

PUTRAJAYA DECLARATION

Putrajaya Declaration on the Establishment of the ASEAN Young Quality Assurance Officers Network (AYQON)

Adopted on 20 November 2015 during the “ASEAN Young Quality Assurance Officers Roundtable Meeting” organized by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)

The young officers of the quality assurance agencies from ASEAN member countries on the occasion of the ASEAN Young Quality Assurance Officers Roundtable Meeting on Friday, 20 November 2015

ACKNOWLEDGING the shared heritage, values, interests and concerns amongst them,

RECOGNIZING the diversity and the varied phases of the development of quality assurance systems and agencies in the ASEAN countries,

SUSTAINING the need for closer ties between people in the ASEAN countries through the cooperation in the field of quality assurance,

MINDFUL of the benefits of collaboration to enhance the quality of higher education and the crucial role of quality in promoting harmonization higher education,

DESIRING to complement the role of regional quality assurance network towards the realisation of ASEAN Economic Community,

DO HEREBY DECLARE:

FIRST, the establishment of a network of young officers of the quality assurance agencies from ASEAN member countries to be known as ASEAN Young Quality Assurance Officers Network (AYQON) under the auspices of ASEAN Quality Assurance Network

SECOND, the aims and purposes of the AYQON shall be:

- i. to explore different needs of quality assurance capacity building programs of young quality assurance officers in the ASEAN countries;
- ii. to promote collaboration and exchanges of best practices, experiences and expertise among young quality assurance officers of the ASEAN countries;
- iii. to undertake the quality assurance related activities as deemed necessary.

THIRD, to carry out these aims and purposes, the following mechanisms shall be established:

- i. A Roundtable Meeting of the Network shall be convened once a year. Special meetings may be convened as and when agreed upon.
- ii. A Pro Tem Committee shall be formed and its members shall be determined at a later date.
- iii. An interim Secretariat shall be established in the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). A permanent Secretariat shall be determined within one year.

FOURTH, the Network is open for participation to at least two but not more than five young officers below the age of 40 years old from quality assurance agencies and authorities responsible for quality assurance of higher education in ASEAN member countries.

DONE in Putrajaya on the Twentieth of November in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen.