

Asia IT&C Project Summary Sheet

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Title: Connecting Southeast Asia & Europe e-Learning Models” – CAE e-LEARN

Programme Component: Liase with European IT&C Initiatives and Programmes

Area of Activity: Education & Society

Duration of the Project: 24 months

EC Co-financing (€): € 400,000 75.48%

Start date:

Project Abstract:

CAE e-LEARN aims to improve the understanding of the Southeast Asian culture and systems in open and distance learning, its values and pedagogical models, as well as its IT&C systems, through European-Southeast Asian partnerships in order to provide added value to the European and Southeast Asian initiatives that are interested in offering suitable e-learning solutions for Southeast Asian countries.

The main activity, which is planned to last two years, is to establish an effective European & Southeast Asian co-operation for the development of a flexible and adaptable Virtual Learning Model based on the needs, priorities and requirements of the Southeast Asian countries involved in the project. The design of this virtual pedagogical model should be defined with the principal objective of overcoming time and space barriers in order to offer to the learning citizens, who should be the central element of this model, a real possibility to have access to a broader life-long learning possibilities needed for sustained participation in the knowledge society.

Objectives:

- **To achieve** a better understanding of both, Southeast Asian and European cultures and values for a shared e-learning model in order to improve the EU-SEA capability to satisfy the learning demands of the two regions.
- **To transfer** know-how from the experience in Southeast Asia IT&C to European Initiatives in the field of Open Distance Learning (ODL) and **to contribute**, at the same time, to strengthen the integration of Southeast Asia into the global Information Society.
- **To establish** an effective European & Southeast Asian co-operation for the development of a flexible Virtual Learning Model and strategy based on the Southeast Asian needs and requirements, taking advantage of the information and communication technologies, the best practices of the partners and the European initiatives and norms.

Description of the work:

- WP1: Project Management and quality assurance
- WP2: Comparative analysis of education topics, systems & traditions.
- WP3: State of the Art on IT&C in ODL systems and norms.
- WP4: Southeast Asian Virtual Learning Model
- WP5: Pilot test.
- WP6: Evaluation.
- WP7: Dissemination

The project's activities will start by analysing the education topics, systems & traditions in both regions, Europe and Southeast Asia, in order to identify the cultural and social differences, to improve the mutual understanding between EU and Southeast Asia. It will be followed by the analysis of the distance learning systems and IT&C possibilities in Southeast Asia and Europe, to develop a methodology and strategy in order to define a specific Virtual Learning Model, describing the role of key elements such as the student, the learning materials, the tutoring action, the student assessment, the support centre, the library and the social/community interaction. As the result of all the activities exposed above, a pilot test will be deployed to validate the methodology and strategy.

Milestones:

- (1) Setting up of the CAE e-LEARN Technical Office (WP1) which will develop the project co-ordination, quality assurance and management work.
- (2) Better understanding of the different topics and traditions regarding educational systems to improve the transfer of know-how between Southeast Asian and European countries (WP2)
- (3) Knowledge about IT&C systems in ODL used in Southeast Asia and Europe in order to map out the existing technical possibilities. (WP3)

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