

The Asian International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme

In Southeast Asia, past efforts to promote mobility have concentrated on bilateral exchanges between higher education institutions. Benefits were therefore limited to individual participating institutions. SEAMEO RIHED's AIMS Programme overcomes this limitation by providing a regional platform for both governments and institutions to promote and enhance mobility.

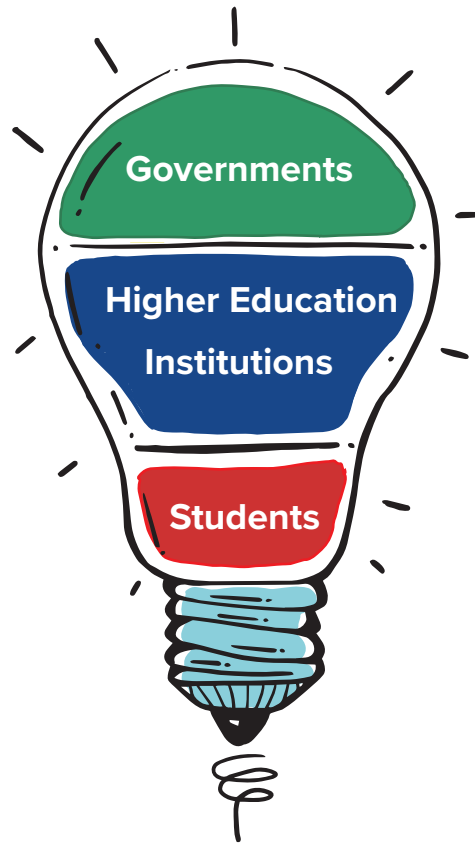
The AIMS Programme was officially launched in 2010 as a pilot project coordinated by SEAMEO RIHED involving the participation of Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand (M-I-T). With growing regional and international interest, SEAMEO RIHED's AIMS Programme has expanded to include 9 Member Countries including Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Singapore.

The AIMS Programme currently offers 10 study fields and as of December 2018, a total of 77 higher education institutions have been nominated by their respective governments to participate in the Programme and over 4150 students have participated in exchanges under the AIMS Programme.

SEAMEO RIHED envisages a greater role for the AIMS Programme as a multilateral platform through which to promote balanced mobility, foster academic exchanges and research collaboration and contribute to the harmonisation of higher education in the region and beyond.

In order to learn more about SEAMEO RIHED's AIMS Programme, visit the AIMS Website:

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AIMS Study Fields

- + Hospitality & Tourism
- + Agriculture
- + Language & Culture
- + International Business
- + Food Science & Technology
- + Economics
- + Engineering
- + Environmental Management & Science
- + Biodiversity
- + Marine Science

What is AIMS?

AIMS is a multilateral platform to promote and enhance academic mobility in the region of Southeast Asia and beyond. This will help to increase the flow and exchange of students and contribute to the development of globalised human resources to promote regional collaboration and integration.

Objectives

- Strengthen regional integration and community-building, enhance the profile and visibility of Southeast Asian higher education institutions, contributing to the internationalisation of the region's higher education systems.
- Support further harmonisation of higher education by providing opportunities for International Relations Offices to enhance their procedures and nurture the establishment of academic networks under the selected study fields.
- Prepare students with the knowledge and cross-cultural skills to navigate an ASEAN Community and develop a sense of regional citizenship, laying a foundation for the future of the region.

What Makes AIMS Different?

Self-Sufficiency and Solidarity

The AIMS Programme has become a successful model for regional mobility based on the principle of self-sufficiency, whereby each Member Country supports their own participation in the Programme, and moves forward together based on the academic readiness of each Member.

Balanced Mobility

In order to promote reciprocity and balanced mobility in the AIMS Programme, the agreed number of exchange students is based on mutual agreement among participating higher education institutions, nominated by their respective governments.

Supporting Mechanisms

The Steering Committee Meeting and the annual Review Meeting of the AIMS Programme are mechanisms which provide governments, higher education institutions, and students with the opportunity to update progress, address existing challenges, and propose further improvements to enhance collaboration and development of the Programme.

9 AIMS Member Countries | **78** AIMS Institutions

As of December 2019, more than **4900 students** have participated in student exchanges under the 10 study fields of the AIMS Programme.

