

ASEAN-UK Higher Education Week

03-04 November 2026 | The Peninsula Manila, Philippines

Indicative Programme
Day 1

Time	Activity
08:30 – 10:00	High-Level Policy Dialogue* (Closed-door) Theme: <i>UK- ASEAN Higher Education: Shaping the Next Generation of Partnerships</i> Sir Steve Smith , UK Government International Education Champion Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis , Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education, Philippines Helen Fazey , Ambassador, UK Mission to ASEAN ASEAN SOMED representatives Kamal Mamat , Head, Education, Youth and Sports Division, ASEAN Secretariat
09:30 – 10:30	<i>Registration and Networking</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Opening Programme ■ Doxology ■ Philippine National Anthem ■ ASEAN Hymn
10:40 – 10:45	Welcome & Context Lotus Postrado , Country Director, British Council Philippines
10:45 – 11:00	Opening Remarks Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis , Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education
11:00 – 11:10	Opening Remarks Sir Steve Smith , UK Government International Education Champion
11:10 – 11:20	Opening Remarks Helen Fazey , Ambassador, UK Mission to ASEAN
11:20 – 13:00	<i>Lunch & Networking</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Keynote: The Next Decade of UK-ASEAN Higher Education Cooperation Fireside Chat ■ Daley Middleton, Head of Trade, Department for Education, UK ■ Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education ■ Dr Kostantino Kontis, Chair, UUKi Asia Network, Dean for Global Engagement in China and East Asia, University of Glasgow



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	Panel Chair: Summer Xia , <i>Country Director, British Council Indonesia</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion 1: UK-ASEAN Transnational Education Partnerships: Challenges and Opportunities ▪ Dr Farrah Robert, <i>Chief Executive Officer, YPC International College, Malaysia</i> ▪ Dr Dao Thi Thanh Lam, <i>Head of Academic Affairs, Greenwich Vietnam</i> ▪ Dr. Aneta Hayes, <i>Head of Academic Partnerships (TNE) & Reader in Education, University of Portsmouth, UK</i> ▪ Dr. Andrew Philip Seddon, <i>Senior Director, Partnerships and Standards, The Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation, Malaysia</i> ▪ Professor Phavane Narataruksa, Ph.D., SPE (Thailand), <i>Chairman of The Global Standards and International Recognition of Qualifications on Higher Education & Secretary to the Permanent Secretary for Educational Accreditation, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI), Thailand</i> Panel Chair: Prof. May Tan-Mullins, <i>Provost and CEO, University of Reading Malaysia</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break & Networking</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Panel Discussion 2: Research, Innovation and Knowledge Partnerships for UK- ASEAN Growth ▪ Prof. Gavin Shaddick, <i>Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University, UK</i> ▪ Dr. Tim Hart, <i>Director of Warwick Innovations, University of Warwick, UK</i> ▪ Dr. Saut Sagala, <i>Program Director, School of Architecture, Planning, and Policy Development, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia</i> ▪ Prof. Michael Promentilla, <i>Professor of Chemical Engineering, De La Salle University, Philippines</i> ▪ Professor Dennis Wong, <i>Regional Provost and Group Chief Executive Officer (East and Southeast Asia), Newcastle University, UK</i> ▪ Professor Dr Mohamed Hasnain Isa, <i>Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Universiti Teknologi Brunei</i> Panel Chair: Prof. Abhi Veerakumarasivam, <i>Provost, Sunway University</i>
18:30 – 20:30	Welcome Reception Remarks Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, <i>Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education, Philippines</i> Helen Fazey, <i>Ambassador, UK Mission to ASEAN</i>



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08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration & Networking</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Launch of the Philippines' Transnational Higher Education Strategy <i>Ceremonial Launch and Presentation of TNHE Strategy, led by Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education</i> Perspectives: From Strategy to Partnerships of Equals ▪ Eduardo Ramos, Head of TNE, British Council ▪ Karol Mark Yee, Executive Director, Second Congressional Commission on Education, Philippines ▪ Dr Jose V Camacho, Chancellor, University of the Philippines, Los Baños ▪ Kamal Mamat, Head, Education, Youth and Sports Division, ASEAN Secretariat ▪ Prof. Abhi Veerakumarasivam, Provost, Sunway University Session Moderator: Lotus Postrado, Country Director, British Council Philippines
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break & Networking</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion 3: Are Our Universities Ready for 2035? A UK-ASEAN Conversation on the Future of Higher Education ▪ Dr Kostas Kontis, Chair, UUKi Asia Network & Dean for Global Engagement in China and East Asia, University of Glasgow ▪ Assoc. Prof. Dat Lai Quoc, Head of External Relations Department, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam ▪ Prof. May Tan-Mullins, Provost and CEO, University of Reading Malaysia ▪ Paul Rowe, Director of International Partnerships, University of Lancashire ▪ Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thakerng Wongsirichot, Vice President for Academic and International Affairs, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand



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	Chair: Professor Dennis Wong , <i>Regional Provost and Group Chief Executive Officer (East and Southeast Asia), Newcastle University</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Closing Plenary: Beyond Partnerships: Defining a UK-ASEAN Higher Education Agenda for 2035 Prof. Dato' Elizabeth Lee , <i>Chief Executive Officer, Sunway Education Group; Malaysia</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch & Networking</i>
14:00 – 16:00	UK-ASEAN Universities Partnership Session Target HEIs: ▪ 15 UK HEIs ▪ 20 PH HEIs ▪ 30 ASEAN HEIs (priority: ASEAN HEIs nominated by Ministries of Education) <i>Venue: National Museum</i>
16:00 – 18:00	Cultural Site Visits ▪ Batch 1: National Museum of Fine Arts ▪ Batch 2: National Museum of Anthropology