

**COURSE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES  
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LEARNING CAME BECAUSE WE SHARED  
- SAI PHILIPPINES -**



We came to the training venue excited unexceptionally as we traveled out of our respective countries. But a day after the sessions started, questions lingered in our heads: What am I doing in this training? Am I supposed to be here? What is there for me?

Our instructors drew us out of our comfort zones, not without affliction. Our habits of traditional learning were thrown out of the window. At every turn of the way, our instructors refused to treat us like open bowl. Initially, we protested against their style, confused was even the byword and buzzword for several days, only to admit later that the learning method was better. We became stakeholders and shareholders at the same time in the training and took great pride in doing our share.

Our instructors made us feel as their professional partners, never the total beginners; not subalterns nor subordinates. The partnership of intellect grew as the days moved on. This is called Adult Learning, we were told.

Two significant things are marked in my memory as I finished the training.

One, that which is pleasant to recall because it happened, and that which is better left in the Freudian psyche and recall not evermore. But as the training has ended, my recollections are all getting worthwhile keeping, recalling, and valued.

We came, strangers to each other. We came, fearful of failure and unsure of our ways and talents. But as we dined together, laughed together, and even gossiped together, then friendship overtook strangeness.

We came, thinking we shall be wards but ended out of our shells like we were professionals, contributors of experiences, builders of capabilities and expanders of relations. Never were the impressions of knowledge, skills and attitudes flushed out as easily as they were poured in.

We felt the warmth of our instructors. We touched their humanity. They gave us the highest articulation of the best of the countries they represent. They showed their selflessness and love for others : the herculean preparations they put into this training, the tireless efforts they poured in hours of interactions with us, analytically but jovially processing our outputs, and assiduously guiding us all the way. Thank you very much, dear instructors.

On the stream of skills development, process of knowledge acquisition and learning how to learn, this course is a feather on the cap of the ASEANSAI.

To the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), we cannot thank you enough for your support. We just hope that this course will be replicated a hundredfold. And the impact, a thousand times for good governance.

To our training staff, thank you for taking good care of all our needs.

To all my co-participants, I never took this training as work because of the fun we had together in learning. The group discussions and exercises transformed our selfish isolated islands into mass land of unity, and for others. The warmth, the joy, the sharing and the working together made us all believe in ourselves. We hope to see each other again in the many places of the world where what we got in the training, we shall share. Now, we can truly and proudly tell our instructors, we are prepared to give back the value for money spent on us. We are ready to take on the challenge to include us in the pool of trainers. We say : ASEANSAI CDDITW Trainings: Here we come! This course that is built on team work, on trust, on meeting the challenges as a group. The question may be, is the ASEANSAI Training Committee ready to take us in?

To the host SAI, the Jabatan Audit Negara (Malaysia), Terima Kasih!

To paraphrase somebody, I say: I came expecting I would be taught. But I realized my learning came because we shared.

# the **UNIQUE**ness

**About 165km of northeast of Vietnam in the Gulf of Tonkin, includes about 1,600 islands and islets, there is situated a Natural Wonder - UNESCO World Heritage Site, called Ha Long Bay which means bay of descending dragons in Vietnamese. Covering an area of 1,553km2 of which this seascape view, that is inclusive of 1,960 to 2,000 islets and are vastly comprised of limestone.**

**Historical studies have proven a prehistoric presence in Ha Long Bay ten thousand years ago. Due to Ha Long Bay's steep and lofty nature, large parts of the islands are uninhabited and undisturbed by humanoid presence and its biological and geographical characters are still well preserved until present days.**

**This serene atmosphere is a place to go not just for its breathtaking seascape but as well as for lively and energetic water sports such as snorkeling, kayaking, swimming and trekking which are truly a paradise for those looking for tranquility on their popular 2-day cruise – just a short break from the real world.**

**Quoting a Vietnamese scholar Nguyen Trãi (1380-1442), who once admired the exquisiteness of Ha Long Bay and called it “rock wonder in the sky” 600 years ago.**

## HA LONG BAY, VIETNAM

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The 39th ASEAN Audit Committee meeting was held in ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia from 5 - 6 June 2014.

The meeting was chaired by the Auditor General of the Republic of Union of Myanmar and attended by 35 delegates from 10 ASEAN Member States namely from SAIs Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The Auditor General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was supported by a delegation comprising of a Deputy Director General of the Administration, Training and Research Department, one Deputy Director and two Assistant Directors from the Office of the Auditor General of the Union

During the two days meeting, the ASEAN Audit Committee had discussed a number of agendas which included the follow-up of the report of the 38th AAC Meeting, audited financial statements, Internal Audit Evaluation Division's report and work plan and other related matters.

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## THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION'S NOTE



In this second edition, we have included three activities that have been conducted by ASEANSI from April to June 2014.

In early May 2014, the Strategic Plan Committee conducted the Meeting on Building the Monitoring and Evaluation System for ASEANSI in Da Nang, Vietnam from 5 - 10 May 2014. The objective of the meeting was to share key concepts and theories on how to develop an effective and successful monitoring system.

