



**THE ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITIES
OF ASIA AND THE
PACIFIC**

*The Platform for Interaction
and collaboration of Universities
in Asia and the Pacific*

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The Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) was established on the 28th of July 1995, at Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. It is an aggregation of university chief executives from higher education institutions in Asia, Pacific and around the world. These are presidents, rectors and vice- chancellors at regionally accredited colleges and universities, from both public and private sectors and international organizations.

AUAP is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), holding the highest formal consultation rights with UNESCO. Its primary purpose is to be the main platform for interaction and collaboration among members and the voice of universities in Asia and the Pacific. AUAP organizes regular conferences and workshops for higher education leaders and institutions, to recognize and discuss important issues and challenges facing higher education today. It is an association that enhances mutual cooperation among institutions, and is dedicated to render service of its members.

The leaders of AUAP have adopted a unified vision for the organization and that is to promote the welfare and good image of their respective institutions. Through the cooperation of all these leaders, AUAP has the capability to shape the outlook of higher education globally. Member presidents, rectors and vice-chancellors enjoy a global network of supportive colleagues, and enables the AUAP to secure support for individual interests and concerns.

The purposes of the Association are:

- To promote a culture of quality and innovation in higher education, research and service to the community.
- To preserve and enhance the values and cultural diversity of Asia and the Pacific towards better understanding and cooperation for socio - economic development and (universal) peace.
- To engage with stakeholders of the higher educations and other organizations to further the objectives of AUAP.
- To maintain a platform for interaction and collaboration among members and be the voice of universities in Asia and the Pacific.
- To promote universal peace and international understanding through education.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUAP

The Board and Officers of the AUAP for the Years 2015 and 2016 are committed to organize more conferences and workshops on topics relevant to the needs of the greater Asia and the Pacific region. With the integration of ASEAN into one Community, there are existing and emerging issues that have to be tackled by higher education institutions. The long standing issues on degree recognitions, movility of faculty and students, credit transfers, quality assurance and the emergence of on-line education as a mode of delivery of teaching materials are some of the topics that have to be resolved soon. The AUAP is one of the main platforms that can be used to gather experts, stakeholders and policy makers to discuss and resolve these issues.

So far, the AUAP has organized more than forty international conferences and workshops and plans to do more. In addition, it conducts summer camps and leadership training for students, and cultural exchange programs . It plans to organize inter- university sports activities such as basketball games among members as another way of developing friendship and commaraderie among members.

It is widely believed that this is the century of Asia and the Pacific. We therefore, encourage more colleges and universities to join the AUAP as member and work together as one, under the flag of this organization to make our higher education institutions better as a way to welcome the Golden Century of Asia and the Pacific !

THE AUAP GOVERNANCE

The organization is governed by a Board which serves a term of two years. It has an Executive Committee, Advisory Council and Country Chapter Committee. The functions of the Board, Executive Committee, Advisory Council and Country Chapter Committee are described as follows:

AUAP BOARD

The AUAP Board meets twice each year in an international location which all AUAP members may attend as observers. This is the highest policy making body of the organization. It nominates and elects its own officers to serve a term of two years.

AUAP ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council provides the Board valuable inputs especially on delicate matters presented by members to the Board. It can meet anytime as necessary. The members are eminent personalities from the academe, public and private organizations whose expertise are deemed important to the work of the Board.

AUAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members are elected by the Board and serves a term of two years also. It meets twice a year or more as required by the Board. The Executive Committee makes a detailed study of issues assigned by the Board for their consideration.

AUAP COUNTRY CHAPTER COMMITTEE

The AUAP Country Chapter Committee meets twice each year in an international location which all AUAP members may attend as observers. The main function is to make the members in that particular country more active in the activities of the organization.

AUAP ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The AUAP Conferences are held twice a year. Members are encouraged to submit proposals expressing their intentions to host AUAP Conferences.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The AUAP General Conference is held biannually. Members are invited to co-host with AUAP.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The AUAP General Assembly Meeting is held biannually, or could be called for by the President on urgent matters.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to enhance students' leadership, relationship, academics, and cultural activities. The program started in Year 2014, and the host university is expected to be responsible for all local expenses. Members are encouraged to host this program. For more information please contact the AUAP Secretariat.

LEARNING AND SHARING FORUM

The AUAP Secretariat hosts this program with members as co-host. This is held biannually.

UNESCO INTERACTION

AUAP is an accredited NGO with the UNited Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris and Bangkok. AUAP members have an opportunity to participate in activities carried out through the Division of Higher Education as well as present proposals for funding, through the Participation Program of UNESCO especially to assist higher education institutions in developing countries.

AUAP PAST GENERAL CONFERENCES:

- I 1995 Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand
- II 1997 Tasmania University, Australia
- III 1999 Angeles University, Philippines
- IV 2001 Guizhou University, China
- V 2003 Kyunhee University, Korea
- VI 2004 Surabaya University, Indonesia
- VII 2006 University of Macao, China
- VIII 2008 American International University of Bangladesh
- IX 2010 Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand
- X 2012 Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia
- XI 2014 University of Tehran, Iran

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- 1995-1997: Professor Dr. Wichit Srisa-an ,Rector, Suranreee University of Technology, Thailand
- 1997-1999: Professor Dr. Donald McNicol, President, University of Tasmania, Australia
- 1999-2001: Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles, President, Angeles University Foundation, Philippines
- 2001-2002: Professor Dr. Li Jian Shi, President, Guizhou University, China
- 2002-2003: Professor Dr. Shuping Chen ,President, Guizhou University, China
- 2003-2004: Professor Dr. Chugwon Choue ,President, Kyung Hee University, South Korea.
- 2004-2006: Professor Dr. Wibisono Hardjopranoto, Rector, Surabaya University, Indonesia.
- 2006-2008: Professor Dr. Iu Vai Pan, Rector, University of Macau, China.
- 2008-2010: Dr. Carmen Z. Lamagna , Vice Chancellor, American International University of Bangladesh
- 2010-2012: Professor Dr. Prasart Suebka, Rector, Suranree University of Technology, Thailand.
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WHO CAN BECOME MEMBERS OF AUAP?

Those universities and other degree-conferring institutions which are dedicated to the advancement and transmission of knowledge at a level appropriate to a university, as indicated by the nature and quality of their instructions, the participation of their staff in the advancement of knowledge, and the type of working equipment placed at the disposal of their staff and students may be admitted as Members of the Association. Membership fee is \$800 per year and \$2,000 for three years. Any national association which enables their chief executives to provide counsel which serves the general interests of the universities may be admitted as an Associate Member.

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