



**CONSORTIUM
OF
ASEAN-INDIA NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

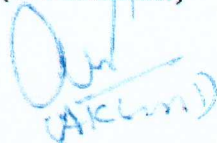
1. ASEAN-India Network of Universities (AINU) was envisioned and announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit at New Delhi in January 2018 to create a new knowledge ecosystem connecting the universities in India and ASEAN Member States, invested in framing and strengthening the paradigms of knowledge production in order to engage with region-specific concerns to meet the challenges of 21st century.
2. Mandate of the AINU is to build a consortium that will bring institutions in India and ASEAN Member States together for new research in emerging areas of knowledge, to build human capital and a think-tank through Joint-research, doctoral student exchange, and faculty exchange, in diverse sectors of knowledge landscape including Engineering, Science and Technology, Policy and Law-making, Trade and Investments, Peace and Security, Sustainable Development, Humanities, Religion, Cultural Intersections and Blue Economy.
3. Nalanda University is identified as the Nodal Institution to anchor and build the academic landscape for a new global order of 21st century and to build a cohesive network of institutions between ASEAN Member States and India to enable free flow of new ideas, knowledge and research. Given Nalanda's historical pre-eminence, and its role in shaping the cultural and spiritual connections between India and ASEAN, AINU anchored by Nalanda University is aimed to build and strengthen the regional knowledge network existing civilizational linkages.
4. The AINU was launched at ASEAN Secretariat Headquarters in Jakarta on August 29, 2022 jointly by India's Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Education, Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, and Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, in the presence of Deputy Secretaries-General of ASEAN, Permanent Representatives of the ASEAN Member States to ASEAN, and Vice Chancellor of Nalanda University.
5. The present Memorandum of Understanding is therefore to be endorsed by institutions that consent to be part of the newly created AINU consortium (Institutions from India and ASEAN Member States).
6. The Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the **Nodal Institution**, and **National Institute of Technology, Delhi** consenting to be part of the AINU Consortium.

7. The present MOU will enable institutions to apply for the pilot Faculty Exchange Program with the twinning institutions (an institution from India may choose to twin with an institution from ASEAN Member States, from the AINU list of institutions for a Faculty Exchange Program), apart from Doctoral Student Exchange Program and Joint Research/Joint Research Supervision.
8. AINU is/will be fully-funded program under the ASEAN-India framework. The Program will bear the logistics of travel, accommodation, per diem etc.
9. This MOU may be modified, varied or amended at any time after due consultation and with the written agreement of both Parties.
10. This MOU is not intended to be legally binding. It merely expresses the intentions and understanding of the Parties which will form the basis of any legally binding agreement to be drafted and executed in the future.
11. This MOU shall take effect on and from the date of execution of this MOU and shall continue to be effective for a period of Five (05) years and may be extended for such further period as may be agreed by the Parties in writing.
12. Notwithstanding clause 10 above, this MOU may be terminated by either Party giving written notice to the other at least six (6) months prior to the proposed date of termination.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Nodal Institution, and National Institute of Technology, Delhi that agrees to be part of the Consortium of ASEAN India Network of Universities.

On behalf of **Nalanda University**

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Date: 13.3.2024



On behalf of **NIT Delhi**

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Appendix:

(A) A probable list of institutions who have initially agreed to be part of AINU Consortium along with their focus areas and (B) Guidelines and Terms for Faculty Exchange—are shared as an appendix for information.