



**北海道大学**  
HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (ASEAN-FEN+)**

**between**

**ASEAN FISHERIES EDUCATION NETWORK (ASEAN-FEN)**

**and**

**FACULTY OF FISHERIES SCIENCES  
HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY**

The “ASEAN Fisheries Education Network” (hereafter referred as ASEAN-FEN) comprises a team of university-based consortia representing fisheries and aquaculture oriented institutions in Southeast Asia. ASEAN-FEN was established by agreement of its nine principal members, namely Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia), Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia), Can Tho University (Vietnam), Nong Lam University (Vietnam), Kasetsart University (Thailand), Prince of Songkla University (Thailand), Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (Thailand) Universitas Air Langga (Indonesia) and Universitas Brawijawa (Indonesia), for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the fisheries and aquaculture sector through education, research, and public outreach in the region.

ASEAN-FEN has expanded its associate institutional members to nine: Nha Trang University (Vietnam), Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry (Vietnam), University of Philippines Visayas (Philippines), Royal University of Agriculture (Cambodia), Prek Leap National College of Agriculture (Cambodia), University of Yangon (Myanmar), Savannakhet University (Lao PDR), Burapha University (Thailand) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (Malaysia).

ASEAN-FEN supports and facilitates activities of educators, scientists, and agencies responding to local, regional, national, and international issues on fisheries and aquaculture.

In the spirit to further promote ASEAN-FEN's collaboration on a global scale, the board of ASEAN-FEN, through a decision unanimously agreed upon at a committee meetings held on 3 March 2016 at Can Tho University, Vietnam, and on 22 July 2016 at Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, has agreed to establish the ASEAN Fisheries Education Network Plus (ASEAN-FEN+). ASEAN-FEN+ is a sub-network of ASEAN-FEN, and its institutional partners consists of a team of university-based consortia representing fisheries and aquaculture oriented institutions outside of Southeast Asia.

ASEAN-FEN and Faculty of Fisheries Sciences, Hokkaido University, Japan, hereafter referred to as FFS-HU, wish to develop cooperative relations based on established contacts and mutual understandings, especially to develop joint academic activities and to promote scientific exchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research. FFS-HU agrees to become a partner of the ASEAN-FEN, within the framework of ASEAN-FEN+, and the parties agree as follows:

## **PART I** **Area of Cooperation**

The two parties shall encourage academic exchange and cooperative research in fisheries, aquaculture and marine-related sciences of mutual interest, which contribute to the fostering and development of friendship among ASEAN-FEN members and FFS-HU.

## **PART II** **Methods**

All understandings and assistance shall be subject to availability of funds and the specific approval of ASEAN-FEN and FFS-HU through the following activities and programs:

1. Exchange of faculty members, technical staff, and students to encourage training in areas of mutual interest;
2. Development and conduct of joint research activities;
3. Joint organization of scientific events and training programs;
4. Assistance in Industry-Academy-Research cooperation, and joint activities of technology transfer and popularization;
5. Exchange of relevant information and academic publications in accordance with copyright-laws;
6. Other activities that are deemed mutually appropriate.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity including academic fees shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by all parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program.

Furthermore, it is understood that each party will enter into specific program by program-written agreements as required for compliance with the respective regulations of the parties involved. ASEAN-FEN and FFS-HU will designate a Coordinator to develop specific activities or programs for approval by the relevant authorities at the respective parties.

Both parties will share equally the benefit of intellectual property rights generated from co-operation in scientific and research activities. Further technical arrangement of this matter will be discussed between the two parties.

The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of either of the agreement's parties on any publications, document and/or paper is prohibited without the prior written approval of the relevant party.

**PART III**  
**Effective Date and Length of Agreement**

This agreement will remain in force for a period of **FIVE (5)** years, and any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires written approval by the respective authorities at both ASEAN-FEN and FFS-HU and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be reedited and renewed by mutual written consent.

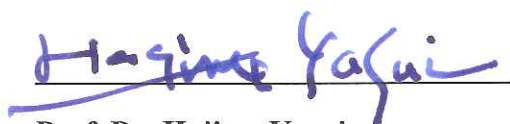
Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice to the others. Any individual activities to be continued will be specifically identified and provided for at the time of termination.

Each party shall be responsible for assuring full compliance by its participants with applicable laws and regulations, including insurance, of the respective nations.

Nothing contained herein or in the activities conducted hereunder shall constitute either party the agent, servant or employee of the other party, and each party shall be fully and solely responsible for its own actions and obligations.

This agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below; the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

**FACULTY OF FISHERIES SCIENCES - ASEAN FISHERIES EDUCATION NETWORK  
HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY**



**Prof. Dr. Hajime Yasui**  
Dean of Faculty of Fisheries Sciences  
Hokkaido University

Date: **Oct. 31, 2016**



**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sukree Hajisamae**  
Chairman of ASEAN-FEN

Date: **Oct. 31, 2016**