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Forewords

Message from the S&SE ASIAN UN Secretary General

As the secretary general of the South and Southeast Asian University Network (S&SE ASIAN UN), I am honored to share the network' s 2020-2021 annual report with you, to review the efforts of member universities to overcome difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, to witness the efforts of member universities to build a regional education community under the normalization of the pandemic, and to look forward to a bright future for China and South and Southeast Asian countries.

2020 was an extraordinary year. Facing the pandemic, the S&SE ASIAN UN secretariat and member universities jointly launched an initiative to fight against it, organized online seminars to build an information sharing platform, and launched a collection of anti-epidemic stories to build a communication bridge between teachers and students from China and South and Southeast Asian countries. This extraordinary experience has brought us together, and we firmly believe that unity and cooperation are the only way to face the pandemic, and that the right development path is based on consultation, joint construction, and sharing.

Since its establishment in December 2018, this regional international cooperation mechanism for higher education has gone through its early stages and is now growing in a more complete and mature direction.

To this end, we have continuously strengthened top-level design and system construction, formulated the *Four-Year Development Plan for the S&SE ASIAN UN (2020-2023)*, and established the "Ambassador of S&SE ASIAN UN".

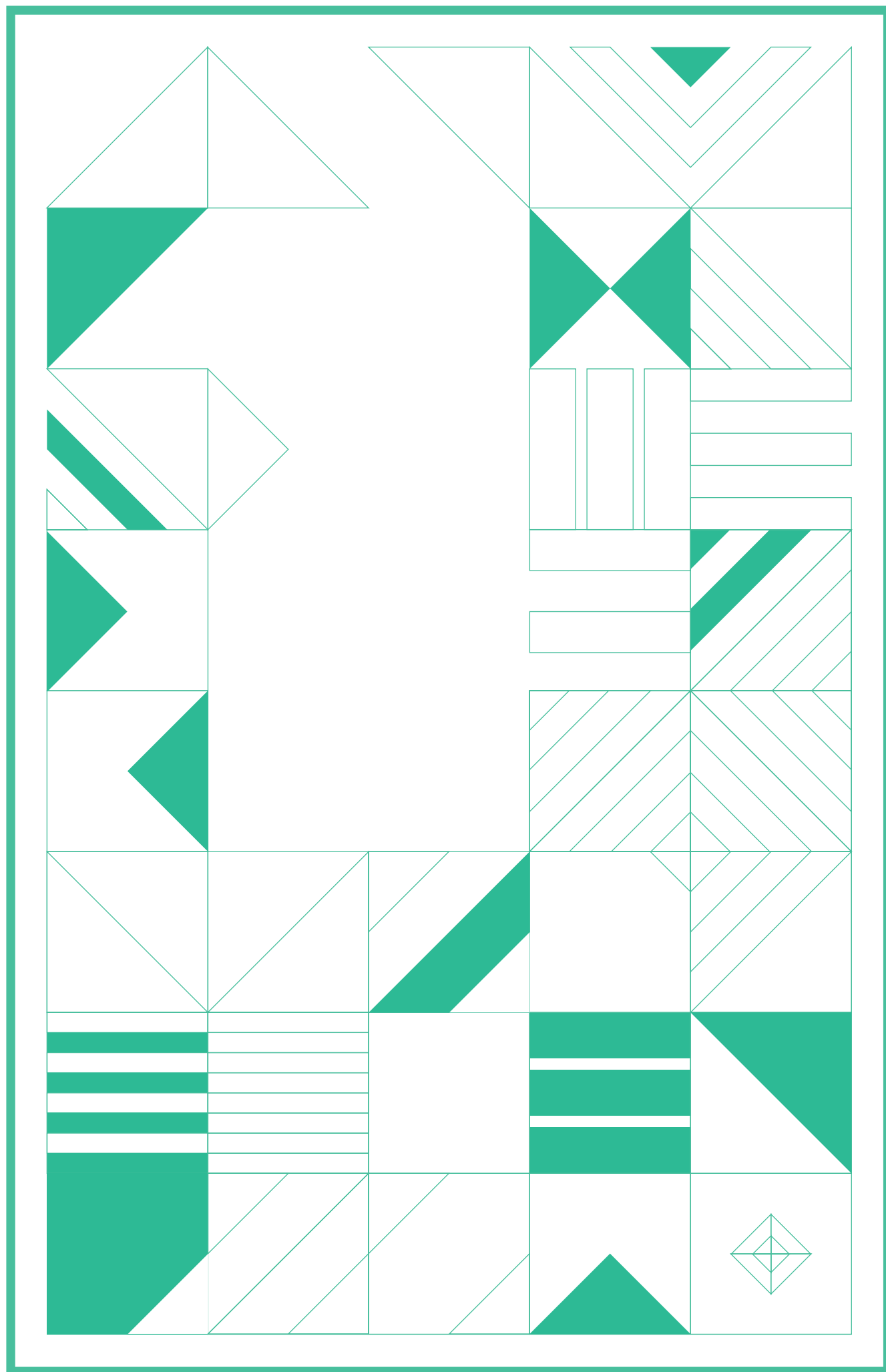
Through joint efforts, the network has also established two discipline sub-committees, aiming to promote the development of the regional discipline community in a deeper and more practical way to achieve stability and long-term development.

During the launch of the S&SE ASIAN UN annual report, on behalf of the secretariat, I would like to express my gratitude to member universities and partners who have long cared about and supported the development of the S&SE ASIAN UN. In the future, we hope to continue working with all parties to build a China-South and Southeast Asia education community.

Prof. Lin Wenxun

Secretary general of the S&SE ASIAN UN
Party secretary of Yunnan University





01

Special Column

Special Column:

Statement of the S&SE ASIAN UN on Joining Efforts in Fighting against COVID-19 by 60 Universities from 12 Countries

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the secretariat of S&SE ASIAN UN has taken the initiative to creatively leverage the special role of universities in fighting against the epidemic, built a bridge for communication between teachers and students, and strongly supported China's neighboring diplomacy and "anti-epidemic diplomacy".

The secretariat has held five anti-epidemic activities since April 2020, helping reverse negative public sentiment.

In order to unite South and Southeast Asian areas in the joint fight against the epidemic, the S&SE ASIAN UN took the lead in drafting the *Statement of South & Southeast Asian University Network on Joining Efforts in Fighting against COVID-19* (Chinese and English version), and launched a joint signing activity.

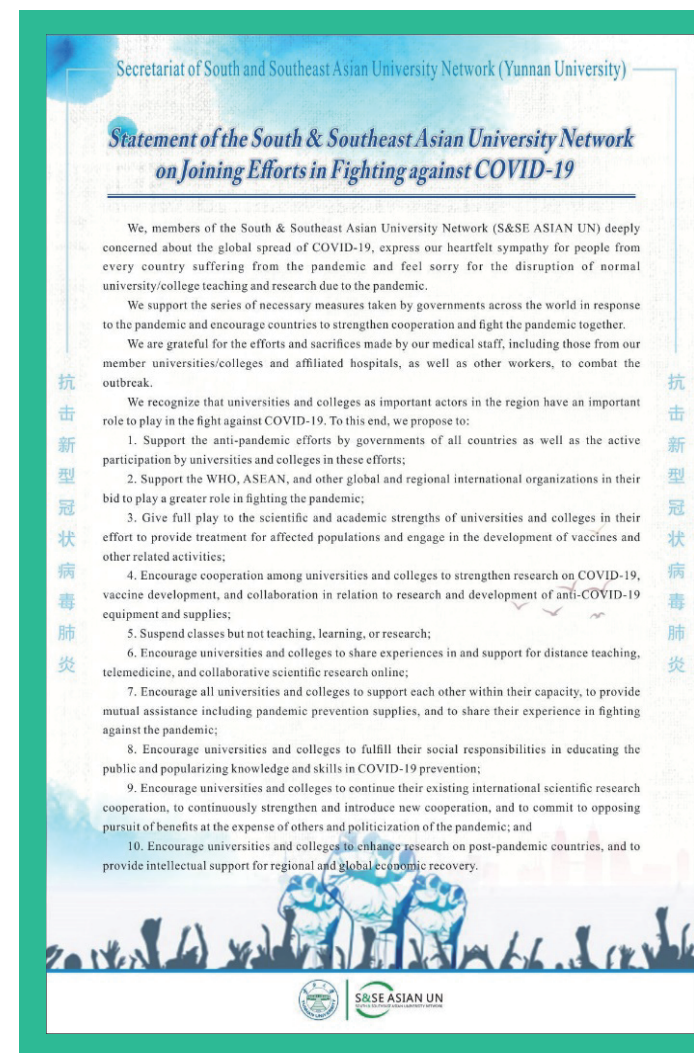
On May 19, 2020, 60 universities from 12 countries, including China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka (30 South and Southeast Asian universities, 30 Chinese universities) co-signed the statement and released it to the world.

This is the first time that universities around the world have jointly spoken up in the fight against the pandemic.

The statement proposed 10 suggestions, including supporting the WHO, ASEAN and other global and regional international organizations playing a greater role in the fight against the pandemic, opposing beggar-thy-neighbors and politicizing of the pandemic, and strengthening the study of international relations in the post-pandemic era to provide intellectual support for global and regional economic recovery.

The event not only played up the special role of universities in the fight against the pandemic, but also helped guide international public opinions and promote regional cooperation.

Chinese mainstream media such as Xinhua News Agency, People's Daily, Guangming Daily, China News Service and 14 international English-language media reported on the statement, which was reprinted and praised by multiple international media platforms.



Webinar on Fighting against COVID-19 on Campus

The secretariat of S&SE ASIAN UN held a webinar on controlling the pandemic on May 20, 2020.

The webinar aimed to better implement the spirit of the *Statement of South & Southeast Asian University Network on Joining Efforts in Fighting against COVID-19* and help member universities better respond to the epidemic.

Representatives of 12 member universities in China, Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and other countries attended the webinar and made speeches. More than 100 people from all over the world logged on to the platform to participate.

By sharing relevant experiences in campus pandemic prevention and control and online teaching, participants acknowledged that it is necessary to help one another during the pandemic.

University representatives said that the webinar was an example of sharing resources and helping one another during the pandemic.

