



## *Asia-Link Symposium*

*10<sup>th</sup> November 2006*

### Programme

#### Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> November 2006

18:00 – 20:30: **Speakers briefing**

*Venue: Westin Grande Sukhumvit Hotel, State Room 1 & 2, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*Followed by a buffet reception (for speakers and moderators only)*

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006

8:30-9:30: **Registration**

9:30 – 10:30: <b>Opening Ceremony</b>
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Official Opening: **H.E. Lars Backström** - Finnish Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar

Welcome address: **H.E. Prof Wichit Srisa-an** - Minister of Education, Thailand

Address: **H.E. Dr Kol Pheng** – Minister of Education, Cambodia

Address: **Ms Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun** - Vice-Minister of Education, Lao PDR

Address: **Mr Erich Muller** - Director, Asia and Central Asia, EuropeAid, European Commission, Brussels

*10:30 – 10:55 (Photo Session – followed by coffee break )*

10:55 – 12:30: <b>Session 1: Panel session: Internationalisation of Higher Education: challenges and cooperation opportunities for EU and Thai-Lao-Cambodian higher education institutions</b>
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Chair: **H.E. Dr Friedrich Hamburger** - Ambassador-Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand

**Members of the panel:**

**H.E. Prof Wichit Srisa-an** - Minister of Education, Thailand (*TBC*)

**H.E. Dr Kol Pheng** – Minister of Education, Cambodia

**Mrs Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun** - Vice-Minister of Education, Lao PDR

**Mr Erich Muller** - Director, Asia and Central Asia, D, EuropeAid, European Commission, Brussels

**Prof Khunying Suchada Kiranandana** - President, Chulalongkorn University

**Dr Joseph Mifsud** – Bologna Follow-Up Group, External Dimension Working Group

*The session will start with statements from the chair (H.E. Dr Friedrich Hamburger) and different panellists (Prof Dr Khunying Suchada Kiranandana, Dr Joseph Mifsud). A floor discussion between the room and all the panellists will follow.*

\*\*\*\*\*12:30-14:00: **Lunch**\*\*\*\*\*

<p>14:00 – 15:00: <b>Session 2: European Commission Higher Education Co-operation Programmes and Initiatives</b> (Plenary session)</p>
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This session will present the main EU programmes offering co-operation opportunities among EU and Thai/Lao/Cambodian higher education institutions, namely Asia-Link, Erasmus Mundus and the Framework Programme for Research. Presentations by EC representatives will include general features of the programmes, achievements and prospects, as well as a focus on stock-taking/identification of best practices. Each presentation should last around 15-20 minutes, followed by a discussion (10-15 min).

2.1. Higher education cooperation in the framework of EU cooperation policy towards Asia - lessons learned and perspectives

**Mr Vincent Picket** – Head of Unit, Centralised Operations for Asia, D2, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, Brussels

2.2. Erasmus Mundus

**Mr Vito Borrelli** – European Commission, DG Education and Culture (EAC), Brussels

2.3. The 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research

**Mr Pierrick Fillon-Ashida** – European Commission, DG Research (RTD), Brussels

Panel moderator:

**Mr Erik Habers** - Counsellor, Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand

**Topic 1: Environment and Sustainable Development** – Case Studies Presentation (Asia-Link Projects)

Through the presentation of two ongoing Asia-Link projects, this session will present examples of co-operation projects in the field of the environment and sustainable development. The projects chosen illustrate the variety of approaches, topics and co-operation schemes that can be combined to design relevant and sustainable Asia-Link projects.

**1.1 CITYBLUES: Practical implementation of Ecological and Engineering Principles in Integrated Storm Management**

**Assoc Prof Dr Jean Lacoursière** - Kristianstad University (HRk), project leader *CITYBLUES*  
**Dr Seak Sophat** - Deputy Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Cambodian project co-ordinator *CITYBLUES*

**1.2 Curricula Development of Technology Oriented Sustainable Resource Management in China and Thailand**

**Prof Wu Ke** - Hefei University, China, China co-ordinator “*Curricula Development of Technology Oriented Sustainable Resource Management in China and Thailand*”  
**Assoc Prof Wongpun Limpaseni** - Department of Environmental Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, Thai project co-ordinator “*Curricula Development of Technology Oriented Sustainable Resource Management in China and Thailand*”

**1.3. Open Learning Provision for Postgraduate and Industrial Training in Sustainable Technology**

**Prof Mike Purvis** - University of Portsmouth, UK, project leader “*Open Learning Provision for Postgraduate and Industrial Training in Sustainable Technology*”  
**Prof Alvin Cubala** - De la Salle University, Philippines, Philippines project co-ordinator “*Open Learning Provision for Postgraduate and Industrial Training in Sustainable Technology*”

**Panel moderator:**

**Assoc Prof Sengprasong Phrakonkham** - National University of Laos, Lao project co-ordinator “*Environmental Engineering and Management – Establishment of a Master Programme at the National University of Laos*”

**Topic 2: Institution building – Building External Partnerships** – Case Studies Presentation (Asia-Link Projects)

This session addresses the issue of the relations between universities and external (public or private) stakeholders. The two projects presented aim at building human and institutional capacity in this field. The session will have as an objective to identify best practices and innovative ideas, as well as to address, more generally, the issue of the role and place of universities in a multi-stakeholder, evolving society.

