MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST
ASIAN TEACHER EDUCATION
NETWORK (AsTEN)
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This Memorandum of Understanding is approved by the Founding Member Universities, Colleges, and Institutes of AsTEN whose representatives have affixed their signatures below to unequivocally express the commitment of their respective universities, colleges, and institutes to implement the terms and conditions of the network set herein.

These founding members have agreed to form a network of premier and leading teacher education institutions of their respective country to promote collaboration and cooperation for mutual benefit of all members. The members have, likewise, agreed to pursue the objectives of the network based on the principles of reciprocity, shared responsibility, and commitment to purpose.

The AsTEN members have agreed to pursue the following general programs and initiatives:

CHAPTER ONE
RECIROCITY PROGRAM

AsTEN members will engage in faculty and student exchange programs guided by a reciprocity agreement between and among the participating member universities, colleges, and institutes. The faculty and student exchange will be in the form of, but not limited to the following pursuits: visiting lecturer, researcher, scholar, faculty and student study and cultural tour, research and scholarship programs, faculty sabbatical; and others.

CHAPTER TWO
RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

AsTEN members will conduct joint research and publication in teacher education and in other related and relevant disciplines. Members likewise agree to provide open access to and share respective databases for research purposes.

CHAPTER THREE
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AsTEN members will endeavor to develop programs that can be implemented by participating members. These programs may be made available to non-members.

CHAPTER FOUR
AsTEN KNOWLEDGE COMMONS

AsTEN members will provide as much as possible access to their respective online libraries and resources and contribute to developing a common collection of resources on teacher education in the region and beyond.
CHAPTER FIVE
AsTEN TEACHER EDUCATION CONFERENCES
AsTEN members will commit to participate in teacher education conferences organized by AsTEN and endeavor to support relevant international conferences organized by individual members.

CHAPTER SIX
ASEAN INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES THROUGH TEACHER EDUCATION
AsTEN members will ensure that there are activities promoting integration of ASEAN jointly organized and participated in by member universities, colleges, and institutes.

CHAPTER SEVEN
AsTEN QUALITY ASSURANCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION
AsTEN members will commit to develop a quality standard framework for teacher education and will endeavor to help each member achieve the standards set. As such, AsTEN shall establish a framework to help teacher education institutions in the region to attain quality programs.

CHAPTER EIGHT
INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT
Member universities, colleges, and institutes shall set aside institutional funds for AsTEN programs and activities.

This Memorandum of Understanding supplements and complements the AsTEN Charter. No provision of this MOU shall be interpreted contrary to the provisions of the AsTEN Charter.

This MOU may be amended at any time by written mutual consent through an exchange of letters. Specific exchanges or activities that may be developed under the framework of this MOU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by the parties concerned prior to the initiation of that activity. Terms of cooperation and details of exchanges, joint programs or activities are to be developed through discussion and agreement on a case-by-case basis, subject to the academic and financial approval processes of the institutions concerned.

This MOU is signed on September 17, 2014 at the Traders Hotel, Manila, Philippines by the following member universities, colleges, and institutes:
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