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FOREWORDS

H.E. Kwon Hee-seog

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN



ASEAN and Korea are now witnessing the best moment of partnership since the establishment of dialogue relations in 1989. In 2022, despite unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19 and the geopolitical tensions across the globe, trade volume between ASEAN and Korea hit an all-time high, reaching USD 177 billion. ASEAN is Korea's second largest trading partner while Korea is ASEAN's fifth largest counterpart. The ASEAN region is the most popular destination for Korean tourists and the second largest investment and infrastructure cooperation partner for Korea. The largest portion of Korea's Official Development Assistance (ODA) is now being offered to recipient countries in the ASEAN region. Indeed, ASEAN matters for Korea.

In this context, last November at the 23rd ASEAN-Korea Summit, President Yoon Suk Yeol announced the Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative (KASI), which is the ASEAN-oriented initiative aiming to promote a free, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region by reinforcing the strategic partnership with ASEAN, based on our unwavering respect for ASEAN Centrality and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.

Under this spirit of freedom, peace and prosperity, the Korean government will continue to move forward to more comprehensive and sustainable relations with ASEAN, which would promote a rules-based international order, reinforce mutual development and prosperity, and enhance collaboration on a common response to regional and global challenges.

Against this backdrop, the goal of ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF) is to further strengthen and deepen the strategic partnership between ASEAN and Korea, thereby contributing to the realization of the ASEAN Vision 2025. To better meet emerging needs for cooperation, five priority sectors, including public health, education and training, culture and tourism, economic resilience, and environment, safety and peace have been selected and are being earnestly supported.

On top of that, the Korean government's annual contribution to AKCF is on the constant increase. The annual contribution rose to USD 16 million in 2022 after doubling it from USD 7 million to USD 14 million in 2019. It will be doubled once again to USD 32 million over the next 5 years by 2027. Building on this strong commitment, Korea is working closely with ASEAN with a view to establishing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in 2024 on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of dialogue relations.

This AKCF annual report, in its inaugural edition, provides an inspiring overview of how we navigated uncertainties in a more shock-prone world, how we transformed challenges to opportunities and what we achieved together over the year. It also showcases ongoing and new projects under AKCF with detailed information as well as a variety of voices of the implementing agencies on the ground.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ASEAN Korea Programme Management Team (AKPMT), ASEAN Secretariat and Viet Nam, country coordinator for ASEAN-Korea dialogue relations for sincere cooperation and active engagement throughout the year. Korea will keep moving forward with ASEAN in the journey to regional freedom, peace and prosperity.

H.E. Ambassador Nguyen Hai Bang

Permanent Representative of Vietnam to ASEAN



It is a great pleasure for me, as the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations, to present this 2022 Annual Report of the ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund.

The Fund, since its birth in 1990, has always been a core element of ASEAN-ROK partnership, as well as an essential mechanism in promoting ASEAN-ROK strategic partnership since its establishment in 2010.

This Annual Report, the first one to be composed after the COVID-19 Pandemic, is another testimony to the vibrant development of the 34-year-old partnership

which has emerged stronger than ever from the pandemic. It also reaffirms the crucial role of the AKCF in such a resilient recovery, by maintaining a valuable momentum for ASEAN-ROK cooperation through its well-targeted but diversified projects.

Strategically guided by the Framework for the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund 2021-2025 and despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the AKCF in 2022 supported 17 ongoing projects and approved 7 new projects, whose total value exceeds US\$ 36 and 40 million respectively. It is Viet Nam's honor to play our humble part, as the country coordinator, in facilitating the approval of those new projects.

The readers will certainly be delighted to learn that both ongoing and new projects, mostly of long-term and large-scale, are all formulated, under the guidance of the ASEAN-Korea Project Management Team (AKPMT), to contribute to the realization of the ASEAN Vision 2025. They focus on five key sectors, namely Education and Training, Culture and Tourism, Economic Resilience, Public Health, and Environment, Safety and Peace. It is even more encouraging to know that many ongoing projects have resumed face-to-face activities with appropriate observation of preventive measures against the pandemic.

Within 12 years, the annual funding committed by the ROK government to AKCF has more than tripled, from US\$ 5 million to US\$ 16 million. With greater resources always comes greater responsibility. I am confident that the AKCF, managed by the able AKMPT, with the close cooperation and support of the ASEAN Secretariat and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), will continue to make greater contribution in elevating the ASEAN-ROK relations to new heights.



**ABOUT ASEAN-ROK
COOPERATION FUND (AKCF)**

About ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund (AKCF)

Following the establishment of sectoral dialogue relations between ASEAN and ROK in 1989, the ROK government launched the ASEAN-ROK Special Cooperation Fund (SCF) in 1990 with an aim to enhance people-to-people exchanges. In 1996, the ASEAN-ROK Future-Oriented Cooperation Fund (FOCF) was further launched to implement cooperation projects outlined in the ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action (PoA). The ROK government increased its annual contribution to SCF and FOCF several times as shown in the chart below. In 2015, SCF and FOCF were merged into the AKCF with an annual contribution of USD 7 million. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations in 2019, the ROK government doubled its contribution to AKCF from USD 7 million to USD 14 million to support more joint programmes. In 2022, the annual contribution mounts to USD 16 million in order to further strengthen and deepen the ASEAN-ROK cooperation.

AKCF Guiding Principles

The strategic direction of AKCF is defined in **the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the AKCF and the Framework for the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund 2021-2025**.

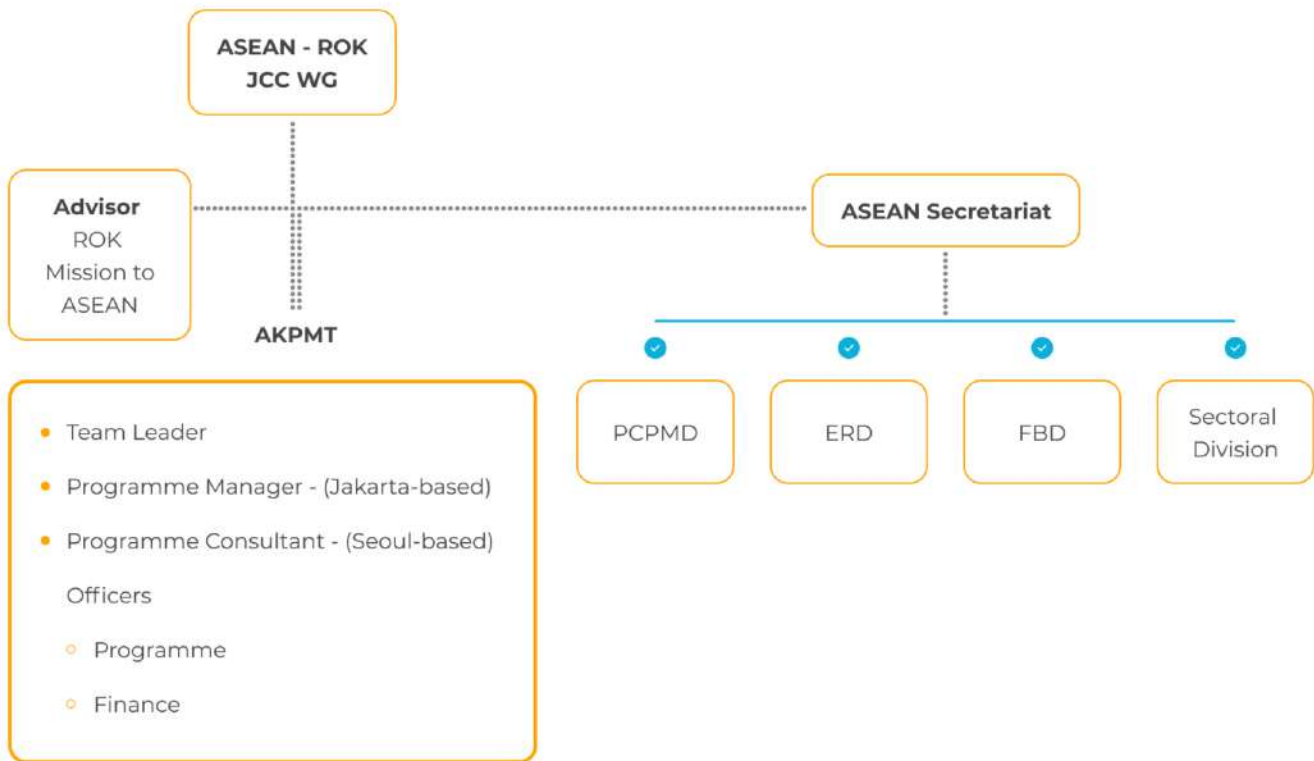
According to the ToR adopted in 2021, the AKCF shall provide funding for the implementation of cooperation projects initiated by ASEAN Member States (AMS) and/or ROK through the programme-based approach. The whole areas of potential cooperation between ASEAN and ROK are listed in the ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action 2021-2025, and the priorities of the AKCF are elaborated in the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Framework 2021-2025, which will be renewed every five years.


