

Asia Engage Conference Report

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia or UKM), through its office of Industry and Community Partnerships has worked together with the Talloires Network to develop the regional partner known as the Asia-Talloires Network of Industry and Community Engaged Universities (ATNEU). As a dedicated network for the Asian region, ATNEU brings together key regional stakeholders from universities, industries, NGOs, communities, and governments to catalyze sustainable partnerships that identify and address the social, economic and environmental challenges and ultimately improve the quality of life for communities in the region.

Currently, ATNEU is housed under AsiaEngage, a regional platform hosted and driven by UKM, alongside the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Thematic Network on University Social Responsibility and Sustainability (AUN USR&S) and the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AYVP).

On the 7th to 9th of May 2012, AsiaEngage organised the **Regional Conference on Higher Education-Community-Industry Engagement: *Forging Meaningful Partnerships across ASEAN & Asia*** to provide a dedicated platform for diverse stakeholders. For three days, more than 200 community engagement practitioners were able to gain in-depth knowledge through thematic paper presentations, share innovative industry and community engagement practices, and attend workshops by community engagement experts to develop competencies in areas such as social participatory research and social impact assessment.

Following the conference, a report was subsequently written to capture the important outcomes and issues which arose from the event. The report highlights some of the key concerns surrounding community engagement practices in the region, and action which needs to be taken to drive the field forward.

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