The webinar showcased the determination and actions of universities in South and Southeast Asia to overcome difficulties posed by the pandemic.

It will not only promote mutual learning among member universities, but also further improve campus safety amid the pandemic and encourage university representatives to contribute to global pandemic cooperation as educators.



"My Story of Fighting against COVID-19" Short Videos and Article Contest

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, universities in many countries have suspended work and school, and production and daily life have been hampered.

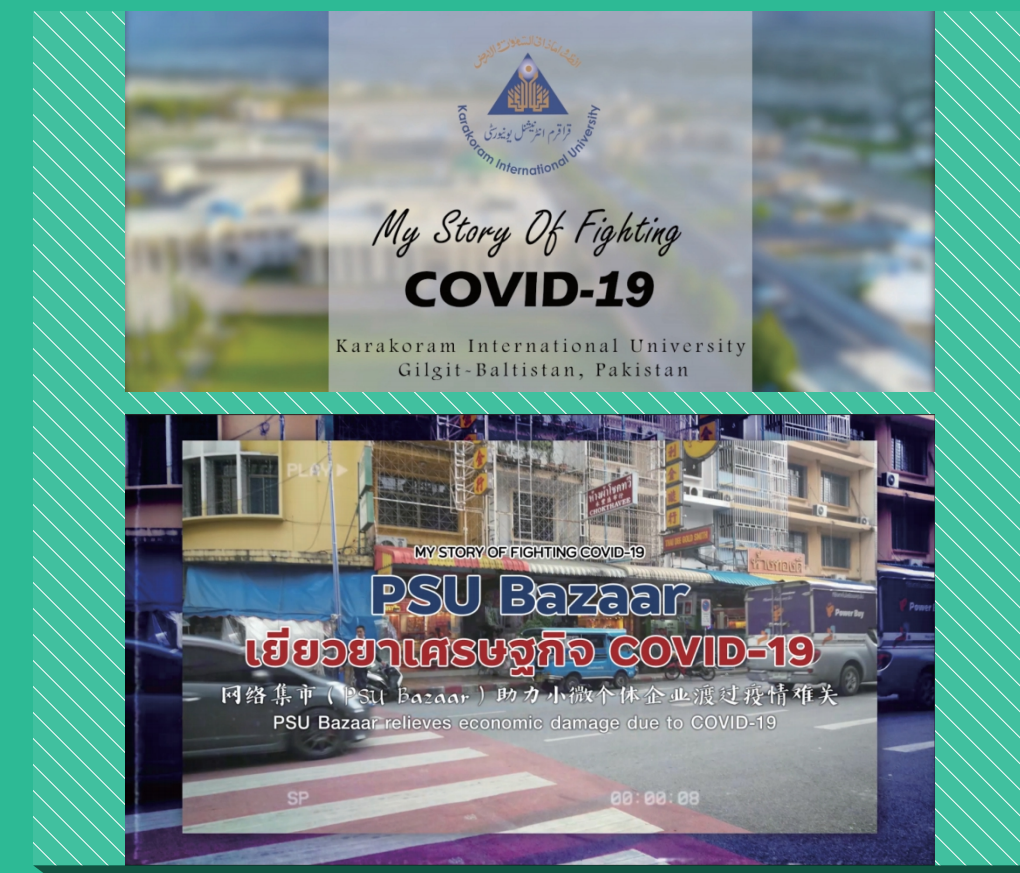
The secretariat of S&SE ASIAN UN collected short videos and articles themed "My Story of Fighting COVID-19" in June 2020.

The activity aimed to inspire people amid the pandemic, share the wisdom of teachers and students fighting the pandemic, and tell stories of Sino-foreign cooperation in the fight against the pandemic.

Teachers and students from universities in Thailand, Myanmar, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and other countries enthusiastically participated.

A total of one first-place prize, one second-place prize, one third-place prize in the short video category, as well as two first-place prizes, two second-place prizes, and three third-place prizes in the article category were selected.

Related articles and short videos were reprinted on the English website of China Daily due to their wonderful content and strong readability, and were promoted on the official accounts of Facebook and Twitter.



● Webinar on “Post-COVID Regional Economic Cooperation: New Opportunities and New Actions”

The "Post-COVID Regional Economic Cooperation: New Opportunities and New Actions" webinar held by the S&SE ASIAN UN kicked off at Yunnan University (YNU) on Oct 21, 2020, focusing on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on regional cooperation, especially trade cooperation and investment cooperation, as well as among international institutions.

A total of 24 scholars from 20 universities and research institutions in 13 countries, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines, India, Canada, and South Korea, gave speeches at the webinar.

Experts said that 2020 has been an extraordinary year. The ongoing pandemic has posed great challenges to South and Southeast Asia and the entire world. They noted that the coronavirus knows no borders, nationalities, or beliefs, adding that the most profound lesson from this pandemic is that unity, cooperation, and scientific rationality are better than beggar-thy-neighbor policies or blaming others.

Experts all agreed that the COVID-19 pandemic will eventually pass and that the economic and social recovery plans of various countries should be put on the agenda as soon as possible.

They noted that regional cooperation on trade, investment, and institutions are the main driving forces behind the regional and global recovery.

The webinar has resulted in a new consensus on regional cooperation, with new measures for regional cooperation discussed and jointly promoted, fully demonstrating the role of universities as communities for social knowledge.



● Cooperation Forum on Cultivating Intellectuals in Post-epidemic Era



The 5th Yunnan Conference on the International Exchange of Professionals opened in Kunming, capital of Southwest China's Yunnan province, on Nov 20, 2020, hosted by the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and Yunnan Provincial government.

Li Xiaosan, member of the Standing Committee of the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and minister of the Organization Department of the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee, attended the opening ceremony and gave a speech.

Dong Hua, vice-governor of Yunnan, presided over the opening ceremony and announced the official launch of the online platform for the Yunnan Conference on the International Exchange of Professionals.

As an event of the conference, the secretariat of S&SE ASIAN UN held a cooperation forum on cultivating intellectuals.

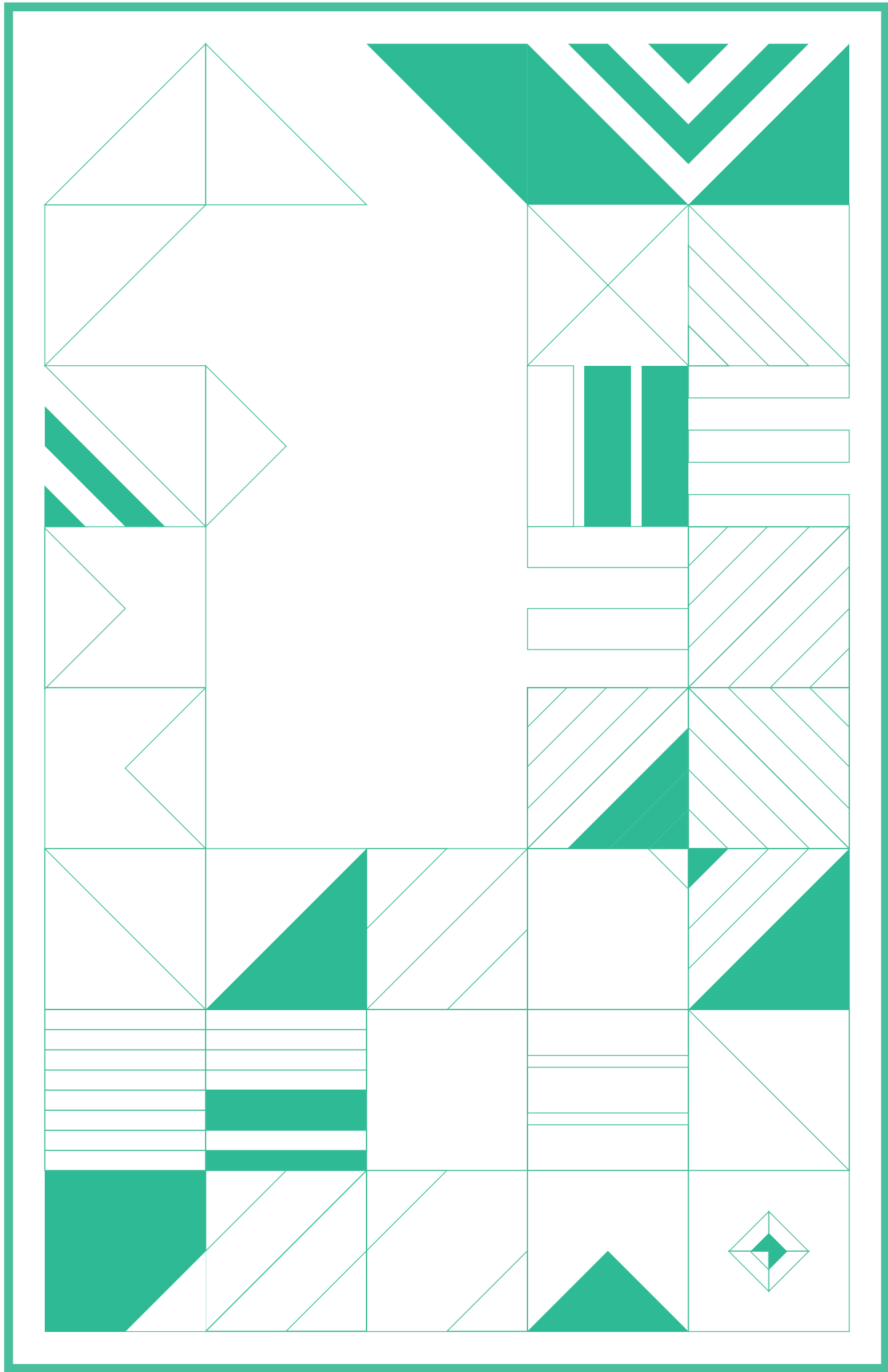
The forum was hosted by the Yunnan Provincial Science and Technology Department and organized by Yunnan University(YNU).

With the slogan "Hand in Hand, Mutual Trust and Win-win Cooperation", the forum focused on exploring the talent training cooperation model, future cooperation trajectories, and specific cooperation contents, discussing new ideas for international cooperation in talent training in the post-epidemic era from multiple dimensions.

Li Chenyang, executive secretary of the S&SE ASIAN UN and executive vice president of YNU, delivered a welcome speech.

Nantana Gajasen, vice president of Mae Fah Luang University in Thailand, delivered a keynote speech themed on learning transition under the new normalization of the COVID-19 pandemic.

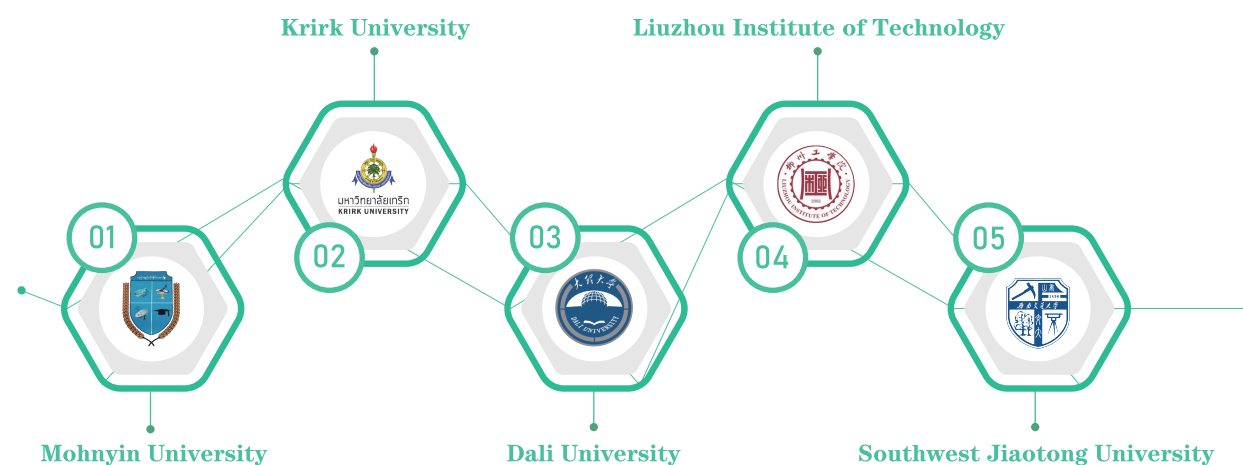
More than 50 scholars from 20 universities, think tanks and academic institutions in Singapore, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Laos, Sri Lanka and Pakistan partook in the discussions, and 14 of them delivered speeches.



02

Membership

2021 New Members



Location: Dali, Yunnan province, China Type: Public school
Official website: <https://www.dali.edu.cn/>

Dali University is an ordinary college for higher learning jointly established by Yunnan province and Dali Bai autonomous prefecture. It is a comprehensive university featuring medicine and ethnic culture disciplines, with multi-disciplinary cross integration, and multi-level coordinated development.

The university insists on the position of "based on Dali, serving western Yunnan, facing Yunnan and surrounding provinces and regions, and influencing South and Southeast Asia".

Focusing on the needs of regional economic and social development, the university is committed to talent training, scientific research, cultural preservation and innovation, international cooperation and exchanges.

It has made contributions to expanding Dali's influence, enhancing Dali's popularity, and promoting regional economic and social development.



Dali University

Location: Liuzhou, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, China
Type: Private school Official website: <http://www.lzhit.edu.cn/>

Founded in 2002, the college was renamed as Liuzhou Institute of Technology in 2020 to independently implement regular undergraduate degree education. Closely links with the needs of local economic and social development, LIT adheres to the development path of differentiation and characterization, and finally forms a multidisciplinary coordinated development pattern.

LIT emphasizes on morality, quality, application and innovation; and cultivates high-level technical skilled talents with excellent moral character, reasonable knowledge structure, outstanding practical ability, spirit of innovation and broad vision.

Following the motto spirit of "Devotion to Study and Hardworking, Unity of Knowledge and Action", all the faculty and students in the institute are gathering strength and striving for developing LIT into a distinctive high-level institute of applied sciences.



Liuzhou
Institute of Technology

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province, China Type: Public school
Official website: <https://www.swjtu.edu.cn/>

Founded in 1896, SWJTU is one of the earliest institutions of higher engineering education in China. It has become known as "the cradle of railway engineers in China". SWJTU was founded to train China's own railway engineers. It has been cultivating talents for the rejuvenation of Chinese nation and persevering in self-improvement with the motto "Diligence, Ambition, Tenacity and Loyalty". By training graduates to master cutting-edge technologies and to strive for excellence, it has been shaping the development of China's rail transit industry from the beginning.

As an outstanding academic community, its mission to serve the country and the world through scientific education, research, and innovation, to solve fundamental scientific problems and to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.



Southwest Jiaotong
University



Mohnyin University

Location: Kachin State, Myanmar Type: Public school
Official website: www.mnuni.edu.mm

Mohnyin University was established in 2004 as Mohnyin Degree College. Then it was promoted as Mohnyin University on 1-9-2020. Mohnyin University is one of the public universities and it is running as one campus two systems (day learning and distance learning) including 570 day students and about 5000 students in distance education.

There are nine academic department including Myanmar, English, Geography, History, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Zoology and Botany. Next coming academic year, Geology Department will be introduced as a new course because in this area many geological interests. One of the interesting research areas is Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary (ILWS) with valuable natural resources.

Mission: To cooperate with other local and foreign universities for doing research from which local people will benefit.



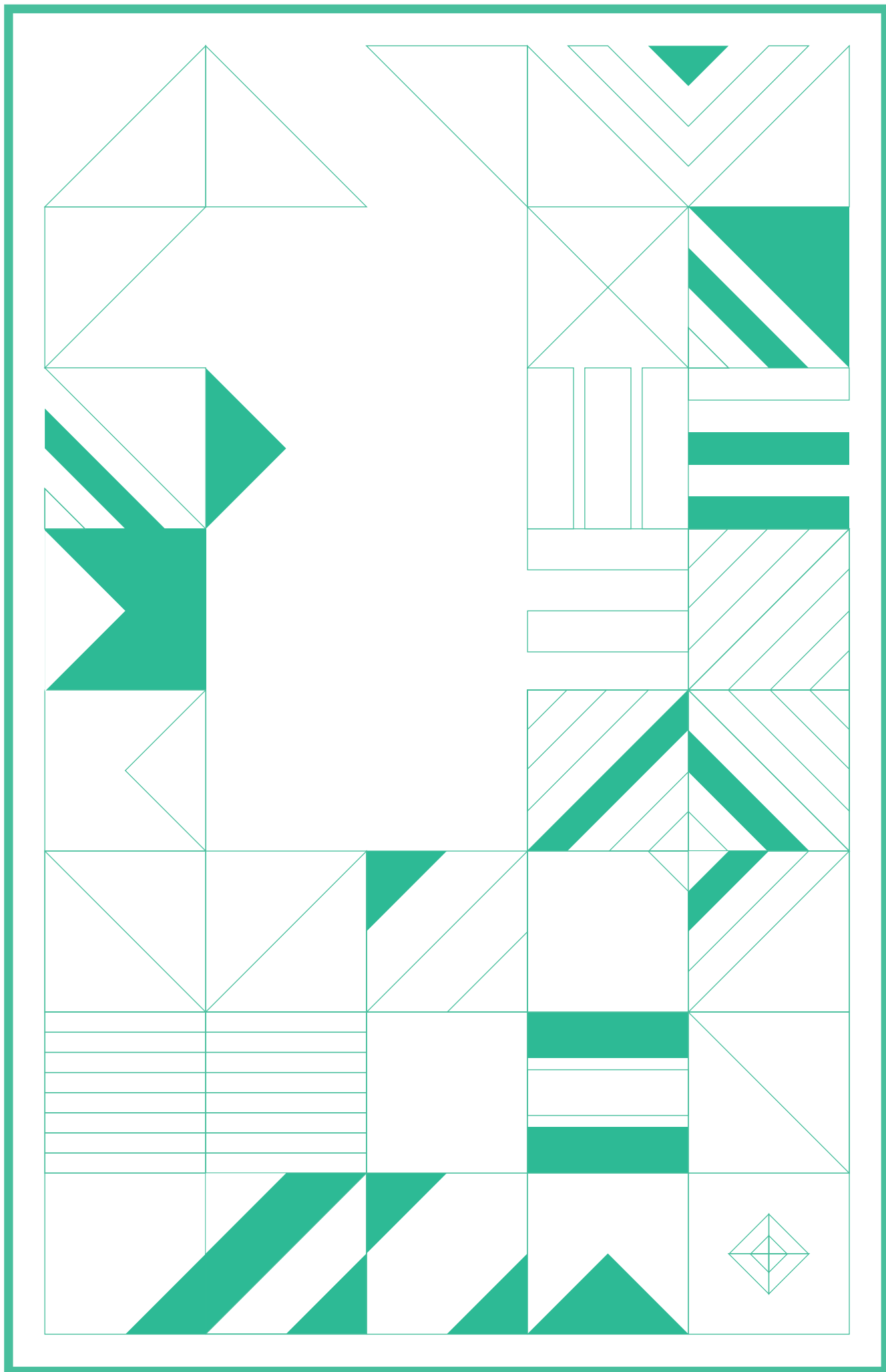
Krirk University

Location: Bangkok, Thailand Type: Private school
Official website: <https://www.krirk.ac.th/>

One of the most highly-reputed universities in Thailand and was founded in 1952 by Dr. Krirk Mangkhlaphrik. It has two important colleges, the International College and the Political Communication College, which are known for having English and Chinese language teaching.

Krirk University has been actively involved in society to enhance students' social skills, sense of social responsibility and their contributions to human society. Many faculty members of Krirk University have contributed to the public and private sectors. For example, some researchers have helped surrounding communities to solve social problems, and some lecturers have taken important roles in many organizations.

To promote education with social change, Krirk University has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with a number of education institutions in Thailand and China.



03

Ambassador of S&SE ASIAN UN

The secretariat of S&SE ASIAN UN formulated the *S&SE ASIAN UN Terms of Reference for Ambassadors* to further optimize communication mechanisms for regional higher education cooperation, enhance mutual understanding between network member universities, and carry out interschool cooperation in cultural exchange, scientific research and training.

The secretariat first recruited candidates from member universities and a total of 24 ambassadors were elected in the first batch.

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UKM's partnership with S&SE ASIAN UN started in 2018, during the pandemic. Intrigued by the list of upcoming activities listed by the Network and in the spirit of venturing into new frontiers for the enrichment of student and staff learning experience alike, UKM became a member of S&SE ASIAN UN. The list of the sub-committees is very inclusive and UKM is looking forward to being an active member in S&SE ASIAN UN and contributing to the development of knowledge in the region and beyond.



Assoc. Prof. A.T.M. Shamsuzzoha
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The involvement of Dhaka University with the Network during Covid-19 and appointment of its ambassador of mine is really a great opportunity for the University of Dhaka as well as mine. Because I am representing Dhaka University and Bangladesh with the noted universities of South and South-East Asia, those who are linked with the Network. Through IT conferences and cultural competitions, we are able to know about each other's cultures and scientific developments which will also help to strengthening the people-to-people relationship. I hope that the active participation of Dhaka University in various science-based programs, social and cultural competitions organized by the Network will continue smoothly.



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The South and Southeast Asian University Network is a great initiative to provide member universities opportunities to collaborate in academic research and student development programs. It is an honour as an ambassador for the Network from the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), and I look forward to my continued role in connecting my university with the other members and contributing to the success of the network. I would also like to congratulate Yunnan University for its outstanding work as the Secretariat of the Network.

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As an ambassador for S&SE ASIAN UN from National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Pakistan, I feel deeply honoured. Through the Network we have been able to promote research and academic collaboration and would wish to continue doing so. I look forward to continuing as an ambassador of this Network.



Assoc. Prof. Mozaffar A Chowdhury

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I really enjoyed the last two events online which were learning and brought many ideas to the platform. If it were F2F, they would bring more opportunities and motivations to promote the Network. I would say keep it up and S&SE ASIAN UN did a great job!



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nantana Gajasen

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Since the establishment of the South and Southeast Asian University Network in 2018, Mae Fah Luang University (MFU) has actively participated in several constructive activities of the Network including conferences, sub-committee meetings and the Joint Statement of the South and Southeast Asian University Network on Joint Efforts in Countering COVID-19. MFU is very proud of being a member of the South & Southeast Asian University Network and looking forward to working closer with the Network to broaden exchanges and cooperation between universities in China, South and Southeast Asian countries especially in talent cultivation in the post-COVID-19 pandemic era.



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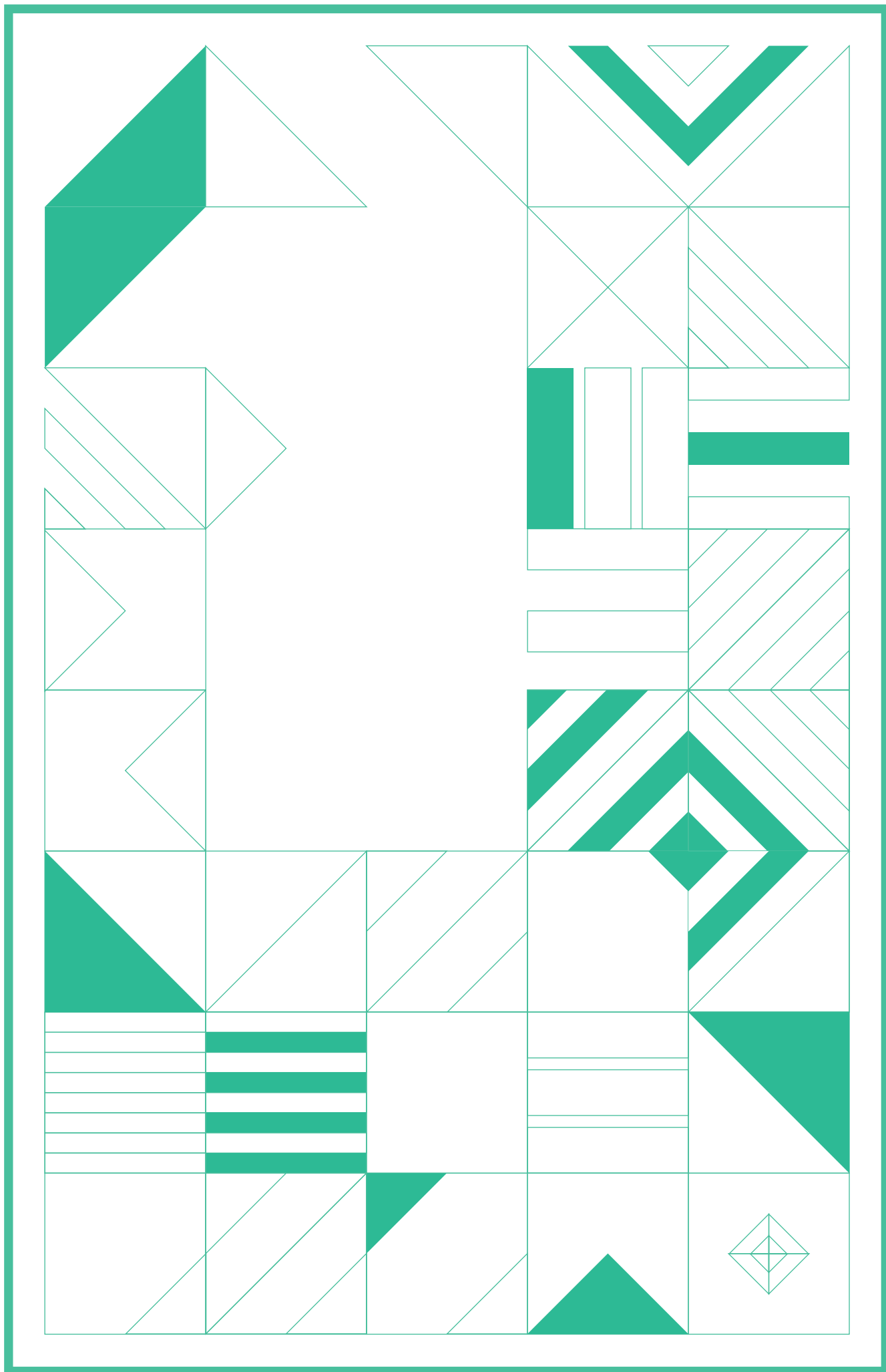
I am honored as an ambassador for Chiang Mai University, Thailand, to be represented at this South and Southeast Asian University Network. Through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China is experiencing great success in expanding its digital connections with the world and is fast becoming a world leader in digital technology. China's BRI and nations' SDG's development goals overlap and I am confident this Network will help us reach our individual development goals by merging together the development focuses within both the BRI and SDGs while allowing us to benefit from China's successes.



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 <p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Dr. Le Thanh Long Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City Director, Department of External Relations and Project Development llong@vnuhcm.edu.vn</p>		



04

S&SE ASIAN UN Focus

Emerging Engineering Education Sub-committee

The S&SE ASIAN UN Sub-committee of Emerging Engineering Education (EEE) was established on May 12, 2021 at Yunnan University.

During the meeting, the engineering departments of 15 universities were elected as council members, and the engineering departments of four universities became founding members. Two senior experts were hired as consultants for the sub-committee.

The establishment of the Sub-committee of Emerging Engineering Education is an important way for the S&SE ASIAN UN to actively promote the cultivation of the regional discipline community.

The sub-committee will focus on cooperation in scientific research innovation, talent training, and industry-university collaboration to jointly create new engineering education concepts and standards for the future development needs of the region.

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South and Southeast Asian University Network
Sub-committee of Emerging Engineering Education

南亚东南亚大学联盟
新工科教育分委员会

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List of EEE Sub-committee Members (Listed below alphabetically according to country and institution names)

Council Members

- Institute of Information Technology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Royal Academy of Cambodia, Cambodia
- College of Computer Science, Chongqing University, China
- School of Computer Science and Information Security, Guilin University of Electronic Technology, China
- College of Computer Science and Technology, Guizhou University, China
- National Pilot School of Software, Yunnan University, China
- Faculty of Engineering, Souphanouvong University, Laos
- Centre for Engineering Education Research, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia
- Faculty of Computing, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Malaysia
- Department of Computer Science, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Science (BUIEMS), Quetta, Pakistan
- Department of Civil Engineering and Technology, Karakoram International University, Pakistan
- Department of Computer Systems Engineering, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan
- Department of Computer Engineering, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Faculty of Engineering, Mahidol University, Thailand
- Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University, Thailand

Founding Members

- School of Software Engineering, Chengdu University of Information Technology, China
- College of Information Science and Engineering, Liuzhou Institute of Technology, China
- Faculty of Geography, Yunnan Normal University, China
- Institute of Intelligence Application, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, China

Advisors

- Prof. Xing Weiwei, School of Software Engineering, Beijing Jiaotong University, China
- Prof. Cui Xiaohui, School of Cyber Science and Engineering, Wuhan University, China

● Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Sub-committee

The S&SE ASIAN UN Sub-committee of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education (IEE) was established at an inaugural meeting held at Yunnan University (YNU) on Sept 23, 2021.

The meeting was part of a series of activities of the Yunnan-South Asia and Southeast Asia Education Cooperation Forum.

At the meeting, innovation and entrepreneurship departments and enterprises from 25 universities in nine countries were elected as council members, and innovation and entrepreneurship departments, enterprises and platforms of nine universities became founding members.

The establishment of the sub-committee has received strong support and assistance from Chinese and South and South-east Asian colleges and universities, the steering committee of innovation and entrepreneurship education of higher education institutions of the Ministry of Education, the innovation and entrepreneurship education branch and the college student management, employment and entrepreneurship research branch of the China Association of Higher Education.

In addition, the Tsinghua University Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education Alliance of China, Peking University Fujian Alumni Association, CCTV Media and other platforms, as well as experts and scholars, outstanding Chinese entrepreneurs and investors, offered their support to the establishment of the sub-committee.

Moving forward, the sub-committee will actively promote innovation, talent training, teacher development, expert think tanks, and project incubation for international innovation and entrepreneurship education cooperation and exchanges, relying on its location and disciplines.

It will also build a strong platform for resource integration and sharing, cooperation and exchange among universities, enterprises, scientific research institutes, and incubators.