The overall goal of the Framework is to contribute to the realization of the ASEAN Vision 2025. Five sectors, including **Public Health, Education and Training, Culture and Tourism, Economic resilience and Environment, Safety and Peace**, are selected as the priorities of the Framework. In addition, AKCF shall support projects expected to create an conducive environment for ASEAN-ROK relations.

ASEAN - ROK Programme Management Team (AKPMT)

The ASEAN-ROK Development Cooperation Programme Management Team (AKPMT) was established at the end of 2016. In close coordination with the ROK Mission to ASEAN and ASEC, AKPMT manages and oversees the AKCF projects during the whole project cycles, including formulation, implementation, and completion of programmes/projects.

Located at the ASEAN Secretariat's Heritage Building, AKPMT is led by a Team Leader with a detailed structure as below:



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The mandates of the AKPMT include:

- To be the main contact of information and communication among proponents, the ASEAN Secretariat and ROK in the proposal development and endorsement process;
- Liaise with the ASEAN Secretariat and ROK Government through the ROK Mission to ASEAN throughout the whole project cycle;
- Support the proponent to develop project proposal particularly in reviewing and advising the proposal content, to ensure that the proposal fulfills all the requirements both from ASEAN and ROK;
- Support the proponent and Implementing Agency to find ROK participants/experts to participate in project activities;
- Participate in main project activities implementation as an observer for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) purposes;
- Review the project progress report and financial report submitted by the proponent;
- Keep track of the project progress and project expenditure;
- Facilitate project activity revision process;
- Monitor and evaluate all AKCF funded projects;
- Promote AKCF in ASEAN and ROK to relevant stakeholders.

AKCF Highlights in 2022

The year 2022 was remembered for the continuous impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, uncertainties, and disruptions.

Despite the COVID-19 related challenges to AKCF programmes and its proponents and implementing agencies, AKCF programmes in 2022 were able to respond to the unforeseen, disruptive circumstances in a programmatic way. AKCF programmes' innovative responses to the pandemic allowed for new approaches and opportunities to its programmes.

'ASEAN-Korea Music Festival: ROUND,' which was initially to be held offline in Korea, was organized in a hybrid way of offline concert in Korea and online streaming from each ASEAN Member States (AMS). In addition, other programmes launched and implemented their activities through online events, as well as continued their communications with ASEAN and Korea through online meetings to deliver their programme outputs without delay and setback.

'TEAM programme (Technical and Vocational Education and Training through ASEAN Mobility),' which was aimed to strengthen ASEAN's TVET system in response to the 4th Industrial Revolution, accommodated the new normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic into their research and design of internship and training programmes. At the same time, UNESCO and GNI (Good Neighbors International) considered ways and means to provide Out-Of-School Children with non-face-to-face education and create a relevant policy environment enabling the change. Most of AKCF's programmes had to revise their activities to be adapted in the face of pandemic.

Beyond the pandemic circumstances, some of ongoing AKCF programmes have resumed face-to-face project activities with seamless preventive measures against the pandemic, thereby continuously contributing to promoting practical and strategic cooperation between ASEAN and ROK.

In 2022, AKCF has continued to engage with diverse partners from ASEAN and ROK to ensure programmatic implementation and delivery of outputs, which will enhance the strategic partnership of ASEAN and ROK.

AKCF 'Open Window' Workshop

Due to the global situation of Covid-19 Pandemic, AKCF had to put on hold its offline promotional workshop. Therefore, as an alternative way to keep its mandate to promote the AKCF, AKPMT had maximized the utilization of its digital platform to promote the activities of AKCF. Currently, AKCF has several digital platforms such as Website, LinkedIn and Facebook.

AKCF Open Window is one of promotional activities to promote the AKCF to potential partners or proponent in ASEAN and ROK. AKCF Open Window has been a recent initiative under AKPMT activities.

In the future, the Open Window activities will be implemented online and offline in ASEAN and ROK.

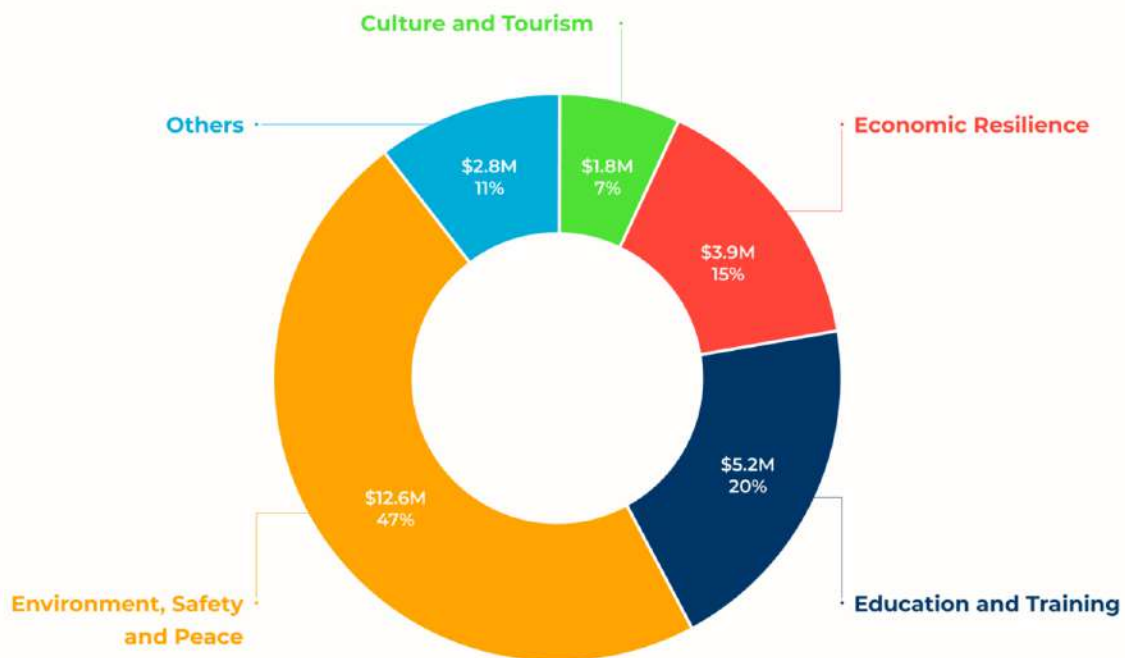
AKCF Budget At a Glance

The chart provides a general information on incoming and expenses of AKCF in 2022.

