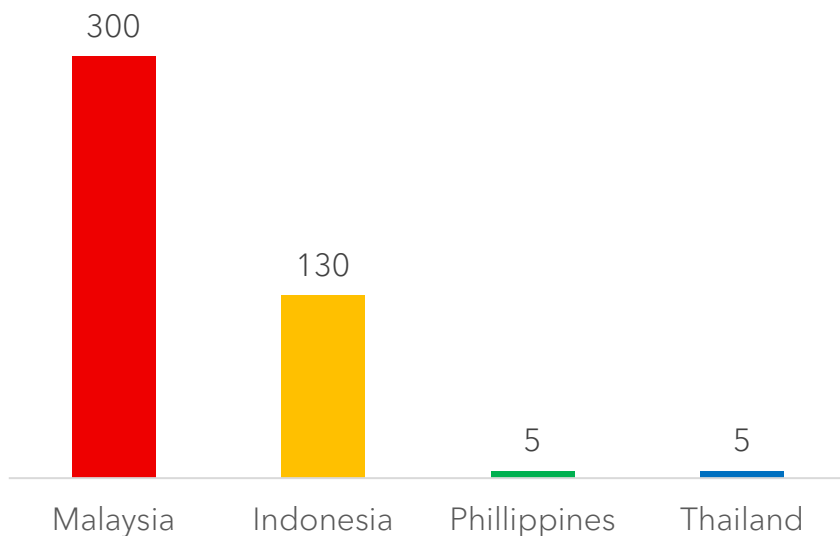
RECALLING the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community Blueprint 2025, to enhance the competitiveness of ASEAN human resources through the promotion of life-long learning, pathways, equivalencies, and skills development as well as the use of information and communication technologies across age groups; promote an innovative ASEAN approach to higher education, incorporating academics, community service, regional placement, and entrepreneurship incubation and support; encourage regional cooperation in the areas of education, training and research, and strengthen ASEAN's role in regional and global research network by promoting initiatives and providing incentives and support for research and development, including research publications; promote the free flow of ideas, knowledge, expertise, and skills to inject dynamism within the region;

ACKNOWLEDGING initiatives to implement the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community Blueprint 2025 including the Declaration on Digital Transformation of Education Systems in ASEAN 2022, the Declaration on the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Plan 2020, the Joint Declaration on the Common Space in Southeast Asian Higher Education, the Roadmap of the ASEAN Declaration on Human Resources Development for the Changing World of Work 2020, and the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025;

- **ASEAN-Malaysia 2015 – in line with ASEAN Community Vision 2025 – Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education**
- **ASEAN- Malaysia 2025 – in line with ASEAN Community Vision 2045 – ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Higher Education : Towards an Inclusive, Sustainable and Prosperous ASEAN**



The Global Exchange for Mobility and Scholarship (ASEAN-GEMS) Platform



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NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP
PLACEMENT CONTRIBUTED BY
HOST AMS

>USD4,607,434

TOTAL MONETARY VALUE FOR
THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Sustaining the Momentum

**Bid to chair and
host RISE for 2026-
2027**

**Working closely
with ASEAN
Secretariat and
SEAMEO**

THANK YOU

