REPORT ON SECOND ASEAN AUTISM NETWORK CONGRESS













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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Second ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) Congress was organized at the Songket Ballroom of the Rizqun International Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 27-29 April 2013 with the theme "Toward Autism Friendly ASEAN Community." The Congress stresses the importance of inclusiveness of persons with autism to promote an autistic-friendly ASEAN community by sharing experiences of their journey with persons with autism. It was launched by His Royal Highness Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim Ibni, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, DKMB, PHBS.

The program started with the Pre-Congress Workshop which was held at the SEAMEO VOCTECH building and gave persons with autism a VOICE (Vocal and Oral tools to Interact and Communicate Effectively) to be able to communicate and interact with others. More than 50 participants from ASEAN gathered at the workshop on 25 April 2013.

The first ASEAN Autism Youth Camp with the theme "Building an I-CAFE (Interaction, Companion, Affection in a Friendly Environment) for persons with autism" was held at the Taman Rekreasi Hutan Simpan Berakas Reserve Forest on 26-27 April 2013. The Camp allowed persons with autism from different nations to interact and develop their management skills. 30 persons with autism and supporters participated in the Camp.

The Congress was designed to give an opportunity for persons with autism and their families to collaborate towards achieving ASEAN standards with reference to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and other international and regional instruments related to autism. About 400 participants, including persons with autism, and their famillies, professionals and officials, attended the Congress.

As a result of the Congress, the "Bandar Seri Begawan Recommendations on Autism" was adopted. In collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), the Secretariat of AAN, AAN is determined to enhance and facilitate cooperation for an "Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Autism". The third AAN Congress will be organized in Malaysia in 2015.



Group Photo of Organizer/Partners including AAN Members

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN RECOMMENDATIONS ON AUTISM





Bandar Seri Begawan Recommendations on Autism

We, the representatives of persons with autism, their parents, siblings and other family members, governments, care givers, the business sector and other stakeholders in the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), over 300 persons, gathered in Bandar Seri Begawars, Bronei. Darussslam from 27 to 29 April 2013 in the second ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) Congress with the theme "Towards Autism Friendly ASEAN Community". His Royal Highness Prince Hi 'Abdul' Azim attended the opening ceremony of the Congress and endorsed the need of appropriate support to persons with autism and their families in the ASEAN region.

We deeply thank the organizers of the Congress: SMARTER Brunet in partnership with AAN, in collaboration with the Government of Brunei Darussalam through the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Fiducation, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, with support from the people of Brunei Darussalam, for their great hospitality and support in the successful coordination of the Congress.

In agreement with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CEPD), the Inchesm Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, and the Sali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community, AAN has made various efforts to raise the voices of persons with autism, their parents, siblings and other family members, in partnership with the Governments in the ASEAN Member States and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD).

In line with the framework of the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) and the Asia-Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022), we shared our commitment to one key principle within AAN during the Congress, namely, "Act for Autism Now", recognizing that the number of persons with autism is increasing in the ASEAN Member States, while their diverse needs are not always addressed in the policies and programs by the Governments.

In view of the stated perspectives, the Congress makes the following recommendations:

- Partnerships between ASEAN and its Secretariat, the Governments in the ASEAN Member States, AAN and APCD should be strengthened to promote and implement an aution-friendly ASEAN community in a sustainable manner;
- Organizations serving persons with autism should be part of the planning, implementation and monitoring of disability-related policies and programs at the local, national and international levels. This requires necessary resource allocations and involvement of persons with autism, their parents, siblings and other family members to make autism-related initiatives more achievable.
- Standardized methods to assess autism and evidence-based intervention should be introduced and implemented in the ASEAN Member States;
- Key performance indicators should be established to measure and review the progress of autismrelated activities at the national and regional levels;
- Opportunities for education, vocational training, employment and social protection should be provided to persons with autism in an inclusive way;

Unanimously agreed by all participants at the second ASEAN Autism Network Congress, 29 April 2013





- Capacity building trainings should be made available and accessible to persons with autism, their
 parents, siblings and other family members, to enhance the recognition of the urgent needs of persons
 with autism towards a "Autism Friendly ASEAN Community";
- Research in relation to autism, particularly incidence of autism for proper resource planning, therapies and other necessary services, should be conducted continuously; and
- 8. The third ASEAN Autism Network Congress should be held in Malaysia in 2015.