● List of IEE Sub-committee Members

(Listed below alphabetically according to country and institution names)

Council Members

- Innovation Center of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, Bangladesh
- Faculty of Arts, Islamic University Bangladesh
- School of Business and Economics, North South University, Bangladesh
- The Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) Center, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Institute for Humanities and Social Science, Royal Academy of Cambodia
- Beijing Wanxue Education & Science Technology Co., Ltd., China
- Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Dali University, China
- School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Dianchi College of Yunnan University, China
- Office of Academic Affairs, Southwest Forestry University, China
- School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Tongji University, China
- Office of Academic Affairs, Yunnan Arts University, China
- Student Career and Entrepreneurship Center, Yunnan Minzu University, China
- School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Yunnan University, China
- K J Somaiya Institute of Management, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, India
- Laos-Korea Business Incubating Center, Souphanouvong University, Lao PDR
- Commercialisation Office, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Malaysia
- International Relation Office & Department of Geology, University of Mandalay, Myanmar
- Department of Library and Information Studies, Yadanabon University, Myanmar
- National Incubation Center (Quetta), Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Science (BUIEMS), Quetta, Pakistan
- Business Incubation Centre, Karakoram International University, Pakistan
- China Study Center, University of Peshawar, Pakistan
- Faculty of Education, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Institute for Technology and Innovation Management, Mahidol University, Thailand
- Science Park, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- Department of Science and Technology, Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Founding Members

- Jingyi Investment Co., Ltd., China
- School of Economy and Management, Kunming City College, China
- Office of Academic Affairs, Lijiang Culture and Tourism College, China
- Office of Enrollment and Career, Pu'er University, China
- Southeast Asia and South Asia International Talent Service Center, China
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, Yunnan Economics, Trade and Foreign Affairs College, China
- Yunnan Rongzhi Cross-border Talent Service Co., Ltd., China
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, Yuxi Agriculture Vocation-Technical College, China
- Business School, Yuxi Normal University, China

Official Bilingual Website in Chinese and English

To improve the publicity platform of S&SE ASIAN UN and increase the influence of the network, the secretariat of the S&SE ASIAN UN will officially launch a bilingual website in Chinese and English on the third anniversary of the network' s establishment on Dec 8, 2021.

The website's main headers include "Who we are", "Members", "Events", "Academic hub", "Youth platform" and "Resource". It will provide a platform for member universities to exchange information on a variety of topics.

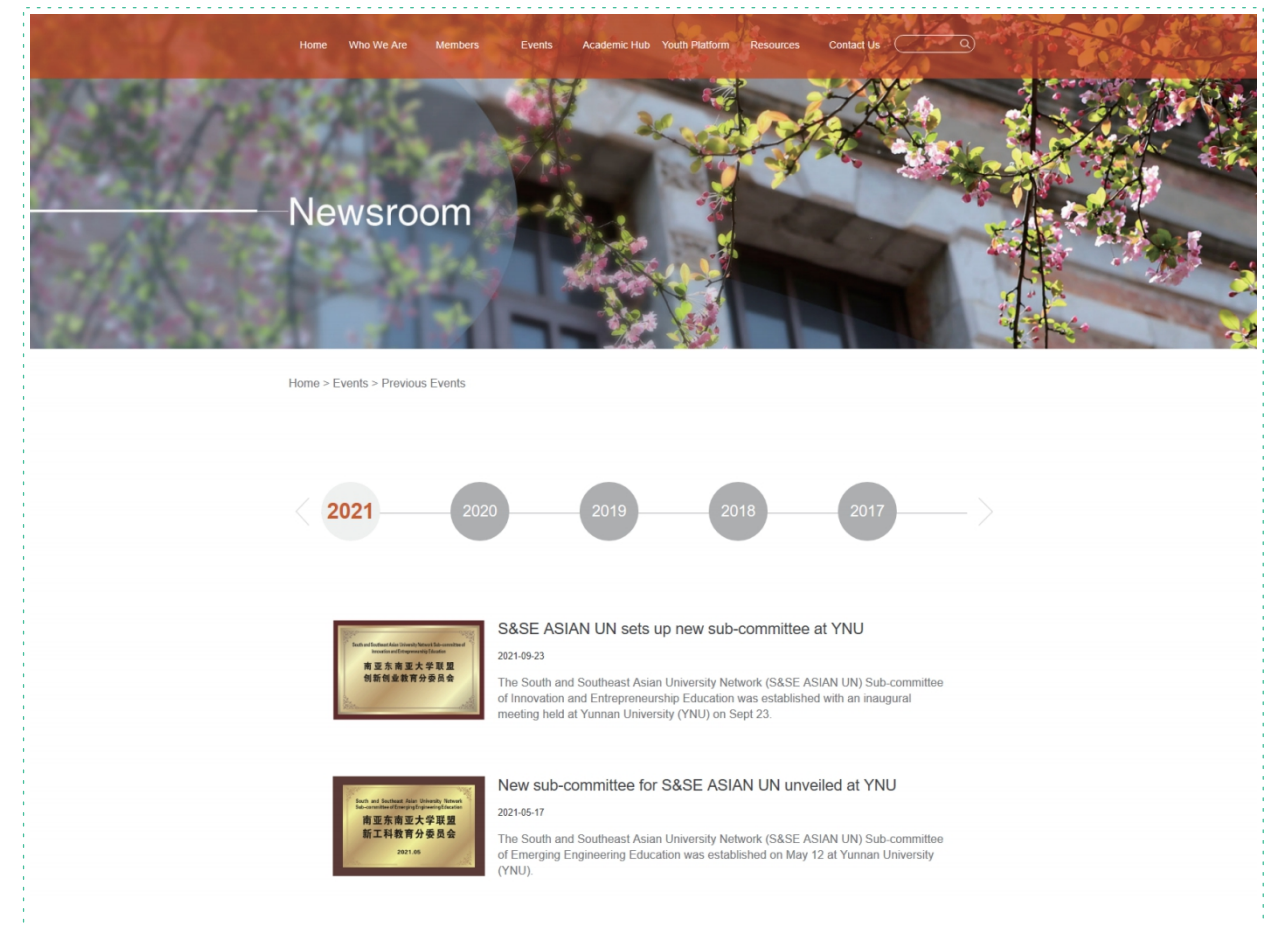
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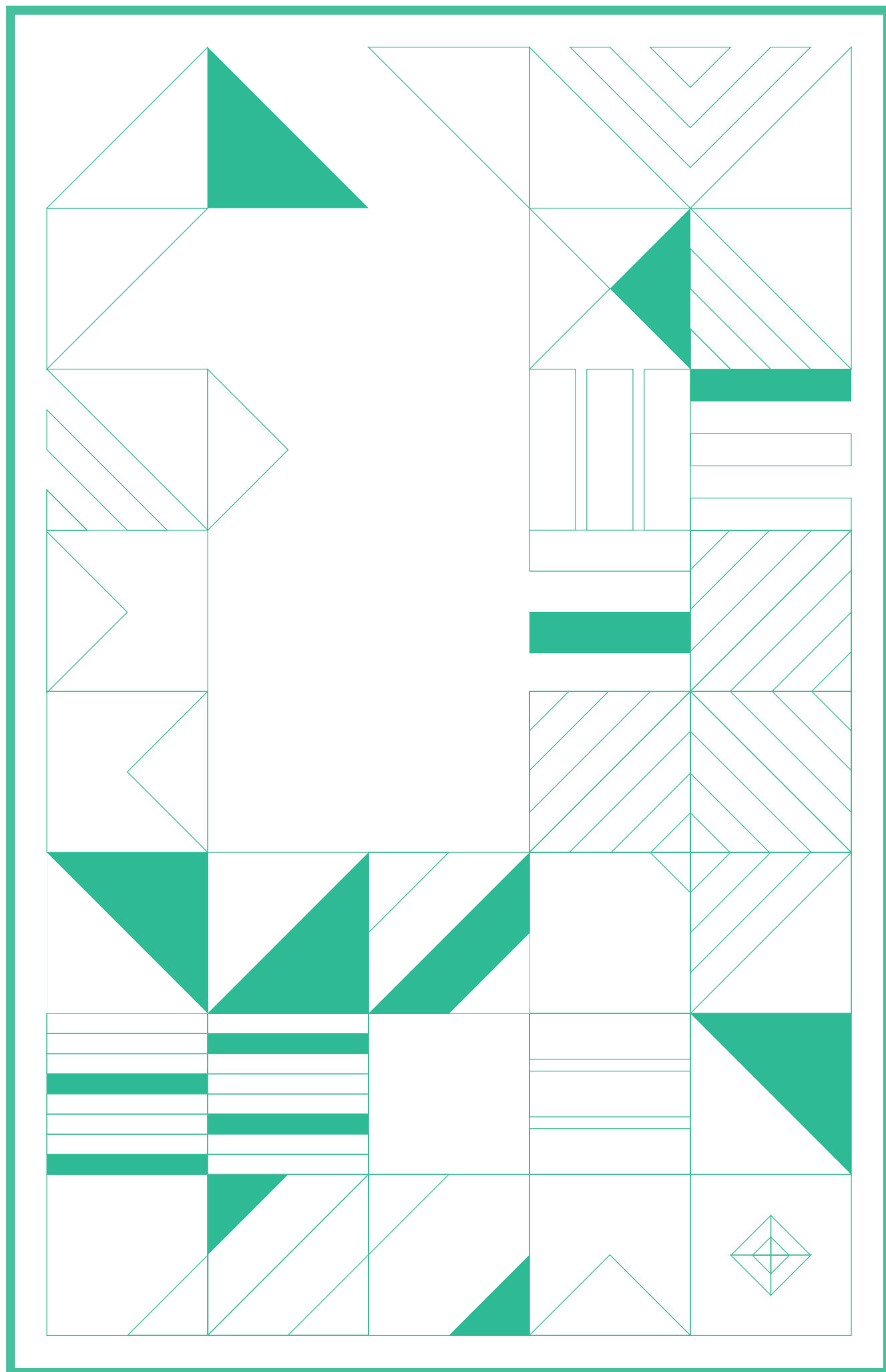


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Academic Exchanges

Webinar on Computer Science, Application

The online seminar on computer science and application of the S&SE ASIAN UN was held on Oct 22, 2020.

