

2022-2025

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The Association of Southeast  
and East Asian Catholic  
Colleges and Universities



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SAINT JOSEPH  
MACAO

# ASEACCU Report

Growth

Collaboration

Engagement

# ASEACCU 2022-2025

## At a Glance

PARTICIPANTS  
IN EVENTS

1000+

COUNTRIES &  
REGIONS  
REPRESENTED

12

NEW MEMBER INSTITUTIONS &  
OBSERVERS

9 + 2

MEMBER  
INSTITUTIONS

93

MoUs SIGNED  
BETWEEN ASEACCU  
MEMBERS

115+



# ASEACCU

## 2022 - 2025 REPORT

The Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) is a regional organization that unites Catholic higher education institutions across Southeast and East Asia. Its primary objective is to foster collaboration among its members to promote academic excellence, cultural exchange, and Catholic values in higher education. Through annual conferences, research initiatives, and joint projects, ASEACCU strengthens the mission of Catholic universities in addressing global challenges while upholding faith-based education.

# ASEACCU

## 2022 - 2025 REPORT

In September 2022, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, was elected as the Executive Secretariat of ASEACCU, after the **University of Santo Tomas (2013-2022)**. Since then, USJ has played a pivotal role in organizing key events, facilitating international partnerships, and promoting the association's core mission. Under its leadership, ASEACCU has expanded its collaborations, co-hosted impactful conferences, and fostered the signing of multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen academic ties among member institutions.

This report outlines the significant activities and achievements of ASEACCU under USJ's leadership over the past three years, highlighting key conferences, strategic partnerships, and collaboration agreements.



**Fr. Richard G Ang, O.P.**  
Secretariat General of ASEACCU (2013-2022)



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# Organizational Structure



# ASEACCU

**Association of Southeast and East Asian  
Catholic Colleges and Universities**

The Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) is a regional association of Catholic Universities in countries within this geographical area. The purpose of the organization is to promote Catholic higher education and to be a support for the local Churches. ASEACCU also aims to contribute to educational dialog on an regional level beyond the Southeast and East Asian region.

**TO SERVE AS A FORUM FOR MEMBER  
INSTITUTIONS.**

**TO REFLECT ON HOW TO FULFILL THE IDEALS  
OF A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AS EXPRESSED BY  
“EX CODE ECCLESIAS” AND OTHER CHURCH  
DOCUMENTS.**

**TO ENSURE THAT THEIR IDENTITY AS CATHOLIC  
INSTITUTIONS IS CLEARLY DEFINED AND  
CONSISTENTLY UPHELD.**

**TO FOSTER OPEN, HIGH-LEVEL DIALOG AND  
COLLABORATION - AMONG THEMSELVES, WITH  
OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND  
WITH GOVERNMENTS - IN THE SHARED  
PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

# History

August 20-23, 1993

The First General Assembly of Catholic Universities and Colleges of Southeast and East Asia took place from August 20 - 23, 1993, at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. This pivotal event marked the formal establishment of the Association of Southeast and East Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU).

The assembly brought together Catholic higher education leaders from across Southeast and East Asia to:

Strengthen collaboration among Catholic institutions in the region.

Affirm shared values rooted in Catholic identity, academic excellence, and social responsibility.

Establish ASEACCU as a regional body affiliated with the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU)

This gathering was a response to the growing need for a unified platform where Catholic universities could share resources, address common challenges, and promote the mission of Catholic higher education in a rapidly changing Asia.

Today, ASEACCU continues to serve as a vital network for Catholic colleges and universities in the region, upholding the vision set forth during its inaugural assembly.

# Executive Secretariat

The ASEACCU Secretariat serves as the administrative hub of the Association, ensuring the continuity and coordination of its initiatives. It is hosted by a member university that volunteers to provide office support and institutional backing for a term of three years, with the possibility of serving a second consecutive term, as elected by the General Assembly.

The University of Santo Tomas (UST), Manila, served as the Executive Secretariat of ASEACCU for two full terms. During the second term, Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., as Rector of UST, played an important role in guiding the Secretariat's work. His leadership helped strengthen the Association's mission of Catholic academic collaboration and deepened ties among member institutions across Southeast and East Asia.

At the 2022 General Assembly in Cambodia, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, was elected unanimously to assume the role of Executive Secretariat, marking a new chapter of leadership while building upon the strong foundations laid by UST.



**Rev. Prof. Stephen David Morgan**

Rector



**Prof. Dr. Álvaro Barbosa**

Vice-Rector for  
Internationalisation  
and Academic Affairs



**Dr. Teresa Loong**

Vice-Rector for  
Student Life

# Secretariat – Supporting Team



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Head of the International  
Affairs Office



**Gracinda Neves**

Head of Finance and  
Human Resources Office



**Hugo Domingues**

Secretariat and Public  
Relations Office



**Jenny Hong**

International Affairs  
Office



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Finance and Human  
Resources Office



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Office for Student and  
Alumni Affairs



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Information Systems Office



**Paulo Albuquerque**

International Affairs  
Office

# Secretariat - Editorial Team



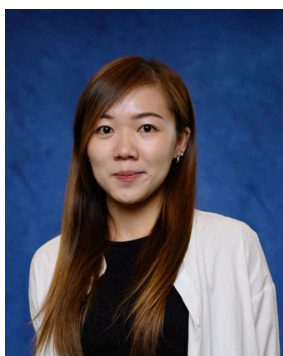
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# Executive Board

The ASEACCU Executive Board is accountable to the General Assembly and serves as a strategic advisory body to the Secretariat. Each full member country is represented by one institutional member, nominated by the country's member institutions and elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term. Representatives are typically Presidents of member institutions or their appointed delegates.



## **Australia**

**Mr. Chris Riley**

2022-Present

Pro Vice-Chancellor,  
Australian Catholic University



## **Cambodia**

**Prof. Phon Sophal**

2022-Present

Director,  
Saint Paul Institute



## **Hong Kong**

**Prof LO Tit Wing**

August 2025 - Present

President,  
Saint Francis University



## **Indonesia**

**Prof. Probo Y.  
Nugrahd**

Until February, 2023

Soegijapranata Catholic University

# Executive Board



## Indonesia

**Fr. Albertus Bagus Laksana**

2023-Present

Rector,  
Sanata Dharma University



## Japan

**Prof. Yoshiaki Terumichi**

Until April, 2025

Sophia University



## Japan

**Prof. Miki Sugimura**

2025 - Present

President,  
Sophia University



## Korea

**Fr. Luke Jongchul Won**

Until December, 2024

Catholic University of Korea



## Korea

**Fr. Michael Jungui Choi**

2025 - Present

President,  
Catholic University of Korea



## Macao

**Rev. Prof. Stephen David Morgan**

2022-Present

Rector,  
University of Saint Joseph



## Philippines

**Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan**

Until July, 2023

San Beda University



## Philippines

**Fr. Gilbert B. Sales**

2023 - Present

President,  
Saint Louis Institute

# Executive Board



## Taiwan

**Prof. Anne Therese Falkenstein**

Until February, 2023

Providence University



## Taiwan

**Prof. Lucia S. Lin**

2023-Present

President,  
Providence University



## Thailand

**Dr. Glen Chatelier**

2022-Present

Representative of **Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran**, President-Rector Magnificus of Assumption University



## Thailand

**Br. Gabriel Sirichai**

2024-Present

Assumption University

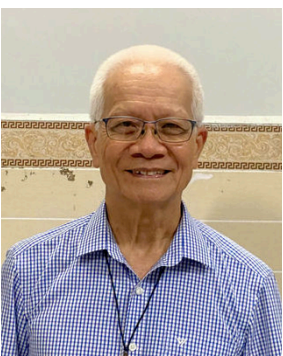


## Timor-Leste

**Prof. João Cândio Freitas**

2024-Present

Representative of **Fr. Joel C. Pinto**, Rector of Catholic University of Timor-Leste



## Vietnam

**Fr. Joseph Nguyen Van Am**

2024-Present

Representative of **Bishop Peter Kham Nguyen**, Rector Catholic Institute of Vietnam



# IFCU 1924 - 2024

International Federation of  
Catholic Universities

# IFCU 1924-2024

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## Promoting the IFCU Centenary and Strengthening Global Ties

As an affiliate of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) serves as a vital regional platform for collaboration and exchange among Catholic higher education institutions in Southeast and East Asia. Upholding the principles of Catholic social teaching, ASEACCU fosters joint initiatives that support education, research, and community engagement. Member institutions actively contribute to shaping the future of global Catholic education through dialogue, sharing of best practices, and advancing academic excellence across the region.



During the 30th ASEACCU Annual Conference in Sydney, the Secretariat took the opportunity to highlight the Centenary of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU). As the Asia-Pacific regional affiliate of IFCU, ASEACCU shares its mission of promoting Catholic higher education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and global solidarity.

This strong connection has been further affirmed by the presence of IFCU representatives at both the 29th and 30th ASEACCU Annual Conferences.



# Publications and Communications ASEACCU 2022-2025

# ASEACCU Website

## A Hub for Information and Engagement

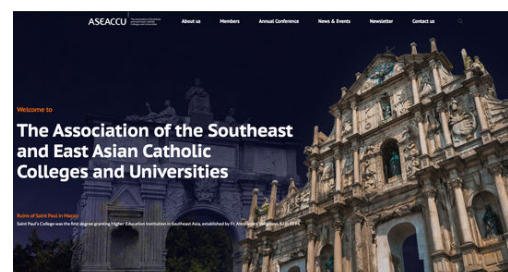
To improve its digital presence and accessibility, ASEACCU launched a new official website with a dedicated domain. This website serves as a centralized platform for member institutions, offering key information on the association's mission, activities and collaborations.

Key features of the New ASEACCU Website:

**Membership and Conference Payment Portal** – a streamlined online payment system for membership fees and annual conference registrations, making transactions more efficient;

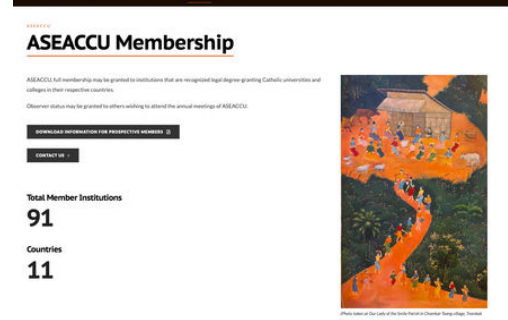
**Repository of Past Events and Newsletters** – a comprehensive archive featuring materials from previous ASEACCU conferences, past newsletters, and important institutional updates;

**Resource Hub for Members** – direct access to the ASEACCU Repository, where members can find official documents, publications, and administrative records.



Please check the appropriate fee below:	
SEP 2022 - AUG 2023 ASEACCU Membership	USD\$300
ASEACCU Membership Fee for 2022/2023 only	
2022/2023 and 2023/2024 ASEACCU Membership	USD\$600
ASEACCU Membership Fee for 2 years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024)	
2023/2024 ASEACCU Membership	USD\$300
ASEACCU Membership Fee for 2023/2024 only	

**Remarks:**  
1. After submitting the membership fee registration, you will receive the invoice with the information to proceed with your membership payment options.  
2. Multi-year payments are encouraged to reduce transaction costs.  
3. Please include your invoice number in all bank transfers.



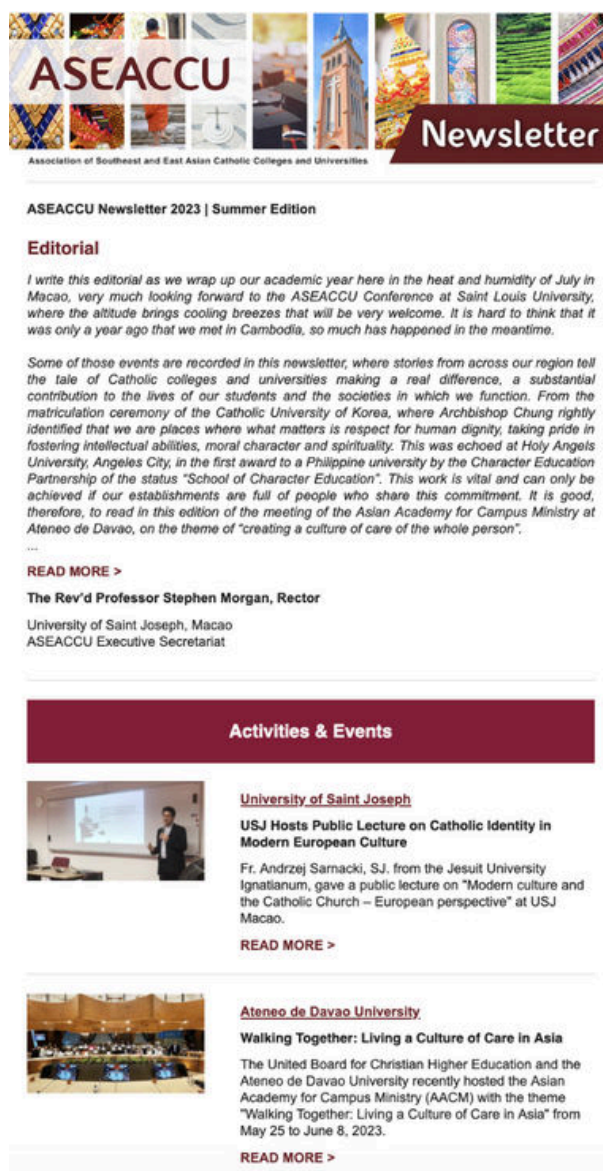
# ASEACCU Newsletter

## Rebranded Online Version

The ASEACCU Newsletter is the association's official digital publication, serving as a platform for sharing updates, insights, and achievements from member institutions. To enhance accessibility, the newsletter was rebranded into an online format and is now published twice a year, in Spring and Summer.

Through this initiative, ASEACCU ensures that key developments – such as academic collaborations, faculty and student achievements, and reflections on Catholic identity in higher education – are widely recognized and celebrated.

To encourage engagement, ASEACCU issues a regular call for submissions, inviting members to contribute news, research, and institutional updates. By embracing a digital format, the ASEACCU Newsletter has become a dynamic communication tool, fostering a stronger sense of community among Catholic higher education institutions in the region.



# ASEACCU Repository

## A Centralized Resource for Members

ASEACCU has established a dedicated repository, accessible at <https://files.aseaccu.asia/>.