Signed by:

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PROGRAM

Pre-Congress Workshop: Giving Persons with Autism a VOICE (Using Visual and Oral Tools to Interact and Communicate Effectively)

25 April 2013 Venue: SEAMEO – VOCTECH		
Session 1		
08.30 – 10.00	Introduction, Lecture, and Discussion	
10.00 – 10.30	Refreshment	
Session 2		
10.30 – 12.00	Group Activity: -Learning the importance of a VOICE (Vocal and Oral tools to Interact and Communicate Effectively)	
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
Session 3		
13.30 – 15.00	Group Work: -Participants divided into groups and come up with ideas and techniques to use VOICE	
15.00 – 15.30	Refreshment	
Session 4		
15.30 – 17.00	Group Presentation: -How to give a VOICE to a person with autism?	

First ASEAN Autism Youth Camp: Building an I-CAFE

26-27 April 2013 | Venue: Taman Rekreasi Hutan Simpan Berakas

Session 1

14.00-18.00 Registration

Orientation

Self-introduction through Drawing/Stories Using Pictures

Making of group banner

Decorating their respective chalet

Practice for the talent show of each country

Going to the beach (swimming) walking in the park

18:00-19:00 **Dinner/PMT**

19:00-19:30 Performance Preparation

19:30-20:00 Assembly of Campers

Opening Ceremony

20:00-22:00 Arrival of Guest of Honour

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Pekerma Laila Diraja Dato Seri Setia

Awang Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah

Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Brunei Darussalam

Surah Al Fatihah

Welcoming Speech

Mr. Malai Hj Abdullah bin Hj Othman

President, Society for the Management of Autism Related issues in

Training, Education and Resources (SMARTER)

Dance Presentation

BACA Centre

Opening Remarks

Launching of the ASEAN Autism Youth Camp 2013

Guest of Honour

Performance (Talent Show) by AAN Member Countries

Presentation of Souvenir to the Guest of Honour

Presentation of Certificate to Campers

Award Presentation

Camp Tour

Guest of Honour

21:00-23.00 **Barbeque Party**

27 April 2013 | Venue: Taman Rekreasi Hutan Simpan Berakas

06:00-07.00 Aerobics Exercise

07:00-07.00 Personal Management Training

07:30-08.00 Tidying Up

Second ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) Congress

27 April 2013 | Venue: Songket Ballroom, 4th Floor, The Rizgun International Hotel

Opening Ceremony

07:30-09:00 Registration of AAN participants

09:00-12:00 Arrival of Guest of Honour

HRH Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim Ibni HM Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah DKMB PHBS

Bacaan Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat

Opening Remarks

Mr. Malai Hj Abdullah bin Hj Othman

President, Society for the Management of Autism Related issues in Training,

Education and Resources (SMARTER)

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Chusak Janthayanond

Chairperson, ASEAN Autism Network

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HRH Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim Ibni HM Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah DKMB PHBS

Launching of the Second ASEAN Autism Network Congress

Video Presentation and Parade of ASEAN Flags

Introduction of Heads of the ASEAN Delegates

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Akije Ninomiya

Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability

Santap/Refreshments

Photo Session and Signing of the Parchment

Viewing of the ASEAN Autism Awareness Exhibition

Departure of Guest of Honour

HRH Prince Haji 'Abdul 'Azim Ibni HM Sultan Haji Hassanal

Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah DKMB PHBS

Session 1

13.30-14.30 Creating our Own Affordable and Sustainable Intervention

Program Using Local Resources

Presentations and Discussion:

-How to obtain sustainability

-Providing ideas, using indigenous resources, etc.