 **\$16 M**
Annual Contribution

 **\$86.9 M**
Total Approved Project Budget

Summary of AKCF Project Expenditures in 2022



With the annual contribution of USD 16 million from the Government of the Republic of Korea and with the total pool of fund of USD 42.4 million in 2022, AKCF has supported 26 ongoing projects in 2022. Despite the current global situation caused by COVID-19, AKCF has approved USD 55.2 million for 12 new programmes in 2022 and USD 31.7 million to fund the on-going programmes from the previous years.

In order to ensure transparent and effective utilisation of the AKCF, AKPMT is tasked with reviewing and verifying all ongoing programmes' financial reports and supporting documents, which are submitted by the project proponents and/or implementing agencies, in close collaboration with the Finance and Budget Division of the ASEAN Secretariat. In order to perform one of its mandated tasks, AKPMT monitors and evaluates project progress and deliverables to ensure due diligence and accountability.

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AKCF PROGRAMMES

AKCF Ongoing Programmes in 2022

1. [Education and Training] TEAM: TVET for ASEAN Mobility (TEAM)



TEAM is composed of three components: 1) research on the labour market and TVET programme in ASEAN, 2) mobility programme for TVET teachers and practitioners, and 3) assessment of and capacity building for the national qualification framework (NQF) on TVET of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Based on in-depth research in each Member State, TEAM programme has decided the five priority sectors for TVET capacity building and provided learning opportunities to teachers and students through short-term training, internship, and faculty exchange. Furthermore, the strengthened NQFs will be linked to the ASEAN Qualification and Referencing Frameworks.

Main Achievements in 2022

[Component 1 : Completed] Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training (KRIVET)

- On 31 May 2022, the '2nd Regional Workshop on Enhancing the Competitiveness of the ASEAN Human Resources through Responsive TVET Curriculum Supported by Involvement of Industries and Labor Market Information' was convened to share the progress and final outputs of (1) National TVET System of the AMS, (2) Analysis of Labor Market Information System and Labor Market Demands for AMS, (3) Responsiveness of TVET Curriculum to the Labor Market, and (4) Identifying and sharing best practices of TEVE in AMS. The final outputs and findings of the case study was presented in the Regional Report and Country Report.

[Component 2 : Ongoing] Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Korea University of Technology Education (KOREATECH)

- In close consultation and evaluation with the TVET experts and relevant organisations in the region, KCCI has identified and selected the 10 model programmes and institutions (one programme per each AMS) across the five priority TVET sectors such as (1) electrical and electronics; (2) building constructions; (3) automotive; (4) hospitality and tourism; and (5) computer and information service. In total, through the identified model programmes, 400 students and 100 faculties will be participating in the mobility programmes in 2023.

[Component 3 : Completed] Human Resources Development service of Korea (HRD Korea)

- HRD Korea organised a 'Regional Workshop on Capacity Building for Implementing the National Qualification Framework (NQF) and Quality Assurance (QA) in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Cambodia, Lao PRD and Viet Nam' on 30 July 2021. The regional workshop was aimed to improve CLV's readiness to their respective NQF to the AQRF, as well as raise awareness of NQF among TVET stakeholders in CLV countries to develop curricula and programmes in line with the respective NQF. This component was completed in 2021.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 6,924,472.00
- 4 Years (2020-2023)

Programme Proponents

- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority of the Philippines
- Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs of Vietnam
- Ministry of Labour of Thailand
- ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education
- Accreditation Committee of Cambodia (ACC)

Implementing Agencies

- [Component 1] Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education (KRIVET)
- [Component 2] Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Korea University of Technology Education (KOREATECH)
- [Component 3] Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea)

2. [Education and Training] The 9th ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum (AKFF) : ASEAN-Republic of Korea Youth Community Initiative



Since 2010, the ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum (AKFF) has been organised with the support of AKCF to provide a networking platform where the youth from ASEAN and Korea can discuss ways to promote ASEAN-Korea cooperation and build a strong friendship.

AKFF has followed the ROP (Rules of Procedure) of MUN (Model United Nations) for its Model Summit, drawn a collaborative plan for ASEAN and Korea through several rounds of discussions, and supported the youth of ASEAN and Korea to be a global leader for driving next generation.

It is expected that the Forum will contribute to building a consistent channel for communications and networks among the youth from AMS and ROK.

Main Achievements in 2022

- **ASEAN-Korea Economic Forum:** Attended by 58 participants, including 44 delegates from ASEAN Member States and Korea, 14 Secretariat Staff Members (6 Chairs, 6 Liaisons, 2 Media), the ASEAN-Korea Economic Forum enabled two Committees to have discussion on “Cooperation to Promote the ASEAN-ROK. Digital Economy through Data-Access Barriers Reforms, Cybersecurity, and Trade and Investment” and “Sustainable Economic Development towards a Carbon-neutral Society : Smart Cities, Carbon Credit, and Circular Economy” to reach a joint statement.
- **1st ASEAN Youth Dialogue:** In order to commemorate Cambodia’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2022, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and the ASEAN Secretariat with the support of AKCF jointly organized the 1st ASEAN Youth Dialogue under the theme “Youth in the Era of IR 4.0: Opportunities and Challenges in Post-Pandemic Recovery” on 25-26 July 2022 in Siem Reap. With participation of over 60 youth delegates from ASEAN and Korea, the 1st ASEAN Youth Dialogue provided a platform for ASEAN youth and ROK youth to engage in policy discourse and bring about recommendations on regional policies and exchange views in the form of dialogue with the ASEAN-ROK Youth Ministers and key dialogue partners.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 1,179,361.00
- 4 Years (2019-2022)

Programme Proponent and Implementing Agencies

- Asia Exchange Association (AEA), ROK
- Education, Youth and Sport Division, ASEAN Secretariat

3. [Education and Training] Higher Education for ASEAN Talents (HEAT)

HEAT aims to provide scholars from ASEAN Member States who already hold a master’s degree with the opportunity to obtain a doctoral degree in the Republic of Korea. During the whole programme cycle, the total of 90 grantees from ASEAN will be selected and awarded the tuition scholarship (including living expenses) during their study periods at six prestigious universities in Korea, including Chung-Ang University, Ewha Women’s University, Jeonbuk National University, Kangwon National University, Korea University, and Kyunghee University.

Main Achievements in 2022

- In 2022, 34 grantees (12 from Indonesia, 1 from Lao PDR, 4 from Myanmar, 6 from Philippines, 3 from Thailand, 8 from Viet Nam) were selected.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 1,135,813.00
- 5 Years (2020-2025)

Programme Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)

4. [Education and Training] Improving learning outcomes in ASEAN countries : Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics programmes (SEA-PLM)



The Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) is a regional learning assessment and capacity-building programme designed to monitor students' learning outcomes, contributing to equitable and quality education for all children. SEA-PLM has been initiated by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat and the UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO) to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and enhance ASEAN's performance on the SDG reporting and achievement.

