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## Terms of References



### I. Background

On the closing ceremony of the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits on 10-13 November 2022, Indonesian President Joko Widodo accepted the hammer from Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen as a symbolic handover of ASEAN presidency from Cambodia to Indonesia.

Starting from January 2023, Indonesia officially led ASEAN with the theme of “ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth”. President Joko Widodo stated that ASEAN must be a stable and peaceful region and become an anchor for global stability and also to enforce international law consistently and remain neutral. “ASEAN must be a dignified region and uphold humanity values and democracy,” the President said.

During the chairmanship, Indonesia is focusing ASEAN to not getting between the competition of big countries in the region and instead focusing on regional economic recovery. As most of the world is preparing for the post-pandemic economic recovery goal, it would be important for ASEAN to strengthen integration to ensure regional economic growth and encourage intra-regional trade flows.

ASEAN is currently facing major challenges that affect all member countries, and that is why it requires close cooperation to solve it. There are rising tensions across the region because of big rivalries are competing to grow their influence in ASEAN and the effect of the escalation of global tension, and also the Covid-19 pandemic effect.

With all the hard challenges ahead, a unified and cohesive ASEAN will be the best solution, with the experience of successfully become the President of G20 on 2022, when the world was facing many challenges last year, as the ASEAN Chairman 2023, Indonesia intends to continue leading the region with the ASEAN way to bring ASEAN as the epicentrum of growth in the region.

### II. Aims and Objective

The writing competition is intended to bring new ideas from the young generation’s perspective on how to strengthen ASEAN cooperation during Indonesia’s Chairmanship 2023. As ASEAN is facing many challenges ahead, we invite students from participating universities to write paper on how we can strengthen ASEAN after post Covid-19 recovery and make ASEAN as the epicentrum of growth in the region.



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Following the 2023 theme of “ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth”, students participating is encouraged to focus on the following subject:

-Epicentrum of Growth: Present ideas on how ASEAN can contribute on strengthening economic recovery and make Southeast Asia the world’s engine of sustainable growth. Choose a specific economic sector such as digital economy, green and renewable energy, food security, financial stability, health architecture, etc.

### **III. The co – organizers:**

- Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Ho Chi Minh City
- Vietnam – ASEAN Friendship Association in HCMC (VAFA)
- Gojek Vietnam
- APTISI

### **IV. Rules and Requirement of Paper**

- Competition is open to students of the participating universities
- Paper must be an original work and has never been published before the competition (participants must submitted their own plagiarism checkers report).
- Paper must be written in English and consist of max 2.000 words, excluding reference
- Formatted in 1.5 space, using font Arial size 11
- Paper must enclose reference(s) and the reference style is APA (latest edition)
- It is author’s responsibility to ensure that all references and citations are correct and that the contribution does not contain any material that infringes copyright, or is defamatory, obscene or otherwise unlawful or litigious.
- Copyright in the article will remain jointly with the writer of the article and the Consulate General. By submitting an article in this competition, the writer grants the Consulate General with a license to utilize the article for its related duties as government institutions.
- Paper must be submitted no later than 31th March 2023 to the link as follows: <https://bit.ly/ASEANWritingCompetition>
- The file of the paper must be named as university name\_name of the writer, participant need to input their contact number in the paper.
- Only the first 600 papers will be accepted to enter the competition



## **V. Prizes for the Competition**

1st Prize : VND 7 million, summer camp in Indonesia (full cost by APTISI) and books

2nd Prize : VND 5 millions, summer camp in Indonesia (full cost by APTISI) and books

3rd Prize : VND 3 millions, summer camp (full cost by APTISI) and books

- 2 Consolation prizes: Short courses for training English at VICS, books, exchange cultural with ASEAN students
- VND 50 million vouchers for 1000 lucky students from Gojek (terms and conditions apply).

## **VI. Supports for Collaboration**

Supports the collaboration between Gojek and Universities to further workout plans in providing pick up points for University students

## **VII. Participating University (tbc)**

- o University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH - VNU HCMC)
- o HCMC Open University
- o Van Lang University
- o HCMC University of Technology (HUTECH)
- o University of Economics and Finance (UEF)
- o Van Hien University
- o HCMC Industrial University (IUH)
- o University of Economics and Law (UEL - VNU HCMC)
- o HCMC University of Economics (UEH)
- o Hong Bang University
- o HCMC Technical and Economic College
- o Nguyen Tat Thanh University

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