2027 Asia Leaders Programme

Module Two Experiential Project Learning
Singapore & Thailand





Empowering youth to solve regional challenges through collaboration and innovation

ASEAN faces a paradox. Millions of graduates struggle to find opportunities that fully utilise their skills and aspirations, while urgent challenges in climate adaptation, food security, sustainability, and inclusive development remain under-addressed. The problem is not a shortage of talent, but a shortage of pathways that connect talent to opportunity, innovation to impact, and ambition to society's most pressing needs.

This action-learning project challenges participants to reimagine how ASEAN develops and deploys its human capital. Participants will explore one possible solution: the ASEAN Talent and Entrepreneurial Corridor (ATEC).

Rather than preparing young people solely to compete for existing jobs, ATEC seeks to strengthen talent mobility and exposure to different ASEAN contexts; catalyse cross-border collaboration and venture creation; and support a more integrated innovation ecosystem, where cross-border ventures become easier, more sustainable, and more scalable.

ASEAN at a glance

4th
largest economy globally with the world's 3rd largest labour pool by 2030

35%
of GDP at risk, from climate and nature-related risks

31.4%
are entrepreneurs, with another 33.1% of ASEAN youth aspiring to be

Why Singapore & Thailand?

Singapore hosts many organisations that provide impact investment and support regional innovation. As it prepares to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2027, with a focus on sustainability, regional energy integration, and deeper ASEAN cooperation, Singapore offers a unique lens into how capital, partnerships, and policy can be mobilised to create impact across ASEAN.

Thailand, meanwhile, offers a ground-level perspective on the opportunities and challenges faced by ASEAN entrepreneurs seeking to create sustainability impact. With one of ASEAN's most developed social enterprise ecosystems, it provides valuable insights into how ventures are built and scaled in practice, the barriers they encounter, and the support systems needed to foster the next generation of changemakers.

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Building an ASEAN Talent and Entrepreneurial Corridor (ATEC)

As part of the experiential learning module, participants will conduct site visits and interviews with stakeholders from government offices, businesses, and communities.



Key Focus Areas:

1. Partnership and Ecosystem Design

In an AI era, this explores how ATEC could be structured, governed, coordinated, and sustained across ASEAN, while building the partnerships needed to support talent development, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration.

2. Learning & Entrepreneurial Services

Examine how young people can access learning opportunities, mentorship, regional exposure, entrepreneurial support, and mobility pathways that enable them to develop solutions to ASEAN's shared challenges.

3. Regional and National Policy Enablers

Investigate what are the policies, regulations, and institutional arrangements needed to support talent mobility and cross-border entrepreneurship.
The focus is on identifying barriers and developing recommendations.

What Participants Will Learn

Learn how to communicate with powerful, human-centric narratives that inspire, influence, and drive action, using real-world insights and visual storytelling.

Gain clarity over the complexity of regional cooperation and competing tensions between stakeholders to unlock fresh perspectives and opportunities for your industry.

Access frontline insights into 21st-century challenges, trends, and innovations that can be applied to your industry, ensuring your organisation remains resilient, adaptable, and future-proof.