



# ASEAN Inter - Parliamentary Organization

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## RESOLUTION ON THE EXPANSION OF ASEAN NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES

**The Twenty-third General Assembly:**

**Recognizing** the importance of human resource development and IT applications as keys to fostering the socio-economic and educational development of each country and the region as a whole;

**Recalling** the determination of ASEAN Leaders expressed at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Singapore in 1992 to further expand the existing ASEAN network of leading universities and research institutes with a view to establishing an ASEAN University on the basis of the expanded network;

**Noting** the significant achievements recorded by the ASEAN Network of Universities, the practical activities organized by ASEAN Education Forum, and programmes on educational co-operation with partners, such as the Republic of Korea, India, China and other countries through various programmes of co-operation, scholar exchange and research activities;

**Applauding** efforts made by ASEAN countries to endorse strongly the resolution of 22<sup>nd</sup> AIPO in Bangkok on ASEAN university.

**Hereby resolves**

- a) **To continue** to give priority to human resource development in the region through co-operation programmes and projects among ASEAN Member Countries and with partners outside the region;
- b) **To remain committed** to working closely with ASEAN Member Governments to enhance co-operation within the frameworks of the ASEAN Network of Universities and ASEAN Education Forum and other existing mechanisms, regarding it as the basis for closer education co-operation within ASEAN and with other Partners;
- c) **To further support** ASEAN Members Country's efforts to establish the ASEAN University, which is flexible in its operation and has agreed-upon training criteria and academic exchanges with a view to linking universities in the region.

AIPO should form an Ad-hoc committee to study the establishment of ASEAN university and assign this task to AIPO secretariat.