The seminar was hosted by the S&SE ASIAN UN and organized by the Cross-border Cyberspace Security Engineering Research Center of the Ministry of Education and the School of Software at Yunnan University (YNU).

It was one of the S&SE ASIAN UN sub-forums of the 2020 Online Forum on Education Cooperation in South & South-east Asia. It is of great significance to promoting regional technical exchanges and academic progress.

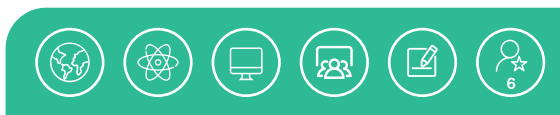
Experts from more than 10 universities in Pakistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Thailand, as well as teachers and students at the School of Software of YNU, attended the seminar.

Zhou Wei, deputy director of the Department of Science and Technology of YNU, delivered a welcome speech and presided over the seminar. Zhou discussed YNU's current situation and warmly welcomed experts from various countries to attend the seminar. He said that holding the online seminar during the COVID-19 epidemic is of great significance to increasing academic and technical exchanges. He also invited experts to visit Kunming and YNU for exchanges after the epidemic is over.

During the seminar, Professor Cui Xiaohui from the School of Cyber Science and Engineering of Wuhan University, Professor Fahad Javed from Pakistan National University of Science and Technology, Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain, vice president of Bangladesh Open University, Professor Nem Khan Dim from University of Yangon, Myanmar, Attaullah Shah, vice president of Karakoram International University in Pakistan, and Professor Yang Yun from the School of Software at YNU, made academic reports.

They discussed the application of new computer technologies in the fields of distance education, special education, smart medical care, and geographic information systems, which have played an important role in promoting social progress, international exchanges, and the quality of people's livelihoods.

Through the reports, participants learned about the conveniences brought to people by the new computer technologies during the epidemic, and fully realized the important role of the application of new technologies in social changes.



Forum on Computer Science Education

The first Forum on Computer Science Education of the S&SE ASIAN UN was held on May 12, 2021 at Yunnan University (YNU).

Computer science education is an important part of emerging engineering education. During the forum, a total of 11 experts and scholars, including Professor Attaullah Shah, deputy vice chancellor of Karakoram International University, Professor Mohammad Abid, deputy vice chancellor of the University of Peshawar, Yao Shaowen, director of the National Pilot School of Software at YNU, Professor Xing Weiwei from the School of Software Engineering at Beijing Jiaotong University, and Professor Cui Xiaohui from the School of Cyber Science and Engineering at Wuhan University, shared their insights.

They discussed topics such as student quality training and ability improvement under the emerging engineering education background and reform in computer curriculum systems and teaching content. They also talked about the challenges of discipline development and talent cultivation, sharing their experiences and proposing measures for the construction of a regional emerging engineering education community.



Forum on Innovation, Entrepreneurship Education

The First Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Forum of the S&SE ASIAN UN was held online at Yunnan University on Sept 23, 2021.

A total of 21 experts and scholars from China and other countries attended the forum, including Professor Huang Zhaoxin, vice-president of Hangzhou Normal University, Professor Xu Tao, deputy director of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Research Center of Tongji University, Professor Liu Zhiyang, deputy dean of the College of Business of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and Zhang Qiang, deputy secretary-general of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Steering Committee of the Ministry of Education.

Attendees also included Professor Pattarachai Kiratisin, director of the Technology and Innovation Management Center of Mahidol University in Thailand, Associate Professor Ahmad Tarmizi Bin Haron, dean of the Commercialization Office of Universiti Malaysia Pahang, and Professor Md. Rashedur Rahman, executive director of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Creation Center of the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh.

They shared their universities' experiences in reform, exploration and platform construction in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship education, and discussed project incubation strategies, sustainable entrepreneurship models, and the entrepreneurial environment.

Ecological and Environmental Protection International Conference on the Cooperation and Integration of Industry, Education, Research and Application

The International seminar on the Ecological and Environmental Protection International Conference on the Cooperation and Integration of Industry, Education, Research and Application was held at Yunnan University (YNU) on Nov 30, 2021.

The seminar was a sub-forum of the 2021 Maritime Silk Road International Conference on the Cooperation and Integration of Industry, Education, Research and Application.

It was held both online and offline, receiving strong support from the Ministry of Education and the Yunnan Provincial Department of Education.

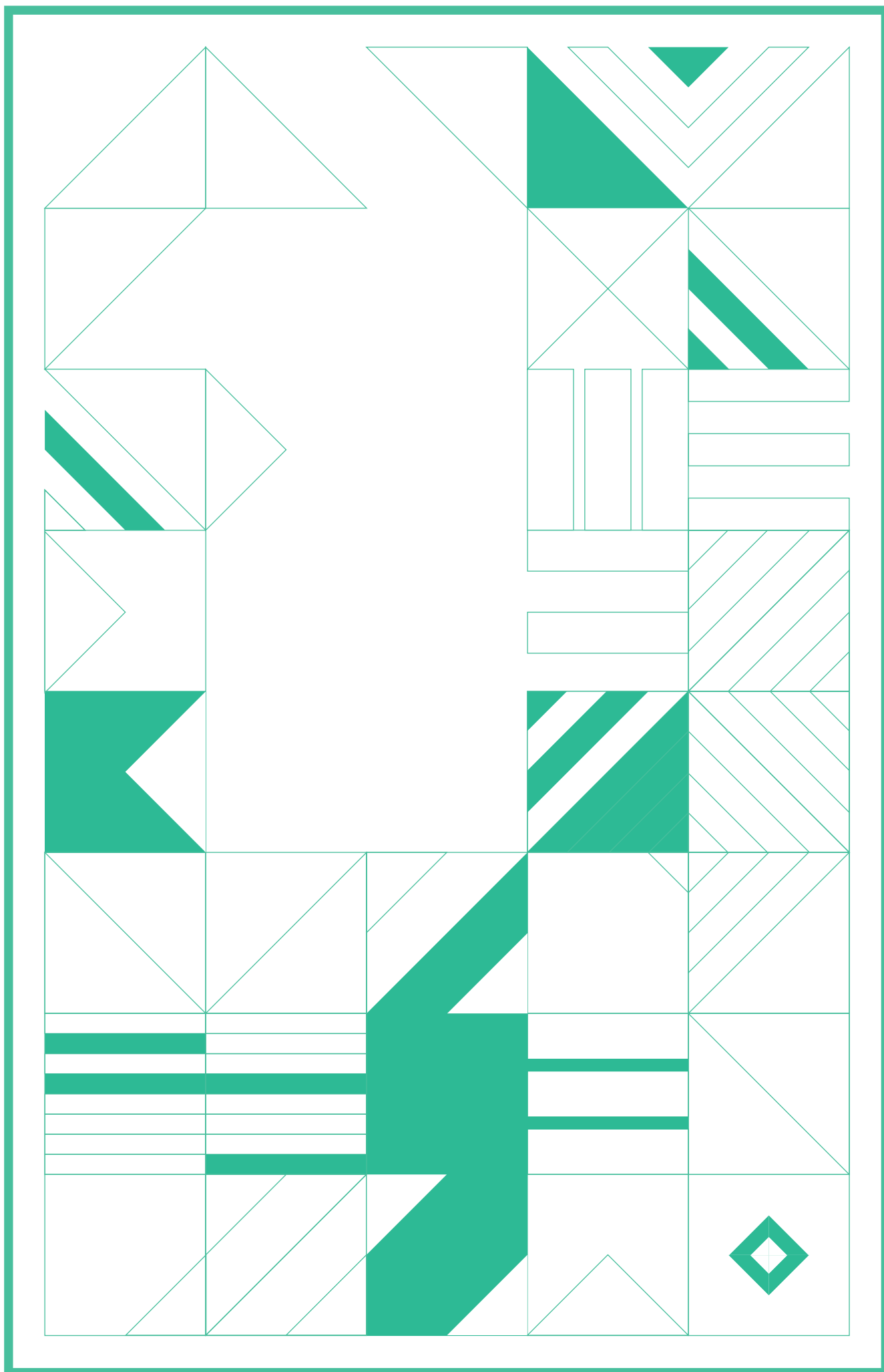
Leaders from universities, scientific research institutions and related companies participated in the seminar, along with experts, scholars and doctoral candidates.

They discussed topics such as biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilization, the establishment of a protected area system for national parks, and the protection and restoration of key degraded and fragile ecosystems.

They also shared experiences related to international industry, education, research and application cooperation in environmental protection.

The seminar has promoted cooperation in the development of the environmental protection industry, academic exchanges and joint high-level talent training projects, and accelerated high-quality economic and social development.





06

Student Projects

Ethnic Fieldwork Summer School

The 12th ethnic fieldwork summer school of Yunnan University (YNU) opened on July 12, 2021, hosted by the Southwest Frontier Ethnic Group Research Center of YNU – the key research base for humanities and social sciences of the Ministry of Education – and the School of Ethnology and Sociology at YNU.

A total of 70 students from 37 universities including Peking University, Fudan University, Renmin University of China, Lanzhou University, Xiamen University and YNU participated in the event.

Through lectures, dialogues, homework and research design, the summer school aims to train graduate students and young teachers in the fields of anthropology, ethnology, sociology and social work to enhance their understanding of the "Healthy China 2030 Initiative".

It will also cultivate graduate students' and young teachers' ability to investigate and research issues, such as independent operation of the Chinese medical and health system at the grassroots level, the prevention and control of major diseases, the situation of medical workers, especially rural doctors and public health personnel in remote areas, patients' access to medical and health services, and the health awareness and actions of the public health sector.



Yunnan University-Fudan University Field Practice Activity

The first joint ecology field practice activity of Yunnan University (YNU) and Fudan University was held on July 19-26, 2021 at YNU's field practice bases, attracting a total of 78 students and teachers from the two universities.

The activity was co-organized by the School of Ecology and Environmental Science at YNU and the School of Life Sciences at Fudan University, and was undertaken by the School of Ecology and Environmental Science at YNU.

The students conducted field practice at Jiaozi Snow Mountain in Luquan county, Xishan Mountain and Dianchi Lake in Kunming, Gasa River and Mopan Mountain in Xinping county, and Fuxian Lake in Yuxi county.

