



ASEAN UNIVERSITY NETWORK

Joint Statement of the 2nd ASEAN Youth Summit 2009 **“The Global Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN”** **Jakarta, 22 June 2009**

I. Introduction

1. We, the students of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Member Universities, gathered on 22 June 2009 in Jakarta on the occasion of the 11th AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest.
2. We noted the full commitment of ASEAN Member Countries in the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015 and recalled the signing and adoption of the Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.
3. We recognised the global economic crisis and its impacts on the ASEAN region; therefore, we are committed to a more significant and pro-active role for this challenge.

II. The global economic crisis that affects the ASEAN region

A. The actions youth can undertake to help solve the global economic crisis

1. Encourages the youth of ASEAN and the general public to consume regionally-produced goods of ASEAN Member States in order to create intra-regional demand and supply to encourage trade and investment;
2. Contributes to the establishment of media policies and communication plans in order to raise public awareness of ASEAN issues, including but not limited to global economic crisis, as well as to keep all stakeholders informed of the current condition;
3. Realises the importance of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) establishment.
4. Ensures commitment by each delegate country to present the ideas put forward in the forum via the relevant channels in each respective country as they may find appropriate.

B. Recommendations of youth for ASEAN Governments regarding policy making in coping with global economic crisis

In order to help solve the economic crisis, the youth of the ASEAN:

1. Calls for support from the governments in strengthening entrepreneurship for the youth in small-and-medium-enterprises in order to increase business opportunities, enhance the region attractiveness to foreign investment, and reduce the rate of unemployment;
2. Urges the ASEAN governments to establish the economic policies which can increase regional competitiveness by investing more in human capital development;
3. Encourages people to consume regionally-produced goods of ASEAN Member States in order to create demand and encourage intra-regional trade and investment;
4. Proposes an establishment of media policies and communication plans in order to raise public awareness of ASEAN issues, including but not limited to global economic crisis, as well as to keep all stakeholders informed of the current condition;
5. Requests a strong commitment from the ASEAN Member States to implement the action plan within the timeline;
6. Asks the ASEAN governments to broaden opportunities for the youth to participate in related economic forum and activities.
7. Encourages ASEAN governments to rely less on US Dollar by using currencies of ASEAN member countries for intra-regional trade.

III. Closing

The realisation of this Joint Statement will be accomplished through enhanced cooperation among the network of ASEAN students. This Joint Statement will be submitted to the Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) through the ASEAN Secretariat.

Adopted in Jakarta, this Twenty Second Day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

Acknowledged by:

The student participants of the 11th AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest