



## ASEAN REGIONAL MINE ACTION CENTER

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### AUN Member Universities in ASEAN Member States

**Subject: Request to Disseminate the Call for Youth Participation on the Commemoration of 2019 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**

Dear Sir/Madam,

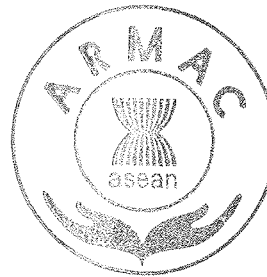
Mines/explosive remnants of war (ERW) remain a threat to people's safety, a constraint to socio-economic development, and a humanitarian problem in the ASEAN region. There are five (5) countries in ASEAN, namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, which are affected by mines/ERW as a result of wars and/or the country's internal armed conflict. Therefore, the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC) was established to facilitate the ASEAN Member States to: *(i) enhance awareness programs on the dangers of ERW among affected communities; (ii) facilitate appropriate medical and rehabilitation assistance for victims of ERW, upon request from the affected ASEAN Member States; and (iii) assist interested ASEAN Member States (AMS) in research and knowledge sharing on the effects of ERW and efforts to address them, including through writing proposals for technical assistance projects and funding, at their specific and individual request.*

On the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, ARMAC will organise the commemoration of the aforesaid day with the participation of ASEAN university students in the event, titled "*Raising Mines/ERW Awareness for Peace, Stability and Resilience in ASEAN through Youth Participation*". This two-day event will be held between **1 and 12 April 2019 (exact dates will be confirmed in early March 2019 on <http://mad2019.aseanmineaction.org/>)**, and will include field visit, seminar and group discussion for **three students from each ASEAN Member States**. ARMAC will provide a full sponsorship which covers the travel expenses (**return**

flights to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from the capital of their home countries – ASEAN, accommodation, per diem and meals) for these selected students.

In this regard, I would like to seek for your support to disseminate this application information package to the students in your universities for them to apply through an online platform: <http://mad2019.aseanmineaction.org/> by **15 March 2019**. The selected students will be announced on **19 March 2019**. For further information please refer to the supporting documents attached, and/or please contact us at [info@aseanmineaction.org](mailto:info@aseanmineaction.org).

Thank you, and I would truly appreciate your support.



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Attachment: Tentative Agenda and the Call for Youth Participation documents