HSS signs accord establishing the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA)

Together with counterparts at Kyoto University and eight other leading institutions on Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, HSS has signed a charter to establish a new international Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) on 11 October 2013.

The Consortium Charter was signed in Kyoto by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University; the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University; the Indonesian Institute of Sciences; the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Academia Sinica; the Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies; the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University; the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore; the Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies; the Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam; and the Asian Center, University of the Philippines.
SEASIA will promote Southeast Asian studies by linking the leading area studies institutions in the region in a cooperative venture to provide a multilateral forum for organizing academic meetings, seminars, workshops, and symposia. One of its main activities will be to organize a biennial conference, the first of which is expected to take place in Kyoto in 2015.

SEASIA will also promote research collaboration and networking, operate as a system for sharing information, and offer opportunities for education and training of young and up-and-coming scholars. It also seeks to connect institutions specializing in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities whose scholars have an interest in, and who work on or in Southeast Asia, but do not necessarily consider themselves area studies specialists.

Professor Sunait Chutintaranond of Chulalongkorn University is Chairperson of the Governing Board, which is made up of the following members:

- Ikrar Nusa Bhakti (Indonesian Institute of Sciences)
- Michael Feener (National University of Singapore)
- Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao (Academia Sinica)
- Liu Hong (Nanyang Technological University)
- Park Jang Sik (Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies)
- Eduardo Tadem (University of the Philippines)
- Tong Chee Kiong (Universiti Brunei Darussalam)
- Shimizu Hiromu (Kyoto University): Secretary

The Secretariat is based in the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University.