

Resources for Developing STI Coordinators and for Promoting Multilateral and Trans-disciplinary Collaboration in Japan and ASEAN

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Abstract and Objectives: This session will introduce good practices and explore funding schemes to nurture STI coordinators in Japan and ASEAN. Several programmes have been initiated to cultivate their professional career: URA curriculum and OJT implemented at Kyoto University Research Administration Office, and ASEAN Science and Technology Fellowship managed by ASEAN Foundation. Under these programs, young talents have been building their professional skills across academic, governmental and private sectors, with the aim of facilitating STI activities and securing necessary funding to maximize their individual as well as institutional contributions to the society. Initially they focus on working within a defined scope of their own affiliation and region, but there are some common interests in utilizing their expertise across other disciplines including humanities, other institutions and Asian countries. Aiming to learn from those good practices, 7 online discussion were organized by KURA, in collaboration with the ASEAN Foundation, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and the Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology, and Innovation Platform (JASTIP). The discussion summary will be reported in this session as well as ASEAN-COSTI Secretariat and Mission of Japan to ASEAN.