This platform serves as a centralized hub for various organizational documents and resources, systematically categorized into specific folders:

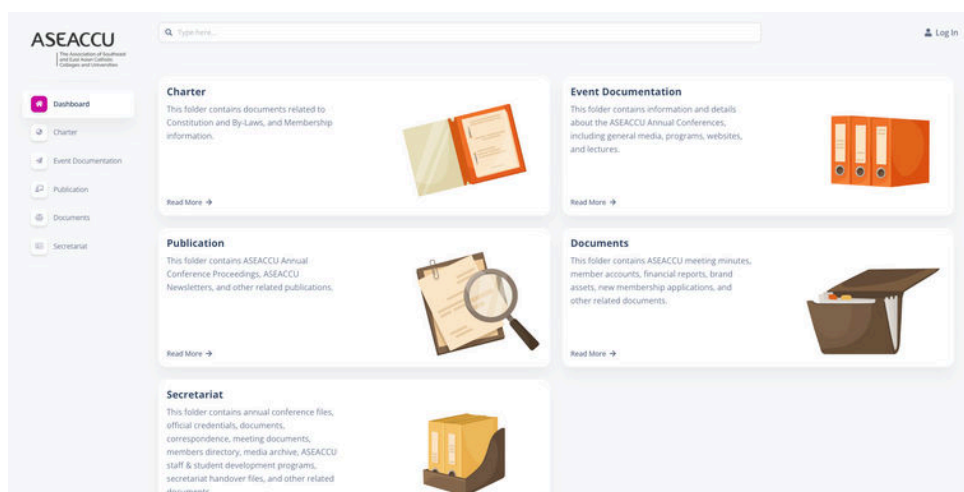
**Charter** – documents related to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Membership information;

**Event Documentation** – information and details about ASEACCU Annual Conferences, including general media, programs, websites, and lectures;

**Publication** – includes ASEACCU Annual Conference Proceedings, Newsletters, and other related publications;

**Documents** – encompasses meeting minutes, member accounts, financial reports, brand assets, new membership applications, and other related materials.

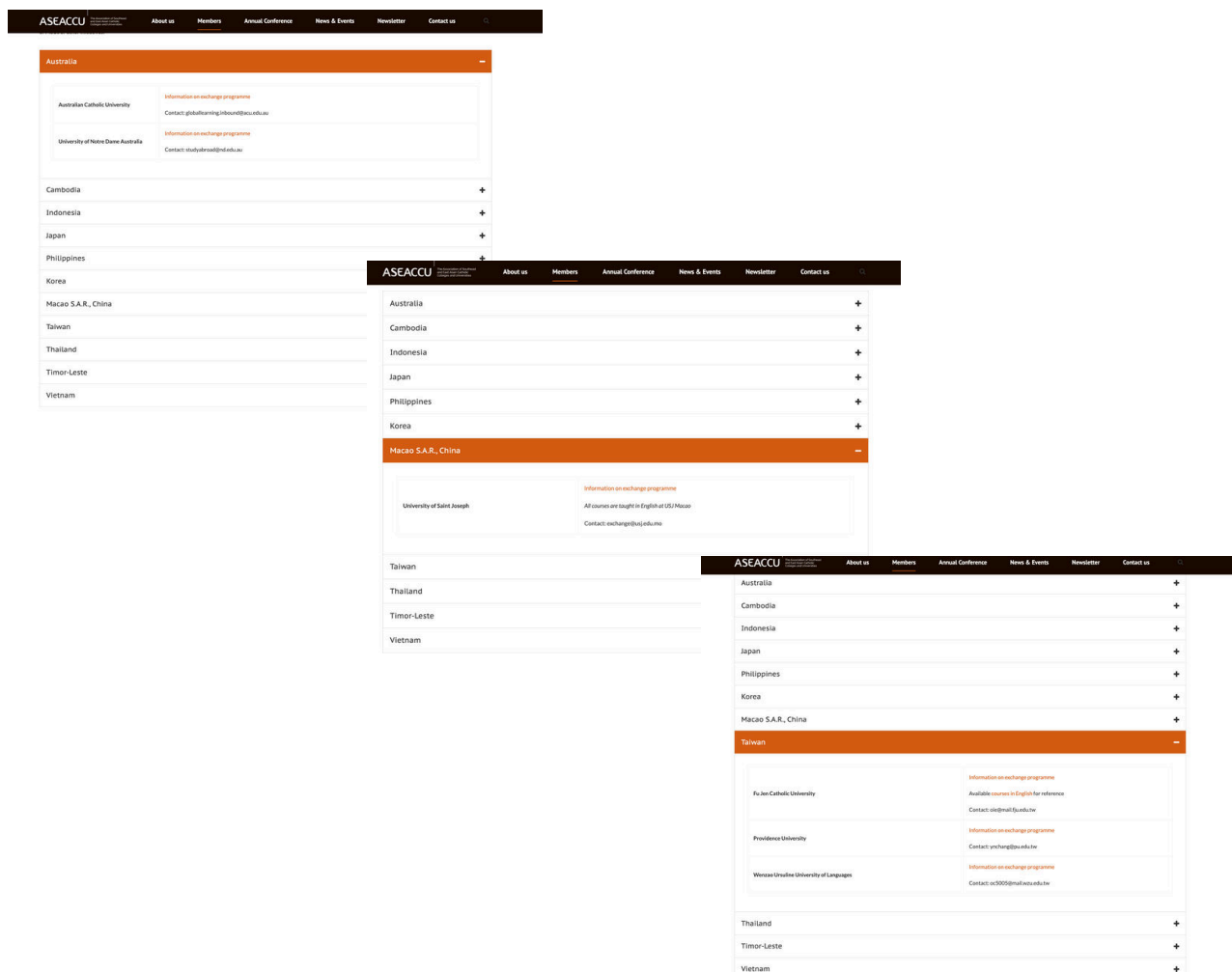
**Secretariat** – contains annual conference files official credentials, correspondence, meeting documents, member directory, media archive, ASEACCU staff and student development programs, secretariat handover files, and more.



This repository ensures that ASEACCU members have streamlined access to essential documents, facilitating effective collaboration and information sharing within the association.

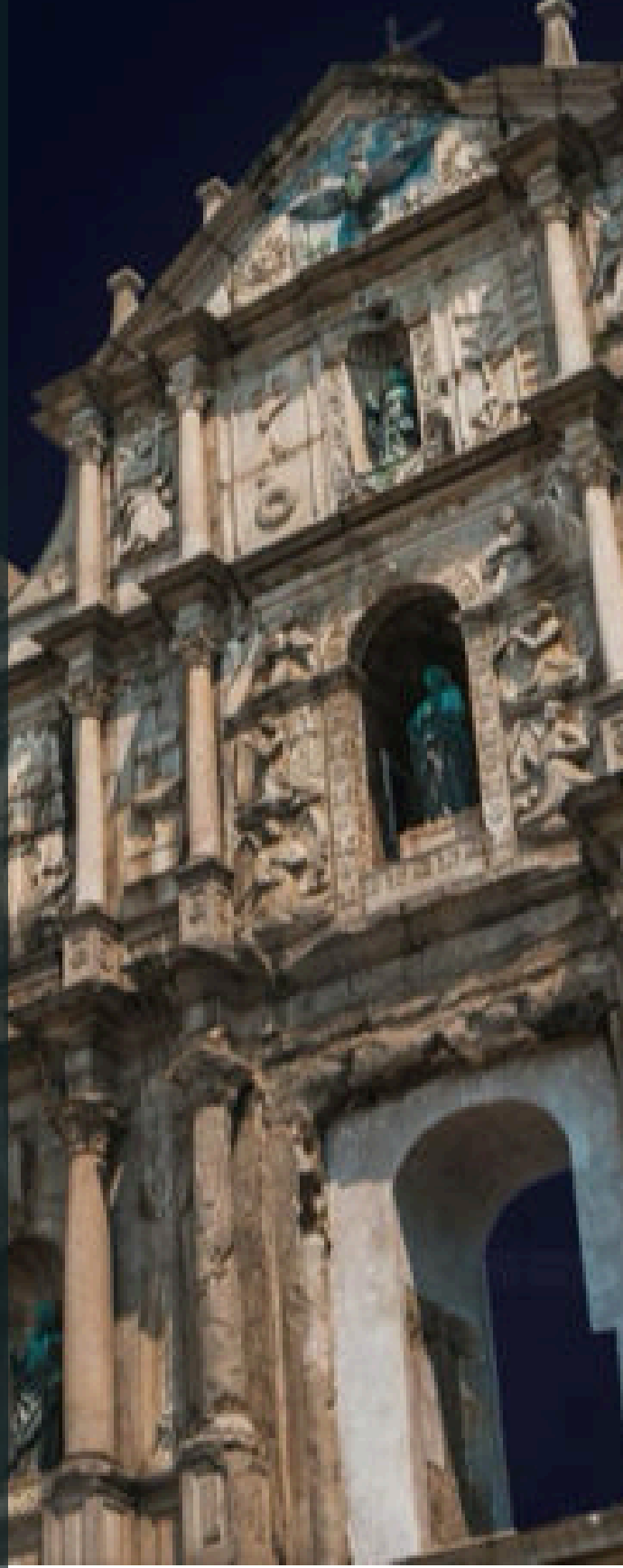
# Exchange Dynamics

## Fostering Academic Mobility and Institutional Collaboration



ASEACCU aims to strengthen collaborative exchange among its member institutions by fostering an ecosystem of shared knowledge, academic mobility, and mutual growth. Member institutions with complementary programs are encouraged to pursue further cooperation through student exchanges, faculty mobility, and the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs).

# Expanding Strategic Collaborations



ASEACCU continues to expand its regional and international presence through strategic institutional visits and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with key Catholic universities and academic organizations. These efforts reinforce the association's mission to foster academic cooperation, research exchange, and shared values in Catholic higher education.

