

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY ON EDUCATION  
COOPERATION**

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Government of Hungary represented by the Ministry for Innovation and Technology, hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties", and individually as "Party";

**RECOGNISING** the contribution of education and student mobility to economic and social development and the mutual benefits resulting from the Parties' extensive and close cooperation in these fields;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the successful implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of Hungary on Education Cooperation, signed in Jakarta on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 (2017 Agreement); and

**DESIRING** to promote cooperation between ASEAN and Hungary, based on the achievement made pursuant to 2017 Agreement, that will further strengthen the close and friendly relations between ASEAN Member States and Hungary, especially in the field of education;

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:**

**ARTICLE 1**

1. The Parties agree to continue the Hungary-ASEAN Scholarship Programme, hereinafter referred to as "Programme" to provide support to students who are nationals of ASEAN Member States and Hungary for pursuing Bachelor,

Master, Doctorate, or Postdoctoral education outside of their home country.

2. The aim of the Programme is to equally increase the quality of human resources by encouraging outstanding students and professors to undertake short-term or full-term studies or to conduct collaborative research in each other's higher education institutions, in order to strengthen academic and research network between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 2**

1. While providing study and research opportunities for a wide range of disciplines in higher education institutions of Hungary and Member States of ASEAN, this Programme also aims at:

- a) Promoting knowledge, understanding and friendship between peoples of ASEAN Member States and Hungary;
- b) Providing opportunities to expand academic and educational contacts with international institutions of higher education; and
- c) Developing outstanding professionals and experts to meet the needs of the global society.

## **ARTICLE 3**

Under this Programme, Hungary will provide opportunities for students from ASEAN Member States to access to its higher education institutions, and offer scholarships and funding assistance for ASEAN students, primarily in the fields of Economics, Business and Finances, Culture and Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Information and Communication Technology and Medicine and Life Sciences, and other fields mutually indicated by the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

ASEAN will look into the possibility of providing opportunities to Hungarian students and professors to undertake Short Term Study and Research Programmes at the universities and institutions of higher education in the ASEAN region especially in the fields of Computer Science, Business and Economics, Engineering, Technology and Natural Sciences.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

The Parties will carry out necessary steps to implement this Cooperation Agreement, in particular the number and details of scholarships programme through separate implementation arrangements to be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

For the purpose of this Cooperation Agreement, the Parties will assign the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry for Innovation and Technology of Hungary to be the Focal Points to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of this Cooperation Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

1. The Parties agree that the implementation of this Cooperation Agreement shall be in accordance with the laws and other regulations of the respective Parties.
2. Commitments originating from the membership of Hungary in the European Union are not affected by this Cooperation Agreement. As a consequence of this, provisions of this Cooperation Agreement shall not be interpreted in a way that it would annul, amend or have any other effect on the

commitments of Hungary originating especially from the treaties forming the basis of the European Union, as well as those commitments originating from the primary and secondary legislation of the European Union.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

The Parties may revise, amend or modify all or part of this Cooperation Agreement, subject to the Parties' mutual consent in writing. Such revisions, amendments or modifications will become effective on the date as determined by the Parties and will not have retrospective effect.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

Any dispute or differences arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of the provisions of this Cooperation Agreement shall be settled by the Parties through discussion and negotiation.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

1. This Cooperation Agreement is subject to signature by the Parties and will become effective on the thirtieth day after Hungary has notified the Secretary-General of ASEAN through diplomatic channels of the completion of her internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Cooperation Agreement. This Cooperation Agreement will remain in force for a period of 3 years and remain in effect for another period of 3 years. Thereafter, this Cooperation Agreement may, subject to the consent of the Parties in writing, be renewed for further subsequent periods of 3 years.

2. Notwithstanding Paragraph 1 of this Article, either Party may terminate this Cooperation Agreement at any time by

giving the other Party the advance written notice at least 3 months prior to the date of its termination.

3. The termination or expiration of this Cooperation Agreement will not affect the implementation of on-going activities which have been agreed upon prior to the date of the termination of this Cooperation Agreement.

**DONE** at Jakarta, Indonesia, on this Seventh Day of November in the Year of Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, in two original copies, in the English and the Hungarian language, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.