CONCEPT NOTE ON THE ASEAN TEACHER EDUCATION NETWORK (AsTEN)

The ASEAN Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) is proposed to be a network of premier /leading Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) of countries in the ASEAN. The members will work to address issues, challenges and concerns relevant to Teacher Education programs, practices and policies in the ASEAN region. At the same time, the network will serve as a vehicle for collaboration in both academic and research endeavors within and across member institutions that will ultimately benefit the ASEAN nations and peoples.

GOALS:

1. Provide a venue for scholarly discussion and exchange on relevant issues and problems affecting Teacher Education as well as explorations of strategic actions and policy reforms on education.

2. Promote research collaboration, academic exchange and activities through cross-national and international collaborative study and research among member Teacher Education institutions.

3. Develop broader understanding of the history, culture, values and traditions of the ASEAN countries as expressed in their teacher education and basic education programs and practices.

4. Promote cooperation towards harmonization of curricular programs and quality assurance standards and cross-border mobilities among teachers and students.

5. Develop mechanisms for professional development of human resources of Teacher Education in the ASEAN Region including explorations of innovations and sharing of best practices in Teacher Education.

6. Promote opportunities for faculty and student exchange and/or visits and other programs and activities.

Criteria for Membership in the AsTEN:

Invitation for institutional membership of AsTEN is based on the following:

1. A Premier/Leading Teacher Education University or a leading Institution/university in Teacher Education in the ASEAN member country.

2. A Teacher Education institution/ that has made a significant contribution to Education/Teacher Education in the area of Curriculum, Research and Instruction.

3. A Teacher Education Institution/University which offers advance degrees in Education and related disciplines preferably on various specializations.

4. A University with international linkages and partnership with other institutions especially in the ASEAN region.

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