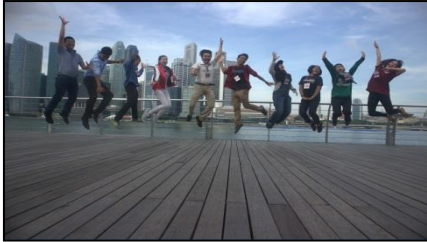




ASEAN-U.S. Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security (PROGRESS)



Finalists of the 2nd ASEAN Youth Video Contest at the production training workshop “jump for joy” in Singapore December 2016. Photo credit: ASEAN Foundation

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) seeks to promote equitable and sustainable human development in Southeast Asia through improved governance and regional security for its population of over 600 million people. In support of this vision, the U.S. Government through the ASEAN-U.S. Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security (PROGRESS) focuses on strengthening institutions to advance ASEAN’s vision for political-security and social-cultural integration across three components further detailed below.

I. ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

Trafficking in Persons. PROGRESS is supporting the ASEAN Commission for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children by helping the commission to develop regional guidance and procedures to better address the needs of victims of trafficking. In collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), PROGRESS will conduct in-country consultations across ASEAN to support better coordination on the implementation of the ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP). Working with government, regional experts, and civil society, PROGRESS will also explore ways to develop stronger victim restitution and compensation systems for possible application throughout ASEAN, drawing upon Thailand as a case study.

Human Rights. PROGRESS will continue to support the efforts of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) to promote, protect, and mainstream human rights in ASEAN. In early 2017, PROGRESS will support a “Judicial Colloquium” to bring together senior judges, including those from the supreme courts, and law associations to share good practices on how best to adjudicate international human rights law and cases in domestic courts. In addition, PROGRESS will support the 4th Annual AICHR Youth Debates, bringing 40 youth representatives from all ten ASEAN countries to debate the most pressing human rights issues under the backdrop of ASEAN’s 50th Anniversary. In order to further support better coordination on implementation of the ACTIP, PROGRESS is supporting the AICHR’s efforts to gather relevant ASEAN bodies to discuss activities and potential collaboration to better counter TIP in the region. PROGRESS will also continue to support civil society engagement with key ASEAN officials on matters relating to human rights through its support of the 10th Summer Institute for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Rules-Based ASEAN. PROGRESS will work closely with the Legal Services and Agreements Division of the ASEAN Secretariat to develop a practical mechanism through which to report on the implementation of ASEAN

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Delegates discuss the contents of the Regional Review on TIP during the launch event in Jakarta on September 28th, 2016.

agreements. This new system will be adopted and managed by the ASEAN Secretariat and will be the basis from which the Secretary General reports to the ASEAN Leaders on Member States' implementation of ASEAN agreements. PROGRESS will also support the drafting of legal overviews for key ASEAN agreements to generate greater public awareness and to facilitate better overall implementation.

II. PROMOTING EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Science and Technology. Over the past three years, the ASEAN-U.S. Science and Technology (S&T) Fellowship has provided opportunities for early-career ASEAN scientists to network with one another and to contribute to policy making in their home countries. To date, the Fellowship has successfully placed 35 Fellows in 20 line ministries across eight ASEAN countries, forming a growing network of policy-minded scientists across the region. Beginning this year, PROGRESS will support the ASEAN Foundation to administer and manage the ASEAN S&T Fellowship focusing on four technical areas: 1) energy; 2) health; 3) climate change; and 4) science, technology and innovation.

Disaster Management. As a follow-up to the One ASEAN, One Response Declaration signed by the ASEAN Leaders in September 2016, PROGRESS assisted the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance in Disaster Management (AHA Centre) to develop the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP), which lays the foundation for ASEAN coordination in response to a disaster in the region. The AJDRP was adopted by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) in October 2016. In 2017, PROGRESS will support the alignment of three national level contingency plans covering earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunamis to the AJDRP. To help increase the quality of ASEAN disaster management actors acquire international standard of qualification, PROGRESS is also working with the ACDM Working Group on Knowledge and Information Management to develop a framework for an ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) Program.

III. PUBLIC OUTREACH, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, AND STRENGTHENING ASEAN'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Youth Engagement. Representing the future leaders of ASEAN and representing over 60 percent of the population, PROGRESS will continue engage ASEAN youth through networking opportunities and creative social media and public outreach programs. Building on two successful youth initiatives working in partnership with the ASEAN Foundation, PROGRESS will continue to support the 3rd Annual ASEAN Youth Video Contest and the 3rd Regional Model ASEAN in 2017. In addition, PROGRESS endeavors to provide technical support for a regional citizen journalism initiative to bring together ASEAN youth to learn how to better report and raise awareness on pressing issues affecting their communities.