The SEA-PLM project manages the second round of assessment - SEA-PLM 2024 - through survey development and implementation, policy dialogue and exchange, as well as capacity building and mentoring in using data to transform learning and policy for countries in Southeast Asia.

Main Achievements in 2022

- In January 2022, the 12th SEA-PLM Regional Steering Committee meeting was convened to discuss a detailed plan for the new round of SEA-PLM assessment with SEAMEO Member countries, Technical Advisory Group, and valued partners. The event was followed by a Diplomatic Briefing on the SEAMEO Strategic Plans and Action Agenda 2021-2025, which was attended by ASEAN regional diplomatic community and SEA-PLM partners.

- In August 2022, SEAMEO organized the 1st Annual Regional Technical Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand as a preparation for the field trial in 2023 and the main survey in 2024.
- In November 2022, the 2nd Regional Technical Workshop was organized in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam; as a follow-up to the August workshop, it was aimed to finalize cognitive test and questionnaire development.
- The virtual capacity building workshop was organized for Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar in December 2022 under the technical supervision of the Korea Institute for Curriculum and Evaluation (KICE). Furthermore, the Korean Educational Development Institute (KEDI) also organized a consultation session for the need assessment and design of the study tour programme in the Republic Korea.

Budget and Duration

- USD 2,545,336.00
- 3 Years (2022-2024)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization Secretariat (SEAMEO)
- UNICEF East Asia Pacific Regional Office (EAPRO)
- Korean Educational Development Institute (KEDI)
- Korea Institute for Curriculum and Evaluation (KICE)

5. [Education and Training] ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Research and Development Platforms: Future of Work Platform and Education Platform

Against the backdrop of the fast-changing landscape of Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the onset of COVID-19, it is pivotal to consider adopting a more systematic and coordinated approach on research and development (R&D) so that ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) can respond more proactively to emerging challenges in a forward-looking manner.

Through the ASCC R&D Platforms, ASCC seeks to: i) develop a robust body of research output, ii) identify and develop a pool of experts who are better sensitise to our regional context. In addition, the envisaged forums (via webinars) will be an important tool not only to undertake peer reviews of the body of research works, but also level up expertise of those involved on these platforms.

Main Activities 2022

- External Advisors for Labour and Education were selected.

Budget and Duration

- USD 307,494.00
- 2 Years (2022-2023)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Department, ASEAN Secretariat

6. [Culture and Tourism] KONNECT ASEAN – An ASEAN-ROK Art and Culture Programme



Launched in July 2020, KONNECT ASEAN aims to create a sense of a pluralistic ASEAN identity amongst artists and cultural experts from Southeast Asia through exhibitions, educational outreach, community arts workshops and exhibits, printed and digital documentation. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, KONNECT has implemented several virtual workshops and discussions to promote awareness and appreciation of the arts and cultural heritage in ASEAN, while also supporting exchange and interaction among artists and cultural practitioners.

Main Achievements in 2022

- KONNECT ASEAN Website : Launched in 2022, the website provides list of programmes, activities, resources and publications from KONNECT activities since 2020, including interviews and articles from the participating artists under the KONNECT programme. The website is accessible at <https://www.konnect-asean.org/>.
- Climate Futures #1 : The conference was held in Jakarta from 1-3 December 2022 on a hybrid format. This Workshop was part of KONNECT ASEAN Community Arts Project titled Unheard Stories - Disappearing Ecologies. In partnership with Nanyang Technological University's Centre for Contemporary Art, Singapore, Climate Futures #1 Workshop was created as a response to the urgent need to explore new perspectives in our regional response towards climate action, as climate issue is a transnational issue that needs to be solved through a joint effort between ASEAN and Korea.
- ASEAN Sculpture Garden Project with National Gallery Singapore (NGS) : Featuring a digital exhibition and accompanying programmes, this exhibition allowed viewers to rediscover the modernist sculptures created by some of Southeast Asia's most important artists, many of whom are still living and working today. The virtual exhibition can be accessed through <https://www.nationalgallery.sg/ASEANsculpturevirtualtour/>.
- Shifting Orientations: Busan : Shifting Orientations was a long-term research and curatorial project that features a two-site touring exhibition in ASEAN and ROK (Manila and Busan). This exhibition took place at the ASEAN Culture House in Busan from 2 July to 16 October 2022, the exhibition presented the works from 15 artists from ASEAN and ROK reflecting the geopolitics of diplomatic encounters, moments of friction, and strategic alignments that have shaped, and continue to shape, geopolitical landscapes across the globe since the end of World War II and the beginning of the Cold War.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 1,760,585.00
- 4 Years (2020-2023)

Programme Proponent and Implementing Agencies

- ASEAN Foundation
- ASEAN Culture House
- Nanyang Technological University Centre for Contemporary Art
- National Gallery of Singapore
- Vargas Museum Philippines

7. [Culture and Tourism] Development of Digital Heritage Contents with UNESCO World Heritage of ASEAN Year 2-3



This project served as one of the techniques to preserve and promote the ASEAN Cultural Heritage. In its implementation, Korean researchers and experts were dispatched to such sites in ASEAN Member States for the digitalization of the cultural heritages. State-of-the-art equipment and technology such as 3D scanning, Ultra-High-Resolution Filming, dronography and 360-degree VR shooting were employed throughout the project.

The completed contents of the cultural heritages were showcased at ASEAN Pavilion, Dubai World Expo 2020, and moreover, are being showcased at ASEAN Gallery, ASEAN Secretariat.

Main Achievements in 2022

- Production and editing of 360° HMD VR and 4K videos were finalised.
- In December 2022, the contents stored on the VR hardware held at the ASEAN Secretariat after the exhibition on the occasion of Dubai World Expo were updated by HDAC, ahead of a planned full experience zone installation at the ASEAN Secretariat.

Budget and Duration

- USD 1,527,044.00
- 4 Years (2019-2023)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Heritage Digital Archive Center (HDAC), ROK

8. [Culture and Tourism] ASEAN Children's Reading Culture Development Project



The project is aimed at improving children's reading culture environment and raising children's literacy in ASEAN. It is a known fact that reading ability is the most basic skill when it comes to acquiring new knowledge; hence, improving literacy among children and raising awareness of children's reading culture should also be considered as a key to develop and improve human resources' capacities.

The objectives of the project are: (1) to form a cooperation basis of mutual development, named as 'ASEAN-ROK Children's Reading Culture Development Committee (AKRCC)', which consists with the leaders of ASEAN-ROK national libraries and children's libraries; (2) to agree the communal goals and the implementation plan to promote children's reading culture in ASEAN, which will be arranged by AKRCC; (3) to draw up and carry out a collaborative public relations strategy in order to raise awareness among ASEAN citizens on the importance of children's reading culture; and (4) to conduct a survey on the current status of reading culture development issue in order to draw tangible results.

Main Activities in 2022

- All the participating countries of ASEAN and ROK nominated the members and non-members of the ASEAN-ROK Children's Reading Culture Development Committee (AKRCC).
- On 15 December 2022, the First General Meeting of the ASEAN-ROK Children's Reading Culture Development Committee (AKRCC) was virtually convened while it was simultaneously broadcasted through the proponent's YouTube channel. This meeting was not only to kick off the entire project, but also provided an opportunity for the participants, the reading experts from both AMS and ROK, to share their respective countries' status of children's reading culture and status of children's libraries, relevant policies, and ongoing programmes. With a successful completion of the First General Meeting, the Joint Agreement on the 'ASEAN Children's Reading Culture Development Project' draft was circulated and later adopted by SOMCA and the AKRCC members.