The routes have been well connected and cover a large area featuring rich ecological forms for scientific research and teaching. It well represents the typical varied climatic conditions, diverse ecological environment types and rich biological species of the "kingdom of biology" in Yunnan.

The field practice takes full advantage of the many strengths of YNU's ecological field practice base.

During the eight-day activity, students learned things about such as species identification, specimen collection, classification and identification, vegetation observation, and sample site investigation.

They also learned about the main types of vegetation and ecosystems at high, middle and low altitudes, and personally experienced the diverse ecological environment and rich biodiversity of Yunnan.

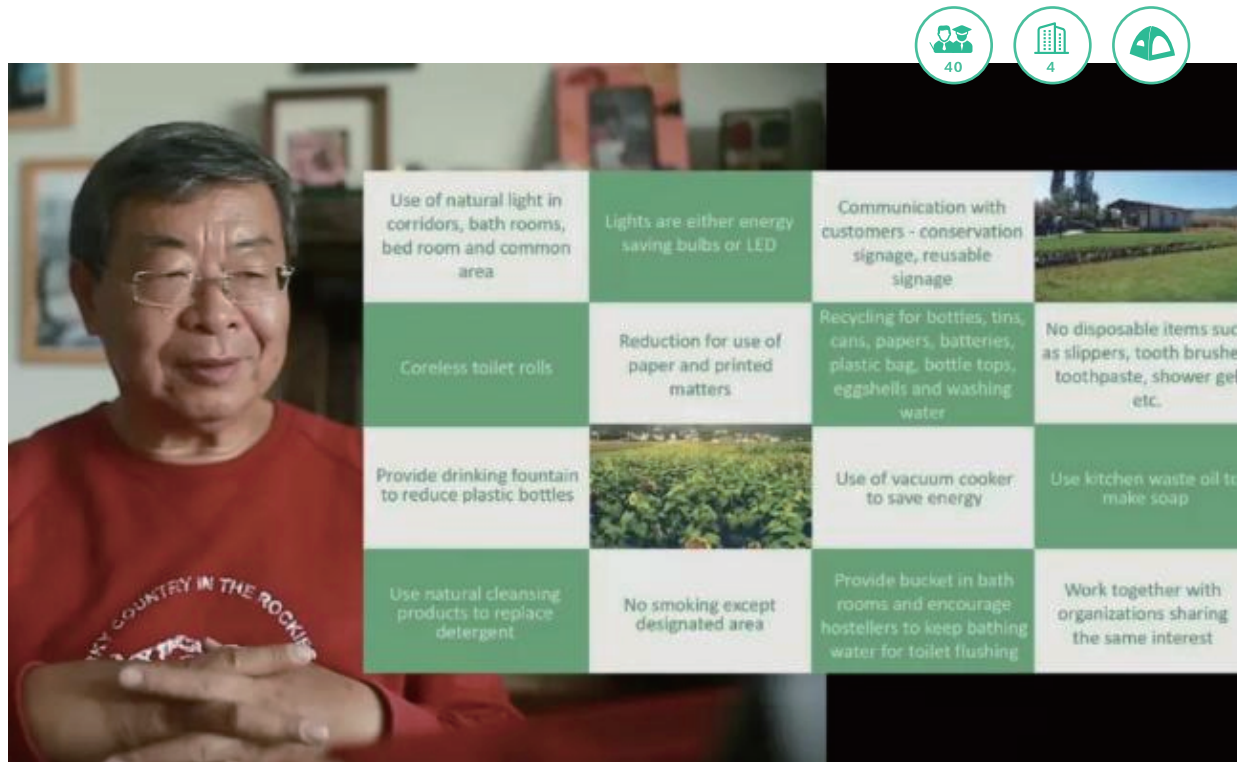
The relationship between social development and ecological construction is another focus of the field course.

Special investigations were carried out, such as the rural development and nature reserve construction of Hejia village in Jiaozi Snow Mountain, the coordinated development of water pollution control in Dianchi Lake and surrounding communities, and the protection, water body restoration, and vegetation restoration of Fuxian Lake in Yuxi.

The students obtained a deep understanding of the "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" ecological civilization philosophy.



Asian Online Summer Camp



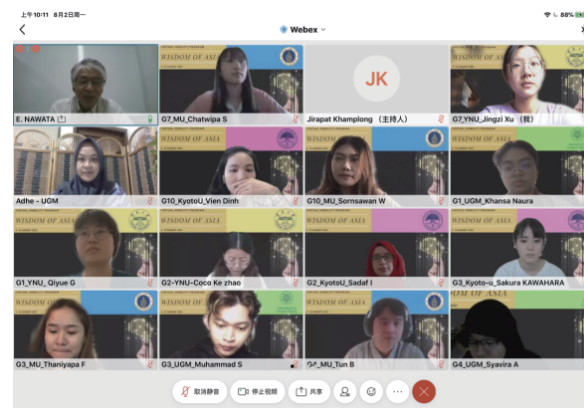
Yunnan University (YNU), Mahidol University in Thailand, Kyoto University in Japan, and University of Gadjah Mada in Indonesia organized a "Wisdom of Asia" online summer camp for students during the 2021 summer holiday.

The activity aimed to promote cultural exchange among Asian universities and provide a platform for young students to learn together.

A total of 40 teachers and students participated in the two-week online course, including 12 undergraduates from six schools at YNU.

During the activity, with interactive teaching in English, teachers from the four countries focused on culture, traditional medicine and health, global sustainable development, tea culture, and food culture.

Through online lectures, virtual cultural experiences, and group seminars, students learned a lot and experienced the importance of international communication and teamwork.



China-Bangladesh Language and Culture Camp

The Online China-Bangladesh Language and Culture Camp, hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh and Yunnan University (YNU), was launched on Sept 12, 2021.

The event was organized by the Confucius Institute at Dhaka University and the School of Foreign Languages at YNU.

Nearly 70 guests, scholars, teachers and students from the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh, China Central Television (CCTV), Peking University, YNU and the Confucius Institute at Dhaka University attended the event.

At the opening ceremony, an official of the Cultural Office of the Chinese Embassy in Bangladesh, Professor ABM Razaul Karim Faquire, the foreign dean of the Confucius Institute at the University of Dhaka, Wu Yun, deputy director of YNU's Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, and Wang Hao, deputy dean of the School of Foreign Languages at YNU, gave speeches.

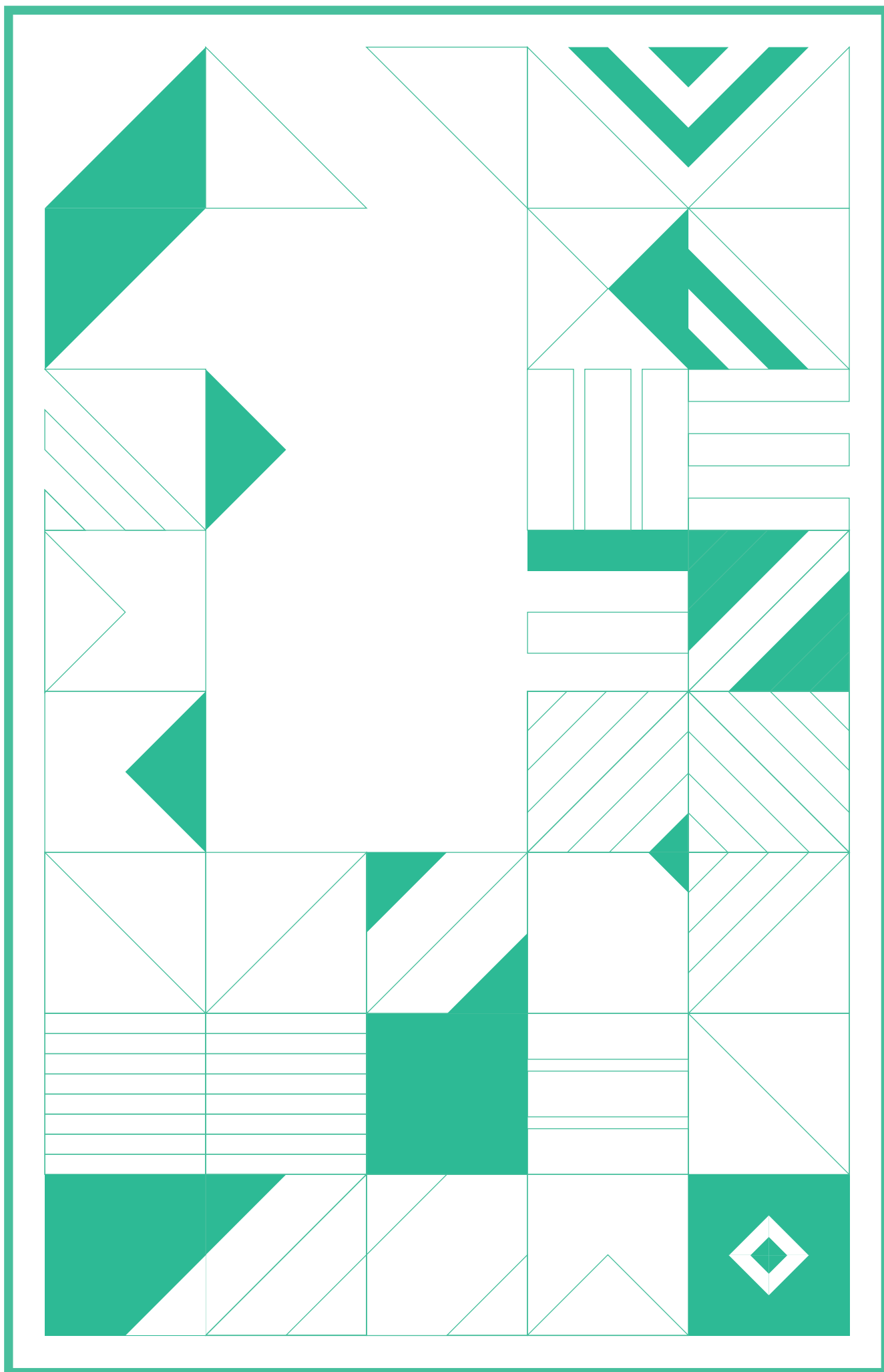
Other attendees included Shi Jingwu, Bengali translator of the Language Center of Peking University, Professor Wei Liming of the School of Foreign Languages of Peking University, and Yu Guangyue, director of the Bengali department of CCTV.