### 2.1. Upgrading Institutional Capacity of Industry Relations Offices in Two Universities of ASEAN Countries

**Dipl-Kfm Andreas Engelen** – Lecturer - Aachen University, Germany, project “*Upgrading Institutional Capacity of Industry Relations Offices in Two Universities of ASEAN Countries*”

**Dr Achara Chandrachai** - Industry Relations Office, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, Thai project co-ordinator “*Upgrading Institutional Capacity of Industry Relations Offices in Two Universities of ASEAN Countries*”

### 2.2. EU-Asia Network of Competence Enhancement on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure Development

**Dr Andrea Jungbecker** - Bauhaus Universität Weimar, Germany, project leader “*EU-Asia Network of Competence Enhancement on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure Development*”

**Prof Stephen Ogunlana** - Asian Institute of Technologies (AIT), Thailand, “*EU-Asia Network of Competence Enhancement on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure Development*” Thailand project Co-ordinator

### 2.3. Centres of excellence for Tuberculosis/HIV - Strengthening institutional training and research capacity

**Dr Haripurnomo Kushadiwijaya & Dr Riris Andono Ahmad** - School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia, Indonesian co-ordinator “*Centres of excellence for Tuberculosis/HIV - Strengthening institutional training and research capacity*”

Panel moderator:

**Dr Arnold van Wulfften Palthe** - International Agrarische Hogeschool Larenstein, project leader “*Developing food and agribusiness in the Mekong Region*”

\*\*\*\*\*16:15 – 16:45: *Coffee Break*\*\*\*\*\*

16:45 – 18:00: <b>Session 4 (break-up)</b>
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#### **Topic 1: Being a successful Asia-Link project leader - Panel discussion**

This panel session will address the role and place of an Asia-Link project leader. The four members of the panel will deliver a short introductory statement (10 min) presenting their experience of the role of a project leader. A general discussion, involving the panel member and the audience will follow, aiming at identifying:

- best practices in successful Asia-Link applications and project implementation
- reasons for the very low number of successful applications from Thai, Lao and Cambodian HEI
- common grounds and divergences between the expectations (from the donor’s side) and practical experience (from the project’s side) of the role of the project leader

Composition of the panel

**Dr Surasi Vadhanavikit** – Walailak University, Thailand, project leader “*Human Resource Development through Problem-Based Learning (PBL)*”

**Dr Pietro P Masina** – Roskilde University (Denmark), project leader “*Project cycle management and participatory methodologies*”

**Dr Bounpong Keorodom** – Vice-President for Planning and International Co-operation, National University of Laos (NUoL), Lao PDR, Lao co-ordinator “*Strengthening Existing Partnerships between South East Asian and EU Universities in the Field of Rural Economics*”

**Dr Kyoko Kusabe** - Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, project “*Gender, Development and Public Policy Studies in the Asian Context*”

Panel moderator:

**Mr Vincent Piket** – Head of Unit, Centralised Operations for Asia, D 2, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission

### **Topic 2: Asia-Europe: emerging co-operation**

This session will aim at presenting and building on emerging initiatives of co-operation at the Asia-Europe level. Doing so, this session will:

- Bring first hand information on what is currently ongoing in ASEAN-EU Higher Education Cooperation
- Introduce inspiring topics, and committed partners from both regions, fostering further networking and cooperation opportunity under the Asia-Link scheme

#### **2.1. The ASEAN-EU Rectors Workshop: Enhancing ASEAN-EU Higher Education Cooperation: results and follow-up**

**Assoc Prof Dr Piniti Ratananukul** - Executive Director, ASEAN University Network (AUN) Secretariat (Thailand)

#### **2.2. Enhancing QA in ASEAN**

**Ms Marijke Wahlers** - Head of Section Asia, Australia and Oceania, German Rectors’ Conference (HRK - Germany)

#### **2.3. The ASEM Dimension – The ASEM-Duo Programme**

**Dr Pratya Vesaratch** - Chairman, Council of University Presidents of Thailand

Panel moderator:

**Dr Ulises Cortes** – Technical University of Catalonia - project co-ordinator, “*Encouraging and stimulating future RTD cooperation in the field of information society technologies between Europe and the Asia-Pacific region (Engage)*”

\*\*\*\*\*18:30 – 20:30: **Cocktail Reception**\*\*\*\*\*  
(RetroLive Café – Queen Sirikit National Convention Center)