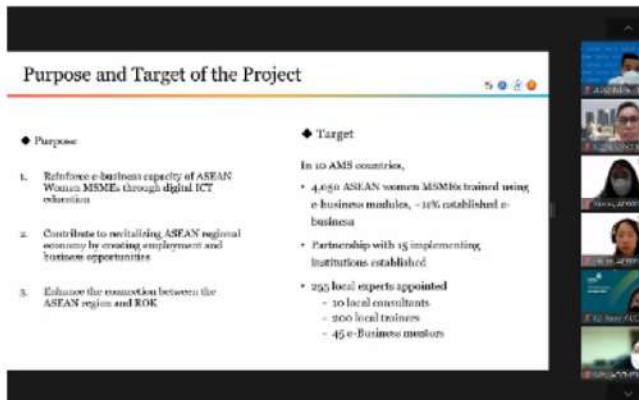
Budget and Duration

- USD 439,436.80
- 3 Years (2022-2024)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- National Library for Children and Young Adults (NLCY), ROK

9. [Economic Resilience] Enhancing Digital Economy Participation for ASEAN Women MSMEs



A major part of ASEAN economy consists of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Female ownership of those enterprises is believed to be relatively high in ASEAN, with an estimated 61.3 million women entrepreneurs across the region (USAID, 2018).

Given that, the project aims to enhance ASEAN women's participation in digital economy. In order to achieve this overall goal, the project develops e-Business Training Toolkit for ASEAN Women MSMEs, fosters e-Business trainers in AMS, conducts e-Business capacity building trainings for women MSMEs in AMS and, encourages and supports ASEAN women MSMEs to participate in digital economy.

Main Achievements in 2022

- The R&D kick-off workshop was held on 20 May 2022 through video conference and participated by the R&D team (10 local consultants of ASEAN Member States, 2 Korean consultants from the Republic of Korea) and Asia Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWINC) with an aim to introduce the tasked roles and responsibilities of the local consultants for their preliminary research.
- The Project Working Committee, which comprises of 14 local implementing institutions, 10 local consultants and APWINC, was established. On 30 September 2022, the 1st Project Working Committee Meeting was convened to give a brief introduction to the Committee members and the upcoming project progress.
- The E-Business Training Toolkit Development Workshop was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam from 22 – 23 November 2022 in order to discuss the development of the 'e-Business Training Toolkit' that reflects the current status of women-owned MSMEs in the AMS based on the preliminary research results conducted by the project R&D Team. The training toolkit, which aims to meet the needs of ASEAN women-led MSMEs and strengthen their capabilities through hands-on practices, is planned to be used in the Training of Trainers (ToT) in Korea, which will be held in July 2023.

Budget and Duration

- USD 5,682,503.00
- 5 Years (2022-2026)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Asia Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWINC), ROK

10. [Environment, Safety and Peace] Disaster risk management Capacity Building Project for AMS (D-CAB)



The D-CAB Project for ASEAN Member States aims to strengthen local disaster risk and response governance of National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) of AMS by exploring and coping with the challenges faced by each country, factors of vulnerability, and local disaster and hazard risks.

The project offers disaster management training course for AMS NDMO on emerging technologies for effective planning and decision support; 320 NDMO officials from AMS is expected to go through the relevant trainings. This project is also aimed to develop and distribute the 'Virtual Reality devices simulator' for the training purposes of each AMS, thereby allowing users to experience a real disaster response through planning, rehearsing, assessing and enhancing the skill and capacity disaster management or response.

Main Achievements in 2022

- The 5th (27 August – 3 September 2022) and 6th (17 September – 24 September) invitational training and study visit were organised with an aim to strengthening participants' capacity by visiting a series of disaster management control towers and sites in Korea. Furthermore, participants were given hands-on experience through various practices in establishing disaster response & management system together with in-depth theoretical knowledge.
- The 7th Invitational Disaster Management Exercise ToT (Training of Trainers) using Virtual Reality Simulator was convened from 22 November 2022 to 1 December 2022 in Sejong and Gongju, Korea.
- The 2nd Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting of the "Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Project for ASEAN Member States" (D-CAB) project was convened from 27 November 2022 to 2 December 2022 in Sejong, Korea with an aim to ensure the project implementation in line with the objectives, approach, and scope of the project through providing guidance in the execution of the project and ensure effective oversight, to benefit the ASEAN Member States in strengthening local disaster risk governance.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 4,744,045.00
- 4 Years (2020-2023)

Programme Proponent and Implementing Agency

- National Civil Defense and Disaster Management Training Institute (NDTI), ROK

11. [Environment, Safety and Peace] Operationalising the ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND)



ASCEND aims to create a regionally recognised certification scheme for professionals in the disaster management sector in order to ensure and promote higher standards and quality in the management of disasters in the region. It supports the AMS National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) to validate and identify qualified disaster management professionals from government, non-governmental organisations (NGO), and private sectors.

Main Achievements in 2022

- In early 2022 the ASCEND website (<https://ascend.ahacentre.org/>) was finalized. The website contains ASCEND Toolbox documents and all ASCEND-related information for the certification process.
- On 26-29 September 2022, the Korean National Fire Agency (KNFA) organized the first ASCEND Benchmarking Visit to ROK. During the visit, ROK's experts shared their knowledge and expertise and their disaster management professional certification process. This included the Firefighting Response Skill Assessment System, the Rescue Technician Qualification System and the Emergency Medical Service.
- The first ASCEND assessor training was organized in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 27 June to 1 July 2022 attended by 32 assessors from AMS to capacitate qualified AMS representatives. To strengthen their capacity and to test, evaluate and enhance the ASCEND certification process following the ASCEND Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and certification schemes the 32 assessors also attended ASCEND Certification Trial Simulation in 22-25 November 2022 in Bogor, Indonesia. The Certification Trial Simulation also attended by ASCEND partners from UN and members of INGO under ASEAN Partnership Group. The simulation is critical to test the ASCEND main objective to establish the ASEAN Certification scheme.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 3,349,374.00
- 4 Years (2020-2023)

Programme Proponent

- AHA Centre (ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management)
- Korean National Fire Agency (KNFA)

12. [Environment, Safety and Peace] Enhance Victim Assistance Programme in the ASEAN Member States



Five ASEAN Member States (i.e., Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) are identified as the mine/ERW (Explosive Remnants of War)-affected countries. In the mine action sector, victim assistance of ERW and UXO (Unexploded Ordnance) includes provision of medical care, rehabilitation, psychosocial support and access to education and economic inclusion; there has been crucial gaps on these identified elements in the five AMS and support for them to alleviate the gaps are much needed.

Main Achievements in 2022

- ARMAC organized the respective national consultative meetings in Cambodia (December 2021), Vietnam (May 2022), Thailand (June 2022) and Myanmar (July 2022) to analyze the current situation of landmines in each country and to promote the establishment of Victim Assistance Network (VAN) in the ASEAN region. In each country, the national consultation meeting brought together over 40 participants from all relevant national and international stakeholders to share knowledge and best practices on victim services implementation in the country as well as the establishment of the Regional VAN through the lens of the International Mine Action Standard (IMAS) 13.10, and integrated approach to victim assistance.
- Following a series of the national consultation meetings, the Regional Consultative Meeting was successfully convened on 5 December 2022 in Bali, Indonesia to further obtain inputs to promote the establishment of VAN in the region. The participants presented their achievements, best practices and challenges on victim assistance services and provided concrete inputs on the primary draft of the VAN's Terms of Reference (TOR), which has been initiated through the national consultations.

