



# A Quality-Driven ASEAN Education: ASEAN Perspectives and Expectations

## Preserving Diversity and Establishing Convergence in ASEAN Higher Education through Quality Assurance

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# Challenges

- To strive for mutual understanding
- To seek common ground for achieving consistency and comparability
- To bridge gaps among QA systems



“same same but different”

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“unity in diversity”



## 2008 “The Road towards a Common Space”

Establishing ASEAN Quality Assurance Network (AQAN) to address:

- Common understanding/mutual benefits
- Bridging gaps of different stages of QA development
- Alignment with regional and international good practices
- Harmonisation of QA and HE systems
- Integration of ASEAN Community

# ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework

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# ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework



- Mobility
- Credit transfer
- Mutual recognition of degrees and qualifications
- Harmonisation of QA and HE systems



## ASEAN Quality Assurance Framework (AQAF)

- Serve as common reference point for QA agencies and HEIs as they strive towards harmonisation while maintaining their diversity of HE systems, cultures and traditions
- Facilitate mutual recognition of degrees and qualifications



## What next?

- Closer cooperation and external technical assistance
- Multiple communication channels and layers
- Frequent consultation
- Stakeholders commitment and participation
- Dissemination of information