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EDITOR’S INTRODUCTION

As the efforts toward ASEAN integration has been stepped up over the past years, so has there been a simultaneous and rapid growth in supporting to these efforts by people of the region, in particular, the researchers, academic scholars, community workers and policy makers of the region had contributed efforts and presented findings and recommendation for the policy formulation and implementation in various aspects of education, tourism, health-care and biodiversity.

These issues were for an example; Hoe Chin Goi and Takeru Ohe proposed COBLAS (Consulting Based for ASEAN SMEs) program linking regional network in Japan and universities in ASEAN region. Adrian Smith and Kathryn Price-Jones worked on experimentation of using ACD – A Curious Dialogue that appeared to act as a bridge in assisting students to develop their confidence with suited than cognitive and grammar usage of English which applicable to ASEAN countries. Leisheng Zhang has recommended that the Chinese students studying overseas should overcome cultural and language barriers as well as effective social support network should be established under the local social and cultural environment and the students themselves should grasp the principle culture of the school and even the subject taught. Albert Lisec has seen indigenous knowledge is very important that needed to be integrated into the Thai Studies Course to encourage the students’ critical thinking skills and to establish collaboration between the young students and the old folks who have the wisdom, but lack the opportunity to contribute in the education of the youngsters. Mudrajad Kuncoro has analyzed the pattern of Indonesia’s growth and examined to what extent Asian Financial Crisis in 1997-1998 and Global Financial Crisis has affected Indonesia’s education. Makha Khittasangka has founded that 12 ethnic villages in Chiangmai, Chiangrai and Mae Hong Son provinces had shown managerial capability to operate the cultural tourism which implied a community’s readiness to indicate potentiality of cultural tourism destination. With consistent researches on coconut oil of Narong Chomchalow has proposed in the Coconut Oil: Key to be a Centenarian with Healthy and Happy Life. Nathawut Thanee has worked on Relationship between Termite Biodiversity and Gut Protozoa at Sakaerat Environmental Research Station, Nakhon Ratchsima Province, Thailand, and Chalinda Ariyadet in her work on Biodiversity and Abundance of Benthic Fauna along Ban-Don Coastal, Thailand, as well as Sawettachat Srisurat in his exploration on Methane Gas Emission by Remote Sensing Modeling from Irrigated Paddy Fields in Thailand.
We sincerely hope that the valuable research works as we have stated to be a forum of development policies and in particular, this Volume 2 Number 1 will be of great benefit to provide an appropriate education, as well as to engage in fundamental research in order to gather basic facts and scientific data that will be used by policy makers as a basis for planning in transformation of our society in advancing ASEAN Economic Community in the year to come.

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