- Two psychosocial trainings in collaboration with the Singapore Health Services (SingHealth) and the Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) were held from 12 May 2022 to 21 July 2022 (online) and from 14 to 18 November 2022 in Siem Reap, Cambodia to build capacities of healthcare workers in the Health Posts, primary Care Centers, District Hospitals as well as NGOs in Cambodia. The course was led by Dr. Evelyn Boon, SingHealth's Senior Principal Psychologist and trauma expert. The trainings focused on various psychological issues such as psychosocial impact of landmines, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), psychological first aid, depression, anxiety disorder, alcohol abuse disorder, somatic symptom disorder, addiction, grounding techniques, suicide risk assessment and self care.

Budget and Duration

- USD 2,061,429.00
- 4 Years (2021-2023)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC)

13. [Environment, Safety and Peace] ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) Training & Capacity Building Programme



The programme aims to provide a venue where lessons and experiences on peace processes can be discussed and evaluated. Thus, the programme endeavours to enhance understanding and build the capacity of participants on various aspects of peace-making, peacebuilding and conflict resolution with a view to better deal with the attendant challenges.

Main Achievements in 2022

- On 22-25 November 2021, AIPR Indonesia convened the youth online workshop on the "Utilising Technology as an Instrument of Peace". The workshop was aimed to implement the module "Youth and Digital Technology for Peace" in consultation with the nominated experts from ASEAN Member States.
- The AIPR Secretariat organised the ASEAN-IPR Peace Exhibition on the side-lines of the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 8-13 November 2022. The Exhibition was to raise awareness as well as garner support from the institute's stakeholders on the institute's mandate, functions, and work.

- On 15-16 December 2022, AIPR Lao PDR organized the Leg 3 Training: Post-Conflict and Reintegration Experience in Southeast Asia in Vientiane, Lao PDR attended by more than 70 participants from the members of the AIPR Governing Council, Advisory Board and officials from relevant ministries of ASEAN Member States. The Training Module, developed by Ambassador Sayakane Sisouvong & Dr. Bora Park, Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS), covered the concepts of post-conflict peace building and reintegration, and mapping of reconciliation/reintegration of Southeast Asian countries.

Budget and Duration

- USD 978,866.00
- 2 Years (2021-2022)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR)
- ASEAN-IPR Indonesia
- ASEAN-IPR Lao PDR/ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR

14. [Environment, Safety and Peace / Economic Resilience] Capacity Building on Enhancing Resilience to Forest Fire, and Local Livelihood and Market Linkages



Forests in the ASEAN region are being increasingly converted and degraded to accommodate the demands of increasing human populations, as well as coupled by other drivers of deforestation and degradation including forest fires occur cause massive damage to the environment. In this regard, forest fire is a major threat and the impacts of forest fires on human life, property and livelihoods will be intensified in the region.

The main objective is to (1) develop an integrated fire management system through the introduction of early detection and monitoring systems, provision of fire suppression equipment and involvement of local communities along with restoration of forest land disturbed by fire; (2) strengthen capacities and market linkages in community forestry MSMEs; and (3) strengthen institutional and technical capacities for the integrated management of forest fires through training programs and public awareness raising activities.

Main Activities in 2022

- The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) conducted the feasibility study in Cambodia and Viet Nam in order to i) develop criteria and indicators for the site assessment for forest fire monitoring centre, ii) determine the adoptability of technologies and equipment for forest fire management in CLMV countries based on the criteria and iii) come up with relevant recommendations to ensure the achievement of project outputs.

Budget and Duration

- USD 6,502,562.00
- 6 Years (2022-2027)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)
- Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme (NTFP-EP)

15. [Others : ASEAN Connectivity] Development of ASEAN Open Data Dictionary for ASEAN Connectivity



The proposed project aims to improve quality and efficiency of the public service delivery, support private sector innovation, and establish the foundation for the ASEAN open data network by: (i) suggesting the conceptual development framework for the open data network for ASEAN based on AMS' current readiness on open data; (ii) developing an open data dictionary that would assist sharing of the data owned and produced by each AMS; and (iii) organizing open data-related capacity building programs for facilitating discussions for developing the ASEAN open data network.

The project is planned to assist one of the initiatives under the Strategic Area of 'Digital Innovation' in the 'Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025)' and aimed at supporting open data and big data application development in ASEAN as proposed in the 'ASEAN ICT Master Plan.'

Main Achievements in 2022

- A series of Focus Group Discussions with ASEAN Member States were conducted in order to stocktake and analyse data and circumstances. Based on the Focus Group Discussion, 'ASEAN Open Data Framework' report has been refined.
- The Consultative Forum on Development of ASEAN Open Data Dictionary for ASEAN Connectivity was held on 28 November 2022. Attended by 120 participants from the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC), ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee, ASEAN Digital Senior Official Meeting (ADGSOM), Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF), ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting for Health Development (SOMHHD), relevant divisions at the ASEAN Secretariat, relevant open data ministries and agencies of the ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Secretariat, and Korea, the Forum highlighted the current practices and challenges on regional open data usage in ASEAN, and engaged relevant stakeholders and gathered feedback on the approach and progress in the implementation of the project.

Budget and Duration

- USD 650,508.00
- 3 Years (2021-2023)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- National Information Society Agency (NIA), ROK

AKCF Completed Programmes in 2022

1. [Public Health] Enhancing the Detection Capacity for COVID-19 in ASEAN Countries



The COVID-19 Pandemic, which posed severe challenges to the well-being of the peoples, spread out in the ASEAN region. In this regard, early detection of confirmed COVID-19 cases was crucial in the prevention and control of the spread of COVID-19 in the region.

The project was aimed at enhancing the diagnostic capacity by providing the test kits and trainings for the ASEAN Members States in their responses to COVID-19. It included personal protective equipment, chemical reagent, diagnostic test kits and/or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) along with on-site trainings. The project was expected to contribute to strengthening the cooperation in public health emergencies between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.

Main Achievements in 2022

- It completed delivery of the procured items to each ASEAN Member States.
- It monitored the progress of the diagnostic test in each ASEAN Member States.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 5,000,000.00
- 2 Years (2020-2021)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH)

2. [Education and Training] Increasing Access to Basic Education in CLMV Countries through Flexible learning Programmes



In Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam (CLMV countries), more than 471,282 primary-aged children and 6.3 million secondary-aged adolescents remain out of school, and many more in school are at also risk of dropping out. The education system has not been responsive enough to embrace children in poverty, in gender discrimination, with disability, of ethnic minorities, under post/conflicts, undocumented/stateless and in rural areas.

The programme aims to assist the CLMV governments in establishing a system for providing out-of-school children (OOSC) with flexible learning strategies and non-formal education (NFE)/alternative education (AE) programmes. The system will allow OOSC in these countries to complete their basic education without being educated by the formal school system.

