

UACES Scholarship Report
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I would like to express my greatest appreciations to UACES for awarding me one of the four UACES Scholarships in 2017

Outline of the Project

The ultimate ambition of the paper is to explore whether EU can be the new international aviation hegemon by initiating the multilateralism through its effort to negotiate, contract as well as sustainably adjust the Open Skies Agreement with ASEAN based on the externalization of EU's Normative Power Europe. 2017 is the 40th Anniversary of EU-ASEAN relations, more importantly, EU has officially announced that EU will conclude the EU-ASEAN Open Skies Agreement in 2017 to mark the celebration of 40-years relations between two parties.

The Conceptual Framework has been established based on the Regimes Theory research findings of Krasner, Ikenberry, Keohane, Nye, Stein, Powell as well as the Chicago Convention and other international civil aviation laws and regulations. Therefore, the field research should be conducted in ASEAN to explore whether ASEAN Secretariat and major ASEAN member states are willing to sign the Open Skies Agreement with EU.

Academic Achievement

UACES Scholarship enabled me to conduct many high-quality interviews in Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia (I did not include the ones who does not wish to expose their real names)

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong

Former General Secretary of ASEAN, Executive Deputy Chairman, School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Professor Alan Tan

Professor of Law, National University of Singapore. He wrote many papers and delivered many important speeches and presentations on EU-ASEAN Open Skies Agreement

Dr. Termsak Chalermphanupap

Lead Researcher of Political and Security Affairs, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore. From July 1999 until April 2009, he was Special Assistant to three Secretaries-General of ASEAN (Mr. Rodolfo C. Severino, Mr. Ong Keng Yong, and Dry Surin Pitsuwan).

Dr. Yeo Lay Hwee, Director of EU Center in Singapore
Dry Tang Siew Mun
Head of ASEAN Studies Centre, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore

Mr. Pierre-Louis Lempereur

Head of Political Section, EU Delegation to Singapore

Professor Natthanan Kunnamas, Jean Monnet Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. She is the first Thai and Southeast Asian to be awarded Jean Monnet Professorship (<http://www.chula.ac.th/en/archive/7593>)

Ms. Suparat UDOMKIATTIKUL, Officer at EU Delegation to Thailand. She oversaw the AATIP Project Management (ASEAN Air Transport Integration Program, EU-funded program to establish the Single ASEAN Aviation Market), Thailand

Eddy Krismedi, Senior Officer, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia. He was the chief negotiator of EU-ASEAN Civil Aviation Negotiation, he was also the chief negotiator for EU-China Civil Aviation Negotiation, EU-Japan Civil Aviation Negotiation as well as EU-Korea Civil Aviation Negotiation

Use of Scholarship

The 1500 Pounds UACES Scholarship has been used up at transportation, accommodation and other living costs during the field research trip from April to May 2017. It has been used up mainly due to the high living costs in Singapore.

Positive Aspects

There are so many positive aspects: 1, with the UACES Scholarship, I successfully interviewed almost every scholar I contacted in ASEAN. Because UACES is extremely famous among EU studies scholars in the world. 2. I managed to interview some very important person on EU-ASEAN relations and EU-ASEAN civil aviation relations. For example, Ambassador Ong, the former General Secretary of ASEAN in Singapore as well as Eddy Krismedi, the former chief negotiator of EU-ASEAN civil aviation negotiation.

Negative Aspect

I did not anticipate the difficult transportation situation in Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia. There is no subway inside Jakarta, also there was very few people speaking English in Jakarta. I did have many transportation difficulties and many other language related difficulties in Jakarta.