The slogan for the activity was "it's a delight to have friends from afar", and the Chinese and Bangladeshi students participating were divided into four groups.

Starting with self-introductions, the students learned the Bengali and Chinese versions of a Rabindranath Tagore's poem together.

The online camp is expected to be held in three phases, each with a different theme and contents.





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Interaction with other Alliances

Yunnan University Joins Academic Association for International Cultural Exchange

The inaugural ceremony of the Academic Association for International Cultural Exchange (AAICE) & the Symposium on International Cultural Exchange in the New Era took place at Renmin University of China (RUC) on Dec 3, 2020.

The AAICE, launched by RUC, has attracted 23 universities and research institutes as initial members. It aims to improve cooperation mechanisms for international cultural exchange and study major issues facing international cultural exchange in the new era.

Representatives from the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the Ministry of Education attended the inaugural ceremony and congratulated the AAICE's establishment.

The 23 universities and research institutes that have joined the association are Peking University, RUC, Beijing Normal University, Minzu University of China, Nankai University, Jilin University, Fudan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, East China Normal University, Xiamen University, Shandong University, Wuhan University, Sichuan University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Yunnan University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Central University of Finance and Economics, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing Language and Culture University, Shanghai International Studies University, Jinan University, Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, and the Chinese National Academy of Arts.

RUC's Party secretary Jin Nuo was elected as president of the AAICE. He said that AAICE members should expand the scale of cultural communications, promote dialogue with other countries, develop foreign cultural trade, and improve research into globalization issues.

Li Chenyang, executive vice-president of Yunnan University (YNU), became the AAICE's vice president. During the ceremony, he noted that YNU will heed the calls of Jin Nuo and continue to serve national strategies, work to increase Yunnan's influence in South and Southeast Asia, boost cultural exchanges, strengthen international understanding, and take on the responsibility of cultural innovation.

As a member of the AAICE, YNU will continue to serve national strategies and enhance mutual learning among civilizations.

With the goals of quality and efficiency improvement and connotation development and the principles of mutual respect, friendly negotiation and equality and mutual benefits, YNU will play a role in international cooperation and communication to contribute to the country's diplomacy and give full play to its cultural inheritance function to provide a southwestern channel for mutual learning among countries.

The university will also advance international Chinese language education to facilitate cultural exchange and international understanding, and promote interactions between cultural exchange, teaching and research.



Yunnan University Participates in Summer Course of University Alliance of Silk Road

Yunnan University joined the University Alliance of the Silk Road founded by Xi'an Jiaotong University in December 2020, and became an observing member.

The summer course of the University Alliance of the Silk Road – Han and Tang Civilization and Legal Protection in the Museums – opened at Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum in Xi'an on July 12th, 2021.

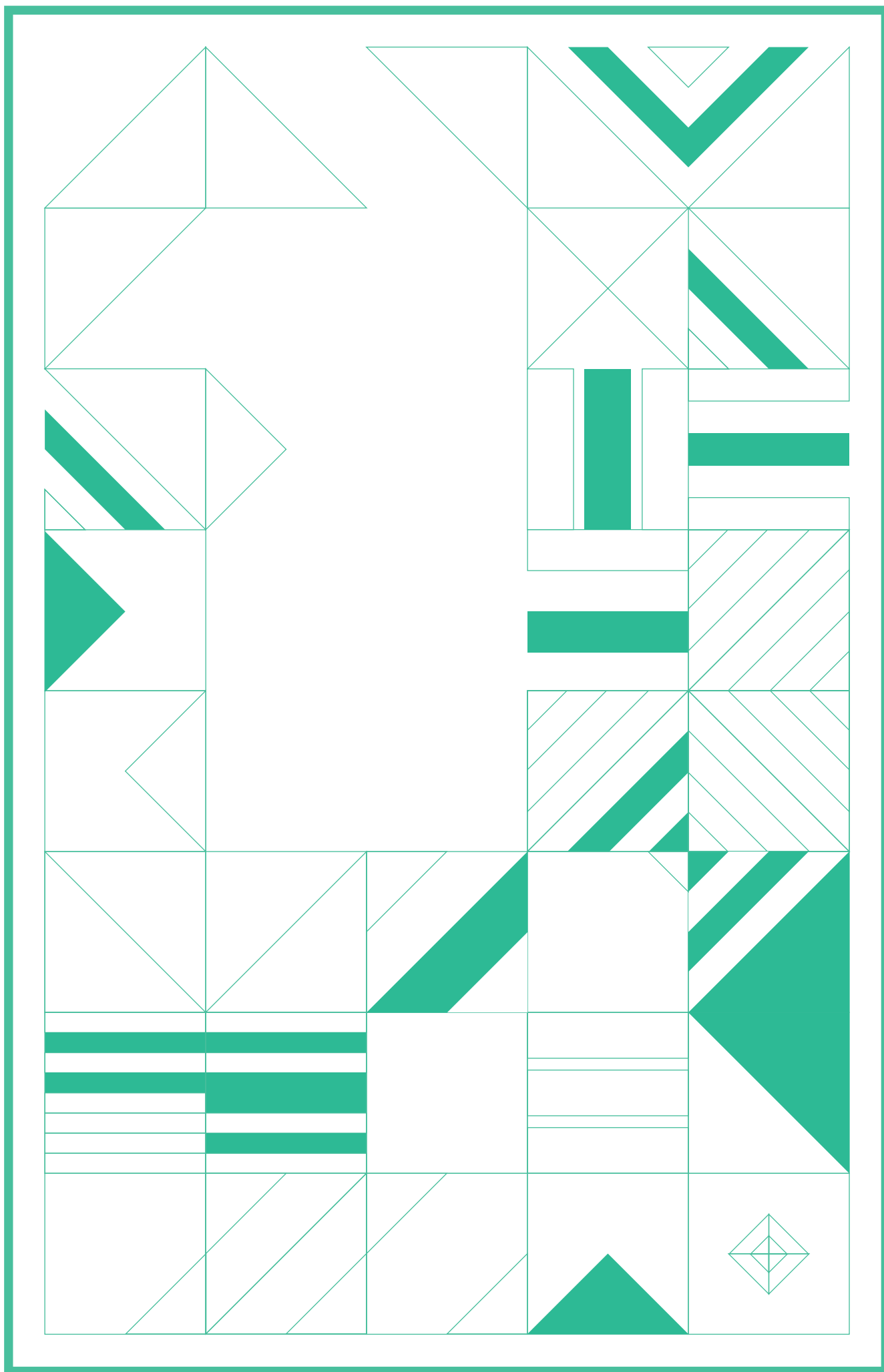
The event was co-sponsored by the University Alliance of the Silk Road and the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Heritage Bureau, and the secretariat of the S&SE ASIAN UN (Yunnan University) was invited to participate.

After selection and recommendation, two students from the School of Art and Design and the Changxin International College of Art at Yunnan University participated in the summer course.

They started a five-day study session together with more than 40 Chinese and international students from 12 universities, including Peking University, Fudan University, Renmin University of China and Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Through online learning and offline immersive experiences, the students focused on museum cultural heritage protection and gained a lot from the combined learning model of well-known expert lectures, museum visits and interactive communications.





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About Us

South and Southeast Asian University Network

The South and Southeast Asian University Network, also known as S&SE ASIAN UN, is a higher education regional international cooperation mechanism, initiated by Yunnan University in Kunming, Yunnan province in December 2018.

It aims to further enhance the humanities exchanges and people-to-people bonds between China and South Asian and Southeast Asian countries, establish a platform for regional higher education exchanges and cooperation, as well as build a regional higher education community.

To date, 108 universities have become the members of the S&SE ASIAN UN, covering countries like Pakistan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

After three years of development, S&SE ASIAN UN have become an important platform for cultural exchanges in South and Southeast Asia, as well as an important boost to the construction of the radiation center of Yunnan province.



List of members

(Listed below alphabetically according to country and institution names)

Founding members	
Bangladesh (7)	Asian University for Women, Bangladesh Open University, International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology, Islamic University, North South University, Rajshahi University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, University of Dhaka, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
Cambodia (3)	Royal Academy of Cambodia, Royal University of Law and Economics, Royal University of Phnom Penh
China (45)	Beijing Normal University, Central South University, Chuxiong Normal University, Dianxi Science and Technology Normal University, Fudan University, Guangxi University, Guizhou University, Hainan University, Hebei University, Honghe University, Inner Mongolia University, Kunming Medical University, Kunming University, Kunming University of Science and Technology, Minzu University of China, Nanchang University, Nankai University, Ningxia University, Northeastern University, Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University, Northwest University, Pu'er University, Qinghai University, Qujing Normal University, Renmin University of China, Shanxi University, Soochow University, South China University of Technology, Southwest Forestry University, Tianjin University, Tibet University, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, Wenshan University, West Yunnan University of Applied Sciences, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xinjiang University, Yunnan Agriculture University, Yunnan Arts University, Yunnan Minzu University, Yunnan Normal University, Yunnan University, Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, Yunnan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Zhaotong University, Zhengzhou University
India (4)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, O.P. Jindal Global University, Somaiya University, University of Jadavpur
Indonesia (1)	Institut Teknologi Bandung
Laos (2)	National University of Laos, Souphanouvong University
Malaysia (4)	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Universiti Putra Malaysia
Maldives (1)	The Maldives National University
Myanmar (7)	Mandalay Technological University, Meiktila University of Economics, University of Education Yangon, University of Mandalay, University of Yangon, University of Yangon Distance Education, Yadanabon University
Nepal (1)	Agriculture and Forestry University
Pakistan (10)	Aga Khan University, Balochistan University of Information, Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), COMSATS University Islamabad, International Islamic University, Karakorum International University, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, University of Peshawar, University of the Punjab
Singapore (1)	Singapore University of Social Sciences
Sri Lanka (3)	Eastern University, University of Colombo, University of Peradeniya
Thailand (7)	Burapha University, Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University, Mahidol University, Mae FahLuang University, Prince of Songkla University
Vietnam (3)	Hanoi Law University, Hanoi University, Viet Nam National University–Ho Chi Minh City

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