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AUN Member Universities

Dear Presidents, Rectors, Vice-Chancellors of the AUN Member Universities

Subject: The 14th ASEAN and 4th ASEAN+3 Youth Cultural Forum

Pursuant to agreement of the 31st AUN Board of Trustees Meeting held in July 2015 in Singapore; the 14th ASEAN and 4th ASEAN+3 Youth Cultural Forum (AYCF+3) was agreed to be hosted by Universiti Sains Malaysia on 4-8 October 2016 under the theme "ASEAN in Love: Love through the Culture and Arts towards Unity in **ASEAN Community.**"

As part of the initiatives of ASEAN University Network, the ASEAN Youth Cultural Forum is organized annually, in partnership with its member institutions. It is aimed at enhancing and strengthening friendship and cooperation, grounded in the deep understanding of respective cultures of member countries. The forum provides a rich venue for the appreciation of the diversity and commonalities within the ASEAN cultures through worthwhile dialogues of artistic experience and expressions.

The theme "ASEAN in Love: Love through the Culture and Arts towards Unity in ASEAN Community" seeks a deeper understanding and meaning of being united by our youth's passions and love towards their own culture and sharing it with others. This will also give ASEAN youth the opportunity to express their 'love' via their interpretation of myriads of cultural and artistic expression. This year, the activities will include the many different scopes of youth artistic talents in realising its aims - to engage, gather and share differences and commonalities of the community to achieve a unified ASEAN spirit which includes friends from China, Japan, and Korea

To achieve the Forum objectives, the AUN Secretariat and Universiti Sains Malaysia kindly request the participating university to nominate 4 students and 1 faculty member. The group of 4 student delegates should consist of;

Option 1

- 2 dancers or 2 actors; and
- 2 singers or 2 musicians

or

Option 2

- 2 dancers or 2 actors; and
- 1 singer and 1 musician

Student delegates are requested to prepare a cultural presentation for the Closing Ceremony on October 7. The presentation will be on a country basis in 5 minutes. Thus, the universities coming from the same country must agree on the type and specifics of their country presentation so it will be coherent with each other, even if they come from different institutions. Furthermore, one faculty member will be nominated by their own team to deliver a 5-minute country report on the status of culture and arts in the educational institutions in their respective countries. Each country will be represented by only one university.

This year the Youth Cultural Forum will be held in conjunction with USM International Week. Each participating country will be designated a **cultural booth** on **7 October 2016** to promote and introduce the country to the public.

For reference and further preparation, enclosed herewith, please find 1) Concept Paper & Programme, and 2) Registration Form.

AUN Secretariat will circulate it to every university's main contact person, head of student delegate and faculty member in the same country for further discussion.

Please submit the completed registration form **Section A (Particulars of delegates)** and **Section B (Flight details)** to AUN Secretariat through Ms. Pasita Marukee at aun.pasita@gmail.com by <u>26 August 2016</u>. **Section C (Synopsis of the cultural presentation and details of cultural booth)**—care of the coordinating university per country—should be sent by **23 September 2016**.

The forum will be held on a cost-sharing basis. The host will cover operational costs during the programme which include hotel accommodations, local transportation and meals. Delegates are responsible for their own international travelling expenses and are requested to bear the **registration fee of USD100** (One hundred US Dollars) each which may be paid upon arrival registration.

For your guidance, the delegates are expected to arrive at Universiti Sains Malaysia (via Penang International Airport, Malaysia, or other means of transportation) on 4 October 2016 (before 19.00) and depart for their countries on 8 October 2016.

Kindly contact the following person should you have further queries:

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Your kind cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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