



INVITATION

10th May, 2017

The University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS), VNU, in collaboration with the National Foreign Language project 2020 (NFL 2020) is organizing an international conference under the theme "Foreign Language Education in ASEAN Countries" (ASEAN FLE for short). The conference is scheduled to take place on the 22nd of September, 2017.

Background

Now that Vietnam's NFL 2020 has covered more than a half of its journey, achievements have been recorded, but there remain several issues to be addressed. So far, most efforts have been centered on English, which starts to be offered from Grade 3 up to Grade 10, i.e. school-leavers will have 10 years of English before college. Other foreign languages, however, are now receiving more attention, as circumstances dictate. Besides English, which foreign language(s) should be prioritized? Would they be compulsory or optional? What supportive policies would they require? These are among questions of current concern to Vietnam, and we need to learn from other ASEAN countries.

Objectives of the ASEAN FLE conference

The conference aims at sharing insights of the ways ASEAN countries arrange for teaching/learning different foreign languages in their respective educational systems, their relevant policies, their assessment practices to ensure quality and comparability against international benchmarks, which facilitates mutual recognition of foreign language proficiency and ultimately contributes to labor mobility among ASEAN countries. This will also help Vietnam as well as other ASEAN members learn and apply best practices in foreign language education to their own systems so as to improve efficiency and intensify academic exchange among researchers and language teaching professionals in ASEAN.

To that aim, the conference will address, but will not solely be restricted to, such specific questions as:

1. How are courses of different foreign languages offered in the educational system (the public sector only) in each ASEAN country?
2. What are policy issues concerning the delivery of such courses? Are they compulsory or optional? When do children start learning foreign languages at (public) school? What outcomes are expected of such arrangements?
3. How is assessment of foreign language proficiency administered to ensure quality, comparability and international recognition, especially among ASEAN member countries?

Date and venue

22nd September 2017 at the University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS) under Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU), No 2 Pham Van Dong Road, Cau Giay District, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Language

The conference will be using English and Vietnamese throughout (simultaneous interpretation provided).

Selected papers will be published in full in the Conference Proceedings.

Expenses

Invited authors will have their return air fares between their respective country and Vietnam, accommodation and board in Hanoi (for 2 nights) covered by the Conference Organizers.

Deadlines

- Paper abstracts: to be received by 31st June 2017 at khcnulis@yahoo.com; subject: ASEAN FLE ULIS2017
- Full papers: to be received by 31st August 2017. Full papers are typed in Microsoft Word, A4 size, margins (top, bottom, left, right) 2.5cm (1 inch); font size 13 Times New Roman; line spacing: Exactly 18pt). Email address: khcnulis@yahoo.com; subject: ASEAN FLE ULIS2017 Full Paper.

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We hereby extend this invitation and look forward to welcoming you to the Conference.

Your attendance and presentation are highly appreciated.

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