ACC Education Network (ACC EduNet) Document

1. **Background**
2. Education, which is closely connected with human resource development and technological advancement, is a key area of concern for both China and AMS, which are at different levels of educational development. For China, education digitization, globalization and high-quality development are at the core of its current development. For AMS, education reform and advancement are at top agenda to support national development.
3. With the normalization of pandemic control measures, the enthusiasm for educational cooperation is quickly recovering between ASEAN and Chinese institutions and related players. Since the end of 2022, universities, government officials, and education-related international organizations have come to ACC for information and support on ASEAN-China education cooperation.
4. ASEAN and China have a long history of people-to-people and academic exchange. As for recent years, there have been a recognizable amount of educational cooperation programs between institutions from both sides, supporting over 200,000 students’ cross-border exchanges before the pandemic. After the pandemic, the educational cooperation landscape will recover and be further upgraded, in line with the increasingly close political, economic and social connection between the two sides.
5. To facilitate, promote and improve the efficiency of the educational cooperation between ASEAN and China, under the background of China-ASEAN Year of People-People Exchange in 2024, the ACC initiates to establish the ACC Education Network (ACC EduNet).
6. **Objectives**

The purposes of ACC EduNet are as follows:

1. Networking: To build the network for the education players in ASEAN and China helps to consolidate the foundation for stronger and better ASEAN-China relations.
2. Information Sharing: To solve the problem of information gap, the ACC EduNet helps to provide the most needed information to those in urgent need.
3. Modelling: The ACC EduNet helps to identify the most efficient and effective collaboration and share with the rest in the area, so as to further guide future collaboration.
4. Synergy: The ACC EduNet serves not only those in the education area, but also aims to promote synergized advancement between education and enterprises, families and society as a whole.
5. Innovation: The ACC EduNet also contributes to innovation in both education and related social and development fronts.
6. **Participants**

 From both ASEAN and China,

1. Education players who have qualifications and a strong interest in developing ASEAN-China education cooperation.
2. Education players who already have existing programs but wish to expand their influence in ASEAN-China education cooperation.
3. Other players like NGOs and enterprises, who would benefit from ASEAN-China education cooperation.
4. **Operation**
5. ACC would be responsible to invite or accept invitations to join the EduNet.
6. ACC would serve as a platform for circulation of information for proposed cooperation from both sides.
7. ACC would arrange regular policy exchange and information-sharing events to strengthen communication.
8. ACC would organize on-site visits for enhancing mutual understanding.
9. ACC would organize personnel training for both practitioners and policymakers on international cooperation and educational reform to support education development in the region.
10. **Other matters**
11. All activities under ACC EduNet are governed by principles in the founding MOU of ACC.
12. ACC EduNet may accept donations from interest parties, but will re-invest the donations to causes related to education exchange and cooperation between ASEAN and China.
13. ACC holds all right for explanation and management of the Network.