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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### Formalizing Academic Partnerships

ASEACCU members have signed **115+ Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)** with universities and educational organizations, solidifying long-term partnerships that promote knowledge exchange and academic development.

## Institutional Visits

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### Building Stronger Academic Ties

To strengthen relationships with member institutions and explore new collaborative opportunities, delegations from the ASEACCU Executive Secretariat conducted official visits to prominent Catholic universities across the region. Vice-versa, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao - home of the ASEACCU Secretariat - has also welcomed delegations from members institutions to its campus, reinforcing the spirit of mutual engagement and regional collaboration..

## Secretariat and Member Institutions Activities

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### Advancing Collaboration and Engagement

Through visits, exchanges, and joint initiatives, the ASEACCU Secretariat and member institutions have deepened regional ties, supported academic cooperation, and promoted shared values across Catholic higher education.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### Assumption University and USJ Macao Formalize Academic Collaboration

April 5, 2023 | Thailand

Assumption University of Thailand and the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen academic cooperation and promote shared Catholic values in higher education. The agreement was signed during a visit to Assumption University's Hua Mak campus, where Presidents Rev. Brother Bancha Saenghiran and Rev'd Prof. Stephen Morgan discussed joint strategies for value-based education in Asia. Discussions between deans and international affairs heads focused on initiating student-centered academic collaboration between both institutions.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### USJ Macao and Providence University Taiwan Sign MoU to Deepen Catholic Academic Collaboration

May 17, 2023 | Taiwan

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, and Providence University, Taiwan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen academic collaboration within the ASEACCU network. Supported by the Macao Foundation, the agreement promotes joint initiatives in research, student and staff exchange, and Catholic education. As key ASEACCU members, both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to regional cooperation and academic excellence in Catholic higher education.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### Formalizing Ties: ASEACCU and AUAP Commit to Shared Higher Education Goals

November 18, 2023 | Thailand

ASEACCU Executive Secretary Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan and Dr. Md. Saber Khan, President of the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the 36th AUAP International Conference to strengthen collaboration between the two associations. The partnership focuses on shared goals in quality assurance, leadership, teaching, technology, and research, supporting joint programs and initiatives that advance Catholic and international higher education across Asia.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### USJ Macao and De La Salle Group in the Philippines Establish Academic Partnership

February 19, 2024 | Philippines

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao signed Memorandums of Understanding with two institutions from the De La Salle Group in the Philippines—De La Salle University’s College of Education and De La Salle University–Dasmariñas Senior High School.

The agreements aim to strengthen academic collaboration through faculty and student exchanges, co-supervision of research, joint academic events, and scholarship opportunities. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to innovation, teacher development, and advancing Catholic education in the region.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### USJ and Saint Louis College Bangkok Sign MoU to Strengthen Collaboration in Healthcare and Psychology

March 13, 2024 | Thailand

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, and Saint Louis College (SLC), Bangkok, signed an MoU to promote collaboration in healthcare education and research, particularly in psychology. Signed by USJ Rector Rev'd Prof. Stephen Morgan and SLC President Dr. Kamolwan Bhekanan, the agreement fosters joint initiatives like online courses and research projects, reinforcing both institutions' Catholic mission and commitment to building healthier communities as ASEACCU members.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### USJ Macao and Sogang University Strengthen Collaboration Within ASEACCU Network

May 8, 2024 | South Korea

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao and Sogang University, Seoul, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen academic cooperation within the ASEACCU network. The agreement focuses on shared priorities such as teaching, research, and innovation, supporting joint programmes and exchanges between the institutions. This collaboration reflects both universities' commitment to strengthening Catholic higher education in Asia and fostering globally oriented academic partnerships.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships



### USJ and Catholic Institute of Vietnam Sign MoU and Strengthen Ties with ASEACCU

June 21, 2024 | Vietnam

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, and the Catholic Institute of Vietnam (CIV) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize their commitment to academic collaboration and Catholic educational exchange. During a visit to CIV's Ho Chi Minh City campus, USJ Rector Rev'd Prof. Stephen Morgan and CIV Rector Bishop Joseph Dinh Duc Dao affirmed their shared mission and regional ties.

As Executive Secretariat of ASEACCU, USJ previously invited CIV to join the network, strengthening Vietnam's presence in the association. Both institutions will take part in the upcoming 30th ASEACCU Annual Conference in Sydney.

# Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)

## Formalizing Academic Partnerships

### MoU Signing during **ASEACCU** Annual Conferences

#### 29th ASEACCU Annual Conference - 2023 (Saint Louis University, Baguio, Philippines)

Providence University & Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University & Elisabeth University of Music

Saint Louis University & University of Saint Joseph

Universitas Katolik Widya Mandira & Saint Louis University

Universitas Katolik Widya Mandira & Providence University

Universitas Katolik Widya Mandira & Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages

University of Saint Joseph & Catholic University of Korea

University of Saint Joseph & De La Salle University-Dasmarinas

#### 30th ASEACCU Annual Conference - 2024 (Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Australia)

Australian Catholic University & Parahyangan Catholic University

Australian Catholic University & University of Saint Joseph

Australian Catholic University & Soegijapranata Catholic University

Australian Catholic University & Sanata Dharma University

Saint Mary's University & University of Saint Joseph

Saint Mary's University & Universidade Católica Timorense São João Paulo II

Saint Louis University & San Beda University

University of Saint Joseph & San Beda University

Each year, the ASEACCU Annual Conference serves as a platform for Catholic higher education institutions across Southeast and East Asia to forge new partnerships and strengthen academic cooperation. Among the many outcomes of the conferences, the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) stands out as a tangible expression of shared commitment to Catholic education, regional solidarity, and collaborative innovation.

## Institutional Visits:

Building Stronger Academic Ties



### USJ elected Executive Secretariat of ASEACCU at its 28th Conference and General Assembly

August 23, 2022 | Cambodia

During the 28th ASEACCU Annual Conference held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in August 2022, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) was unanimously elected to serve as the ASEACCU Executive Secretariat for a three-year term. This appointment recognized USJ's active contributions to the Association's initiatives and its commitment to advancing Catholic higher education in the region. USJ officially assumed the role on September 1, 2022, also taking on responsibility for publishing ASEACCU's biannual newsletter.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### ASEACCU Secretariat Strengthens Ties with Member Universities in Taiwan

December, 2022 | Taiwan

During the 2022 Christmas break, Prof. Helen Liu from USJ Macao visited three ASEACCU member institutions in Taiwan—**Providence University**, **Fu Jen Catholic University**, and **Wenzao Ursuline University**—to promote collaboration and shared engagement with ASEACCU’s mission. Discussions focused on joint research in Social Work, student exchange at the Master’s level, and the potential development of a dedicated ASEACCU sub-network.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### Delegation of the ASEACCU Secretariat Visits the Philippines

February 7-10, 2023 | Philippines

A delegation from the ASEACCU Secretariat, led by Executive Secretary Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan, visited the University of Santo Tomas (UST) and Saint Louis University (SLU) to strengthen ties with member institutions. At UST, the delegation thanked the former Secretariat team and explored future collaboration. At SLU, host of the 29th ASEACCU Annual Conference, discussions focused on programme and logistics preparations, reaffirming ASEACCU's full support for the event.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### ASEACCU Secretariat Visits the Catholic University of Korea

April 24, 2023 | South Korea

In April 24, 2023, Dr. Teresa Loong, Vice-Rector for Student Life at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), visited the Catholic University of Korea (CUK) on behalf of ASEACCU's Executive Secretary, Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan. The visit aimed to strengthen engagement with Executive Board members and understand their needs regarding Secretariat services.

Dr. Loong was warmly received by Fr. Luke Jongchul Won, President of CUK, and members of the university's international office. The discussion highlighted shared goals for expanding ASEACCU membership in Korea and fostering collaboration through short-term programs, student exchange, and cooperative study between CUK and USJ.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### Catholic University of Vietnam Invited to Join ASEACCU

October 12, 2023 | Vietnam

A delegation from the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, visited the newly established Catholic University of Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City to explore opportunities for collaboration and share information about ASEACCU's mission and activities. The meeting included fruitful discussions on academic partnership, intellectual exchange, and cultural cooperation, reflecting the shared values of both institutions. USJ introduced ASEACCU as a platform for strengthening ties among Catholic universities in the region. The Catholic University of Vietnam expressed strong interest in joining ASEACCU, marking a promising step toward expanding the network's presence and promoting educational excellence and solidarity in Southeast Asia.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### ASEACCU Secretariat Visit to Australian Catholic University

December 12-17, 2023 | Australia

A delegation from the ASEACCU Secretariat, led by Executive Secretary Rev. Prof. Stephen Morgan and joined by senior representatives from the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, visited Australian Catholic University (ACU) in North Sydney to coordinate preparations for the 30th ASEACCU Annual Conference. Hosted by ACU leadership, the visit centered on logistical planning, financial arrangements, and site assessments. Two main meetings were held: an Executive Board meeting to review the previous conference in Baguio, Philippines, and a Steering Committee meeting focused on organizing the upcoming 2024 event.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



#### USJ Strengthens Partnership with Sogang University, South Korea

January 15, 2024 | Macao

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, welcomed a visit from Prof. Seil Oh, S.J., Vice-President for International Affairs at Sogang University, South Korea. Meetings were held with USJ leadership to explore academic collaboration in the fields of Arts and Humanities, Religious Studies, and Business Administration.

The institutions discussed launching a Faculty Lectureship Programme and student participation in the Sogang International Summer Programme, with benefits including tuition discounts for USJ students. The visit reflects both universities' shared commitment to deepening international engagement within Catholic higher education.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### Xavier University Explores Academic Collaboration with USJ Macao

April 8, 2024 | Macao

USJ Macao welcomed a delegation from Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan to explore academic collaboration in Business and Environmental Sciences. The visit, supported by the Philippine Consulate General in Macao, included benchmarking discussions and a campus tour.