-Partnership with various organizations in the community

By Brunei Darussalam: Mr. Malai Hi Abdullah bin Hi Malai Othman

14.30-15.00 Coffee Break

Session 2

15.00-17.00 Ensuring a Guaranteed Intervention Program that will be accessible to All

Presentations and Discussion:

- -Effectiveness of early intervention
- -Services available for early intervention
- -Supporting students with autism in schools

By Brunei Darussalam: Dr. Hjh Mawarni Hj Abdul Hamid, Dr. Wati binti Haji Bujang/ Norhidafaizah binti Tompal and Malaysia: Dr. Lim Boon Hock

28 April 2014 | Venue: Sutra Ballroom, 4th Flr., The Rizqun International Hotel

Session 3

09.00-10.00 Core Skills for CHIPS (Contributing, Holistic, Independent, Productive, and Successful) as Members of the Society

Presentations and Discussion:

- -Going into the different stages in life of an individual with autism
- -Stresses, issues, and needs of an individual with autism
- -Their struggles on ever changing social expectations
- By Brunei Darussalam: Ms. Arlene Arce

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

Session 4

10.30-11.30 Creative Arts: Discovering their Amazing Talents

Presentation/Workshop:

- -Developing their abilities and talents
- -There will always be a room for changes (developing a program based on their skills and interests)
- -Tips on how to have meltdown-free performances on stage

By Singapore: Mr. Low Kok Wai

11.30-12.30 **Presentation/Workshop:**

-Inclusive Education for Students with Autism in Thailand:

A Case Study of Kasetsart University

By Thailand: Mr. Surachai Jewcharoensakul

12.30-13.30 Lunch Break

Session 5

13.30-15.00 **Sharing Discussion**

Presentations and Discussion:

-Experiences of living with a person with autism

By AAN Representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia,

Indonesia, Lao PDR and Malaysia

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-16.45 **Presentations and Discussion:**

-Experiences of living with a person with autism (continued)

By AAN Representatives from Myanmar, the Philippines,

Thailand and Vietnam

Session 6

16.45-17.30 Open Discussion/Drafting the Recommendations By AAN Members

Charity Gala Night

20:00-24.00 Arrival of Guest of Honour

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang

Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji

Mohammad Yusof

Minister of Health Brunei Darussalam

Opening Remarks

Mr. Malai Hj Abdullah bin Hj Malai Othman

President, SMARTER

Certificate of Appreciation

Cenderamata

Presentation from Individuals with Autism

AAN Member Countries

Video Presentation

Please Don't Shut Me Out

Opening

- -One in a Million
- -Aidil bin Fazakir
- -Celebration Parade

Oddy's Quest: Part 1

Auto Mobile Collection

Conceptualized from the previous SMARTER's musical play

Magical "Rimba" Collection

Exploring the beauty and richness of Brunei's rain forest

Innovative Smarter Collection

Showcasing SMARTER's uniqueness and innovation

Intermission

- -Wonderfoos
- -Dream Girls

Oddy's Quest: Part 2

3R – Eco Friendly Collection

Giving importance to Reuse, Reduce, and, Recycle program

Aquatic Treasure Collection

Discovering the richness and cleanliness of the body of water

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- -Live While We're Young
- -Hafiz Osli

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Closing Ceremony

09:00-12.00 Arrival of Guest of Honour

Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia

Awang Abu Bakar bin Haji Apong Minister of Education, Brunei Darussalam

Recital of Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat

Announcement of Recommendations

New Elected Chairperson, AAN

Closing Remarks

Col (Rtd) Pg Kamal Bashah bin Pg Hj Ahmad Chairman, the Second AAN Congress

Hand over the Banner to the Next Hosting Nation

Closing Address Guest of Honour

PHOTOS OF PRE-SECOND ASEAN AUTISM CONGRESS EVENTS



Pre-Congress Workshop





Performances

PHOTOS OF SECOND ASEAN AUTISM CONGRESS EVENTS





Exhibition on Autism



Over 400 participants









U.S. News Agency

http://www.usnewslasvegas.com/foreign/asian-nations/2nd-asean-autism-congress-set-april-27-and-29-in-brunei/







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http://www.bt.com.bn/2013/04/29/ brunei-can-be-model-autisticcentres-asean

APPENDICES

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Executive Committee Member, Hanoi Club for Families of Children with Autism, Vietnam

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