Southeast Asia is one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing regions in the world. With a population of over 630 million, the region accounts for a significant share of global trade and investment. Southeast Asia is home to some 7,000 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with around 12 million students. As connectivity increases and the ASEAN Community expands, national Higher Education systems are rapidly changing—and internationalisation in the sector is accelerated in the emerging ASEAN Higher Education Area.

**Regional Organisations Managing Higher Education**

- **ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**
  - 10 Member States form ASED and SOM-ED - Highest Decision Makers: Heads of State and Government
  - ASEAN Work Plan on Education, 2016-2020
  - Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education
  - ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia
  - ASEAN University Network (AUN)
  - ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN)
  - ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF)
  - SHARE Programme

- **SEAMEO (SOUTH EAST ASIA MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ORGANISATION)**
  - 11 Member States for SEAMEC and SEAMEO-HOM - Highest Decision Makers: Ministers of Education
  - SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (RIHED) in Bangkok, Thailand

**Regional Student Mobility Schemes**

- **AIMS**
  - Short-term mobility
  - Participating countries: Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, including Japan and Korea
  - Since 2010 to date at least 3,000 scholarships in 9 countries with 68 universities

- **AUN-ACTS**
  - University-led and funded short-term mobility with credit transfer
  - Since 2010
  - To date 577 scholarship in mid 2015 in the ASEAN region
  - AUN member universities participate
  - Managed by AUN Secretariat

- **SHARE**
  - Short-term mobility
    - Since 2016
    - To date 400 inner-ASEAN scholarships, 100 ASEAN-EU scholarships
    - Initially 32 universities in 8 ASEAN countries participating
    - Managed by ASEAN Secretariat, with EU support
    - All less-developed CLMV countries participate

**Students**

- **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**
  - Ministry of Education (MOE)
  - 11,292 HEIs
    - 5
    - 9.99%

- **CAMBODIA**
  - Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport (MOEYS)
  - 207,678 HEIs
    - 121
    - 18.29%

- **INDONESIA**
  - Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education
  - >7 million HEIs
    - 4,537
    - 20%

- **LAO PDR**
  - Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES)
  - 82,868 HEIs
    - 90
    - 15%

- **MALAYSIA**
  - Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)
  - 860,144 HEIs
    - 530
    - 15.72%

- **MYANMAR**
  - Ministry of Education (MOE)
  - 870,000 HEIs
    - 132
    - 15%

- **PHILIPPINES**
  - Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
  - 3,589,484 HEIs
    - 1,943
    - 13.21%

- **SINGAPORE**
  - Ministry of Education (MOE)
  - 178,000 HEIs
    - 14
    - 17%

- **THAILAND**
  - Office of Higher Education Commission (OHEC)
  - 2,003,993 HEIs
    - 154
    - 18%

- **VIET NAM**
  - Ministry of Education and Training (MOET)
  - >2 million HEIs
    - 235
    - 20%

**% of Government Spending on Education**

- **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**
  - 9.99%

- **CAMBODIA**
  - 18.29%

- **INDONESIA**
  - 20%

- **LAO PDR**
  - 15%

- **MALAYSIA**
  - 15%

- **MYANMAR**
  - 15%

- **PHILIPPINES**
  - 17%

- **SINGAPORE**
  - 17%

- **THAILAND**
  - 20%

- **VIET NAM**
  - 20%

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