Main Achievements in 2022

- In Cambodia, 339 videos in 10 subjects for the Lower Secondary Equivalency Program (LSEP) learners were developed as learning contents for distance LSEP. 168 learners newly enrolled in the Lower Secondary Equivalency Program (LSEP) and 160 learners completed the courses successfully.
- In Lao PDR, 78 video contents in 4 subjects were developed. The number of target age group (15-35) students who have enrolled on the LSEP-grade 9 were 13,022, and 1,652 of the total enrolled students completed the program.
- In Viet Nam, 310 videos in 9 subjects were developed. A total of learners enrolled in the LSEP were 8,658, and 60 learners completed it successfully.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 1,135,813.00
- 3 Years (2020-2022)

Programme Proponent

- Good Neighbors International (GNI)

Implementing Agency

- Good Neighbors International (GNI), ROK
- UNESCO Bangkok Office

3. [Education and Training] Gender mainstreaming into labour and employment policies to promote Decent Work for All



Under the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme 2016-2020 as well as the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Work Plan 2016-2020, Viet Nam was the coordinator of the project titled "ASEAN Guideline on Gender Mainstreaming into Labour and Employment Policies to Promote Decent Work for All". The Guideline was officially adopted during the 26th ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting in October 2020.

Main Achievements in 2022

- The Hybrid Evaluation Workshop of the ASEAN Guideline on Gender Mainstreaming into Labour and Employment Policies to Promote Decent Work for All was organised on 21 March 2022 by the Ministry of Labour and Social Invalids (MOLISA), Viet Nam. The Workshop provided a platform to draw the achievements, challenges and lessons learnt during the pilot implementation of the ASEAN Guideline by ASEAN Member States, and hence, promote its application at the national level in the coming time. The Guidelines will be reviewed and updated every two years by the ASEAN Senior Labor Officials Meeting.

Budget and Duration

- USD 282,576.00
- 5 Years (2018-2022)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Ministry of Labour and Social Invalids (MOLISA), Vietnam

4. [Culture and Tourism] ASEAN – Korea Music Festival : ROUND



The ASEAN – Korea Music Festival aimed to enhance exchange of people and understanding between ASEAN and Korea in culture and art, particularly in music through a concert tour and a forum involving music experts from ASEAN and Korea. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the ROUND Festival was adjusted to an online festival. The ROUND 2021 was held on 9 January 2022 by the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) via online with the concept of “Hello to New Normal.”

Main Achievements in 2022

- ASEAN-Korea Music Festival : ROUND 2021 was hosted on 9 January 2022. The Festival was broadcasted through KBS' satellite channel, KBS World's YouTube channel and the broadcast was made into clips that are available at “ROUND Festival” YouTube channel.
- KBS won the 2021 Digital Content Award at the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union for its innovative use of online communication technologies to engage with the audience.
- KBS was awarded in entertainment category on the occasion of the 2022 Korea Broadcasting Prizes.

Programme Budget and Duration

- USD 2,436,261.00
- 3 Years (2020-2022)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Korean Broadcasting System (KBS)

5. [Environment, Safety and Peace] 20th East Asia Forum



The East Asia Forum (EAF) is an annual 1.5 track under the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) framework. EAF serves as an exchange platform between government officials, business circles, academia, and think-tanks to provide recommendations, which would boost the momentum of the APT cooperation towards the realization of an East Asia community as a long-term objective.

By commemorating the 25th anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation, the 20th East Asia Forum was aimed to facilitate extensive and intensive discussion and promote the exchange of views and ideas on reviewing progress in APT cooperation over the past 25 years and setting direction in various areas, including keeping enhancing regional and national health capacities for better resilience to future public health emergencies, strengthening economic and financial cooperation for the long-term goal of establishing an East Asia community with inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth under the theme of “25th Anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation: Recovering Together, Growing Together toward Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Development in East Asia”.

Main Activities in 2022

- On 19-20 December 2022, under the theme of “25th Anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation: Recovering Together, Growing Together toward Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Development in East Asia”, the 20th East Asia Forum was held with more than 160 delegates from ASEAN+3 countries in various sectors. The summary report from the 20th East Asia Forum will be submitted through the APT Senior Officials Meeting and ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting to the APT Summit for notation.

Budget and Duration

- USD 154,913
- 2022

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam

AKCF New Programmes in 2023

1. [Environment, Safety and Peace] Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN (CASA)

The impact of ambient air pollution has become more serious in ASEAN Member States (AMS). The high level of air pollution in the region leads to serious health impact. According to the result of the Global Burden of Disease Study of the World Health Organization (WHO), all AMS, except for Singapore, Malaysia, and Brunei Darussalam, recorded air pollution attributable death rate higher than the median value of all observed countries in the world (183 countries).

In this respect, the programme aims to provide a comprehensive support for AMS to mitigate air pollution and its negative impact on health by (1) increasing understanding of the cause and impact of air pollution, (2) improving access to information on the status of air pollution, (3) raising preparedness of AMS to respond to air pollution and (4) developing regional policy to mitigate air pollution.

Budget and Duration

- USD 11,000,000.00
- 4 Years (2023-2026)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Seoul National University
- Yonsei University
- National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER)
- ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

2. [Environment, Safety and Peace] ASEAN Cyber Shield Project

As ASEAN's digital economy and market size grow, cyber risks are also increasing. In order to effectively respond to the growing and advanced cyber threats, it is important to nurture cybersecurity experts who can effectively analyse information and implement immediate responsive measures.

The project is aimed to build the cybersecurity capability of ASEAN Member States (AMS) by training the best cybersecurity experts through education, competition and scholastic exchange of cybersecurity, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of the digital economy and empowering the capabilities of the ASEAN Member States in order to respond to cybersecurity and the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Budget and Duration

- USD 9,899,997.13
- 5 Years (2022-2026)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)
- Kangwon National University (KNU)
- Gangneung-Wonju National University (GWNU)
- Universitas Teknologi Brunei (UTB)

3. [Education and Training] ASEAN-Korea Football Interpersonal Exchange and Leadership Development (FIELD) Programme

Football, sports in general, can indeed be utilized as a strategic means for promoting greater people-to-people connectivity and binding ASEAN stronger as One Community. This program aims to strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and Korea through interpersonal exchange, training and engagement of ASEAN people to participate in a balanced development processes for the football industry. Furthermore, the project is also aimed at enabling ASEAN Member States to form a joint bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2034 by sharing Korea's experience on the jointly hosted FIFA World Cup 2002.

Budget and Duration

- USD 3,820,027.62
- 3 Years (2023-2025)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Korea Football Association Love Sharing Foundation
- Sangmyung University Cheonan Industry Academic Cooperation Team

4. [Culture and Tourism] ASEAN-ROK Film Community Programme 2020-2025

The three years programme is aimed to support in realizing the ASEAN – ROK Film Community by establishing and advancing the foundation of the film industry and enlarging the markets in the ASEAN region. This programme consists of a series of activities such as the ASEAN-ROK Film Incubator, Post-production Workshop, Screening and Film Festival. Furthermore, the programme is expected to boost the production of local films through human resources training and increase the opportunities for the local films to meet a wider global audience.

Budget and Duration

- USD 2,572,606.09
- 2023-2025

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Busan Film Commission (BFC) and Busan Asian Film School (AFiS)

5. [Environment, Safety and Peace] Advancing ASEAN-Korean cooperation in Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management (IMSWM) for Environmentally Sustainable Cities

The project will support ASEAN Member States (AMS) in moving towards a model of resource efficient, circular society with enhanced national and local capacity to implement integrated solid waste management (ISWM) practices and catalytic waste investment projects.