In June 2014, two activities were conducted. One of the activities was conducted by the Training Committee on Course Design and Development and Instructional Techniques Workshop in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 9 - 20 June 2014. The purpose of the course was to train participants how to design a course for the need of an organisation as well as how to become good instructors/facilitators. SAI Philippines has also contributed an article on their members' experience attending the workshop. Another activity was conducted by the Knowledge Sharing Committee on The Focus Group Meeting (FGM): Research on Audit of Contract Procurement that was held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 18 - 20 June 2014. The objectives of the meeting were to identify common issues/challenges/lessons learnt in the contract procurement audit, and to share knowledge, experiences and best practices on audit of contract procurement to enhance the effectiveness of the audit.

Besides the above, the Office of the Auditor General of Union, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has also shared an article on the 39th ASEAN Audit Committee (AAC) Meeting that was held from 5 - 6 June 2014. The meeting was to discuss the follow-up of the report of the 38th AAC Meeting, audited financial statements, Internal Audit Evaluation Division's report and work plan, and other related matters.

We also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Brunei Audit Department's newly appointed Auditor General of Audit Department, Mr. Matali bin Haji Md. Yusof.

For the Uniqueness column, we would like to present Ha Long Bay, Vietnam as one of the natural wonders accredited by UNESCO World Heritage in Vietnam.

Finally, I would like to thank SAI Myanmar, SAI Philippines and SAI Vietnam for their contributions to this newsletter. I would like to continue to encourage for all ASEANSI members to actively contribute articles to enrich the ASEANSI newsletter. Thank you.

Best regards,

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## THE ASEANSI STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING ON BUILDING THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR ASEANSI, DA NANG, VIETNAM 5 - 10 MAY 2014

The ASEANSI Strategic Plan Committee (SPC) recently hosted a meeting on building a monitoring and evaluation system for the implementation of the ASEANSI Strategic Plan in Da Nang, Vietnam from 5 - 10 May 2014.

The meeting was chaired by SAI Vietnam and attended by representatives from SAI Indonesia, SAI Malaysia and SAI Philippines as members of the SPC. Representing the ASEANSI Executive Committee were representatives from SAI Brunei and SAI Cambodia. Also in attendance was a representative from GIZ.



In achieving the objective of the meeting, an expert on the subject matter was invited by GIZ to assist the SPC where he shared key concepts and theories on how to develop an effective and successful monitoring system.



## COURSE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA 9 - 20 JUNE 2014



As part of its effort to enhance and share knowledge, skills and experience from various SAI members, the ASEANSI Training Committee conducted a two-part course entitled Course Design and Development and Instructional Techniques Workshop (CDDITW) on 9 - 20 June 2014 in Johor Bahru (JB), Malaysia.

The second part of the program was a lighter experience where participants were taught the difference between facilitation and facilitator as well as shown how to become good instructors/facilitators. At the end of the course, participants from different SAI countries were formed into groups, to plan, prepare, practice and present their output from an assigned session from the first part of the program. For most participants, speaking to an audience proved to be a daunting task, while others took it as an opportunity to gather constructive feedback as well as being enlightened to some of the "do nots" when speaking in public. A valuable lesson indeed.



The program not only strengthened ties between ASEANSI members, but it has also improved the kinship between those who came from various beliefs, races and cultures backgrounds.

## THE FOCUS GROUP MEETING (FGM): RESEARCH ON AUDIT OF CONTRACT PROCUREMENT, JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA 18 - 20 JUNE 2014



The Focus Group Meeting (FGM): Research on Audit of Contract Procurement was held at KSL Hotel & Resort, Johor Bahru from 18 - 20 June 2014. The meeting was organized by Jabatan Audit Negara Malaysia as the Chairman of ASEANSI Knowledge Sharing Committee.

15 participants from eight SAIs attended the meeting namely SAI Brunei Darussalam, SAI Cambodia, SAI Indonesia, SAI Lao PDR, SAI Malaysia, SAI Myanmar, SAI Philippines and SAI Thailand.

The 3 days meeting was facilitated by Director of Special Audit & Research Sector and Deputy Director (Research) Special Audit & Research Sector of Jabatan Audit Negara, Malaysia.

The objectives of the meeting were to identify common issues / challenges / lessons learnt in the contract procurement audit and to share knowledge, experiences and best practices on audit of contract procurement to enhance the effectiveness of the audits.



The agenda of the meeting included Country Paper Presentations, Summary of Country Paper Presentations, and discussion sessions on distribution of work which focused on developing the framework for Contract Procurement Audit Guideline. The Contract Procurement Audit Guideline were expected to be completed by end of year 2015.

## SAI BRUNEI MOVING TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



SAI Brunei recently celebrated the achievement of two new Association Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) affiliates. With the aim to provide higher standards of audit quality and moving towards its vision to be a high quality government auditing institution, SAI Brunei is committed to build the skills and competence of its staff through capacity building which constitutes as an integral part of its strategic planning in its efforts to create professional and diligent workforce. This is in line with Brunei Darussalam National Vision 2035 "for the accomplishments of well educated and highly skilled people".

SAI Brunei currently has 1 Chartered Engineer (CEng) Members Of Institute of Civil Engineering (MICE), five Association of Certified Chartered Accountants Members (ACCA) and two ACCA affiliates. Going forward, SAI Brunei will continue to give opportunities to its staff in enhancing their professional development through academic qualification and relevant courses.

