

# ***Call for Proposals: 2024 ASEAN-Korea Academic Essay Contest***

## **Organized by**

ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC)

## **Academic Partnership with**

Pukyong National University (PKNU), [TBC] National University of Laos (NUOL)

## **Supported by**

ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (ROK), ASEAN University Network

## **BACKGROUND**

Community-centered relations continue to be focal to the ASEAN-Korea partnership. Particularly, this has provided vast opportunities for greater participation and engagement for youths in both regions to contribute towards solidifying the partnership between ASEAN and Korea and in promoting its integration. As the future leaders of ASEAN-Korea community and potential beneficiaries of a sustainable ASEAN-Korea partnership, it is critical for youth to have avid interests in emerging issues or ongoing developments relevant to ASEAN-Korea relations, fostering deeper understanding and possibly contributing to bridging perception gaps. The concept of community is also emphasized specifically in the Korea-ASEAN Solidarity Initiative (KASI), the ROK's regional strategic framework tailored to ASEAN, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP).

To realize these efforts and synergies built in KASI and AOIP, ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in collaboration with Pukyong National University (PKNU) and National University of Laos (NUOL), is hosting the '**2024 ASEAN-Korea Academic Essay Contest**'. The Contest aims to provide an avenue for students to thoroughly conduct research and share their knowledge and insights on ASEAN and ASEAN-Korea relations related matters.

We are inviting graduate and undergraduate students of ASEAN and Korean nationalities to participate in the Contest through submitting original, yet coherent essays on offering the way forward to further strengthen ASEAN- Korea relations and cooperation towards a more sustainable partnership.

Interested applicants are highly recommended to work with the guidance of an academic advisor when writing both the proposal and the full-developed essay, individually.

## **THEME**

***Way Forward to Enhance ASEAN-Korea Relations in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) Era.***

In 2024, bolstering youth's active engagement continues to remain one of the priority cooperation areas. At the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Summit last September, the Leaders emphasized and recognized the pivotal role of youth exchanges in fostering mutual understanding and trust between ASEAN and Korea. This echoes ROK's aspiration to cement participation and engagement with the youth population. More importantly, 2024 is a special year as it observes a commemoration of the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-Korea Dialogue Relations, with an anticipation to the elevation of ASEAN-Korea Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, alongside the 15th anniversary of the AKC's establishment. In this milestone year, the AKC remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering youth to shape the future relationship between ASEAN and Korea. By inviting prospective students to express their fresh and original ideas, the AKC is actively promoting youth's engagement and empowerment in taking the lead and shaping the pathway forward in further strengthening ASEAN and ASEAN-Korea Relations in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Era.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Contest is open to all undergraduate and graduate students (Master's and Ph.D.) of both ASEAN or Korean nationality:

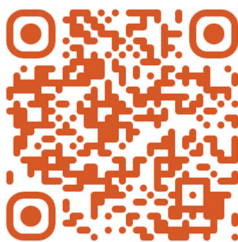
- Applicants must submit a proposal as an individual.
- Applicants must submit a recommendation form approved by their academic advisor.

### **LANGUAGE**

Submissions must only be made in **English**.

### **SUBMISSION METHOD**

Link: <https://forms.gle/PwRpqGuxg4VGtQkp9>



## PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FY2024(TBC)

Stages	Date (2024)	Note
<b>Proposal stage: Submission and Evaluation</b>		
Submission Deadline	April 22	- Submit by 6 PM (KST)
Proposal Screening	April 23 – May 10	- Refer to <i>Evaluation</i> below
Announcement	May 14	- Announcement will be made via individual email. - Only selected proposals are subject to essay stages.
<b>Essay stage: Submission and Evaluation</b>		
Submission Deadline	July 7	Submit by 6 PM (KST)
Evaluation	July 9 – August 2	Refer to <i>Evaluation</i> below
Announcement	August 7	- Public announcement will be made on AKC website - Winners will receive individual email
<b>Award Ceremony, Presentation, and Study Visit (ROK and ID)</b>		
2024 Annual Conference of KASEAS at PKNU (Sideline event)	August 31 (TBC)	- Grand prize winners will have the opportunity to present their winning essays at the 2024 Annual Conference of KASEAS at PKNU - Grand prize winners will submit PPT - Detailed instructions will be provided before the Conference
Study Visit	End of August – September (TBC)	Study visits to ROK and ID

## EVALUATION

All eligible entries received will be assessed by a qualified panel of judges from ASEAN and Korea.

Evaluation Criteria /Rate	
<b>Research Question</b> Importance – contributions to promoting the ASEAN-Korea relationship Puzzle – originality and creativity, hard to explain with pre-existing studies	30%
<b>Argument</b> Relevance – proper answer (hypothesis) to the research question Logic – convincing causal explanations	25%
<b>Methodology &amp; Evidence</b> Appropriate methods to offer evidence Good evidence to support the argument	25%
<b>Policy Suggestions</b> Realistic, feasible suggestions and recommendations based on the analysis of the causal mechanism	15%
<b>Sources and References</b> Proper use of APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition Appropriate use of references, including in-text citations and bibliography	5%

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

Stages	Documents
Proposal stage	① Proposal ( <i>refer Proposal Guidelines</i> ) ② Application Form and Consent Form ③ Recommendation Form ( <i>by Academic Advisor</i> ) ④ Copy of Student ID card or Enrollment Certificate
Essay stage	① Essay (with abstract) - Max. 5,000 words ( <i>excluding abstract &amp; references</i> ) - Times New Roman, 12 points, 1.5 interlinear - Using Microsoft Word

## ESSAY STAGE

- Selected proposals will be announced via individual emails.
- Additional guidelines for the essay stage will be provided upon announcement of selected proposals.

## PRIZES

Prize	No. of Winner(s)	Award
Grand Prize	2	Study visits to ROK and 1 AMS*
Excellence Prize	2	KRW 1,000,000
Merit Prize	2	KRW 500,000

*\* [Tentative] Indonesia (ASEAN Secretariat, etc)*

*Grand Prize Winners will have the opportunity to present their winning essays at the 2024 KASEAS Annual Conference at PKNU*

## NOTICE

- All requirements must be submitted via Google Form (refer to “Submission Method” p.2)
- For any inquiries, please contact us at [essay@aseankorea.org](mailto:essay@aseankorea.org)

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