In this respect, the project aims to: (i) formulate a strengthened and coherent regional framework for IMSWM in AMS to support ASEAN Vision 2040 and ASCC Blueprint 2025; (ii) accelerate investment for IMSWM projects; (iii) establish an online multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing and collaboration platform for AMS; and (iv) strengthen IMSWM capacity in AMS and AMS-Korea knowledge exchange, through policy, capacity development, knowledge and technology transfer, and investment mobilization across the region. By developing IMSWM projects for investment mobilization of \$100 million, it is estimated that 6 mtCO₂eq will be reduced/avoided; 1,300 indirect green jobs will be created; 4 million persons in AMS will potentially benefit from IMSWM.

Budget and Duration

- USD 7,314,260
- 3 Years (2023-2025)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- National Institute of Green Technology (NGTI), ROK
- Nanyang Technology University, Singapore
- K-Eco, ROK

6. [Others : ASEAN Connectivity] Capacity Building Project for the Data-driven Smart City Planning

In the light of the opportunities and challenges posed by rapid urbanisation and digitalisation, ASEAN Member States have the common goal of smart and sustainable urban development in order to improve the lives of ASEAN citizens, using technology as an enabler. Big data technology is part of Smart City ecosystem where data is collected from Smart City component and analysis for informed decision-making in city planning and city management.

The project is comprised of the two tracks: a short-term training program for ASEAN Smart Cities Network member cities and a long-term training program, a regular master's course for ASEAN Member States. Considering different conditions and target areas of ASEAN, customized seminars and project building activities will be designed, thereby cultivating smart city experts for ASEAN Member States, as well as building the ASEAN Smart City knowledge sharing platform contributing to enhance better mutual understanding among ASEAN Smart City Network's member cities so that it can support the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025.

Budget and Duration

- USD 5,427,725.00
- 5 Years (2023-2027)

Proponent and Implementing Agency

- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, ROK
- Seoul National University Global R&DB Center (GRC)

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VOICES ON THE GROUND

Increasing Access to Basic Education in CLMV Countries through Flexible learning Programmes

Fifteen-year-old Ear Thun, of Thboung Khmum province, who dropped out of school during the eighth grade, has taken part in the 'Lower Secondary Equivalency Programme (LSEP)' under the AKCF-supported 'Increasing Access to Basic Education in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Viet Nam through Flexible Learning Programme'. As a result, he has gained access to learning opportunities in pursuit of his dreams to become an outstanding student. Ear Thun has subsequently advocated for the programme to be expanded so that it might continue to provide similar opportunities for out-of-school children and other youth in the region. He regards the programme as an indispensable vehicle for ambitious learners to achieve their dreams, recently commenting,

My objectives were to become a talented student and, eventually a policeman, and so the programme should continue to operate [similarly for others].

Pisey is currently continuing her learning at a local high school. Flexible learning modalities of the NFE-LSEP provided Pisey with an uncommon opportunity to resume her studies and, due to her good grades, to acquire a graduation certificate.

Noting the advantages of the NFE-LSEP programme, which she considers beneficial overall for not only students, but also their families and, ultimately, the Cambodian nation, Pisey recently commented,

This programme is very useful for enabling dropouts to continue their studies and become good citizens, so that they can promote family economies and contribute to national development.

** Interview was conducted by Mr. Ilja Riekk, Junior Professional Officer, Non-Formal Education and Literacy; Educational Innovation and Skills Development (EISD), UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok).*

ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) Training & Capacity Building Programme

The ASEAN-IPR Secretariat is honoured to be Lead Proponent of the 'ASEAN-IPR Training & Capacity Building Programme', along with some ASEAN Member States as Co-Proponents, with the objective to address peace through a more comprehensive approach of peace-building – namely developing Training Materials which could be utilised through capacity building activities such as Seminar and Training. *Therefore, the programme aims to provide a venue where lessons and experiences on peace processes could be discussed, evaluated and from which lessons may be gained.*

Based on the pre and post training surveys, participants of the programme have generally indicated that their knowledge on the subject matter covered in the trainings has improved/better capacitated. Furthermore, participants also indicated *the training have positive impact on their work, and that they would be able to apply knowledge gained in their respective line of work.*

Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Project for AMS

5th Training Batch Participant

Mr. Agus Wibowo

Director of System and Strategy Department, National Disaster Management Authority, Indonesia

I came here as an empty glass. Having experienced all of it first-hand, we have learnt so much on disaster management good practices, including how South Korean government implements ICT in their disaster management approach.



This certainly meaningful and useful for us to look back and share with our respective home countries.



7th Training Batch Participant

Mr. Muhammad Fauzie Bin Ismail

Principal Assistant Director, Community and Social Development Division,
National Disaster Management Agency, Malaysia

On behalf of my fellow participants here today, we would like to take this opportunity to express our utmost gratitude to the ASEAN Secretariat and the Government of Republic Korea for this golden opportunity to equip ourselves with another valuable knowledge to bring back home.

We have used our imagination in creating and simulating exercises using the handy simulator ADMS tools with all the gun fires, explosions and fires. We've made from simple to complicated scenarios. We've even created a dramatic scene just like the Korean drama that we have seen on your television back home. I'm truly honoured and feel very lucky to have crossed paths with you all, and believe me I can't wait to watch you guys save the world. Congratulations.

The pandemic in some ways have affected all of us here, scattered us across time zones beyond our border. Lockdown, border closure and strict movement control orders have limited us from conducting our regular disaster preparedness activity regionally. After all the hardship here,



we are today one step closer in building our regional capacity to become a resilient community for the future. I'm pretty sure that the ASEAN Secretariat through ASEAN-Korean Cooperation Fund will plan and conduct more trainings and capacity building programmes to the region.



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LOOKING AHEAD

2023

forward-looking Year

In 2022, continued uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic made us difficult in coordinating the implementation of the programmes as planned. We, along with many proponents and implementing agencies, faced a whole new level of logistical challenges in implementing the programmes.

Nevertheless, in these unprecedented times, we were more dedicated and committed than ever to address the impact of COVID-19 by identifying alternative ways to implement programmes and deliver outputs and outcomes before the pandemic spread. Consequently, we were able to provide substantive support in approving, launching, managing, and monitoring the programmes with close consultation with proponents, implementing agencies and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Momentum to Move Forwards We have taken these challenges as an opportunity to prepare the year of 2023 with more systematic and effective strategy by developing this AKCF Annual Report and developing the AKCF Brand and Visibility Guideline. The AKCF Annual Report is compiled with an aim to showcase how we have managed the programmes in a programmatic and effective way by providing current status and information of programmes under the AKCF and performance of AKPMT. The AKCF Manual is also updated to provide prospective and existing proponents with updated information and guideline. The AKCF Brand and Visibility Guideline is designed to raise visibility and presence of the AKCF.

In this connection, the year of 2023 is a forward-looking year for us to make the programmes, which have been postponed by COVID-19, back on track. Moreover, a series of new programmes is to be implemented this year, ranging from Environment (Clean Air, Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management) to Cyber Security, to Sport (Football), to Culture (Reading Culture, Film Community), to Smart City, to Forestry, thereby further expanding ASEAN-Korea cooperation into new fields. We are determined to make 2023 a worthy start to deliver on the new fields of cooperation between ASEAN and Korea.



ASEAN-Korea Programme Management Team : Collaborate, Communicate, Coexist



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