Leaders from both institutions expressed interest in developing joint initiatives, highlighting shared values and commitment to academic excellence within Catholic higher education.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### UST Explores Academic Partnership with USJ Macao to Strengthen ASEACCU Collaboration

May 2, 2024 | Macao

A delegation from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), led by Associate Prof. Archie B. Resos, PhD, visited the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao to explore opportunities for academic collaboration between the two institutions. Welcomed by USJ leadership, the visit focused on potential partnerships between USJ's Faculty of Humanities and UST's Faculty of Arts and Letters. Discussions included proposals for student and academic exchange, joint research, and the development of double degree programs. The meeting also recognized the role of Argene Aguila Clasara, a USJ Master's student and UST alumnus, in facilitating the visit. Both universities reaffirmed their shared commitment to Catholic education and cooperation within the ASEACCU network.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



#### USJ Macao Strengthens Academic Collaboration with San Sebastian College – Recoletos

May 14, 2024 | Philippines

Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Academic Affairs of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao, Prof. Álvaro Barbosa, visited San Sebastian College – Recoletos (SSC-R) in Manila to present USJ’s academic programmes and scholarship opportunities, with a focus on Communication & Media studies. The session was attended by SSC-R’s Communications students and faculty leaders.

This initiative builds on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed during the AUAP conference, which outlines collaboration in research, academic exchanges, joint supervision, and the exploration of double degree programmes—furthering ties between the two ASEACCU member institutions.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



#### Universidade Católica Timorense Joins ASEACCU and Strengthens Ties with USJ Macao

November 25, 2024 | Macao

A delegation from Universidade Católica Timorense São João Paulo II visited the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao to explore avenues for academic collaboration. The discussions included potential faculty and student exchanges, joint-degree programmes, specialized training, and academic events.

The meeting underscored the value of solidarity among Catholic higher education institutions. With support from USJ as the ASEACCU Secretariat, Universidade Católica Timorense officially joined ASEACCU, becoming the association's first member from Timor-Leste and expanding its regional engagement and partnership network.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



### USJ Macao Strengthens Ties with De La Salle Universities in the Philippines

January 25, 2025 | Philippines

USJ Macao visited De La Salle University campuses in Laguna, Manila, and Dasmariñas to strengthen academic ties and explore new collaborations. Meetings focused on student and faculty exchange, service-learning, and joint academic initiatives. The visit also built on the MOU signed during the 2023 ASEACCU Conference, reaffirming both institutions' shared commitment to Catholic education and international cooperation.

## Institutional Visits:

### Building Stronger Academic Ties



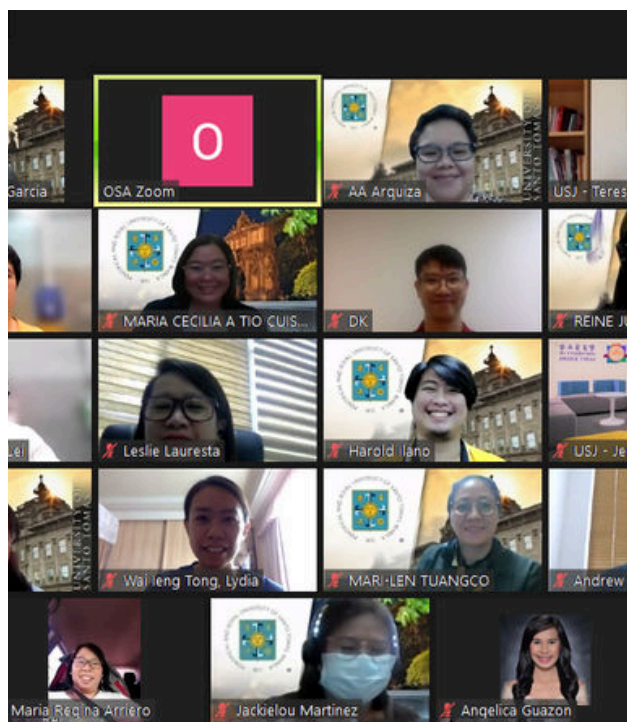
### ASEACCU Secretariat Visits Providence University Ahead of 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

January 25, 2025 | Taiwan

Dr. Teresa Loong, Chair of the ASEACCU Steering Committee and Vice-Rector at USJ Macao, visited Providence University in Taichung, host of the 31st ASEACCU Annual Conference. Welcomed by President Dr. Lucia Lin, the visit reaffirmed support for the 2025 conference and its theme, “Pilgrims of Hope: Spiritual Development and Action of Gen Z.” ASEACCU emphasized its commitment to co-creating a meaningful experience for all participants.

## Secretariat and Member Institutions Activities

### Members Institutional collaborations, refining excellence



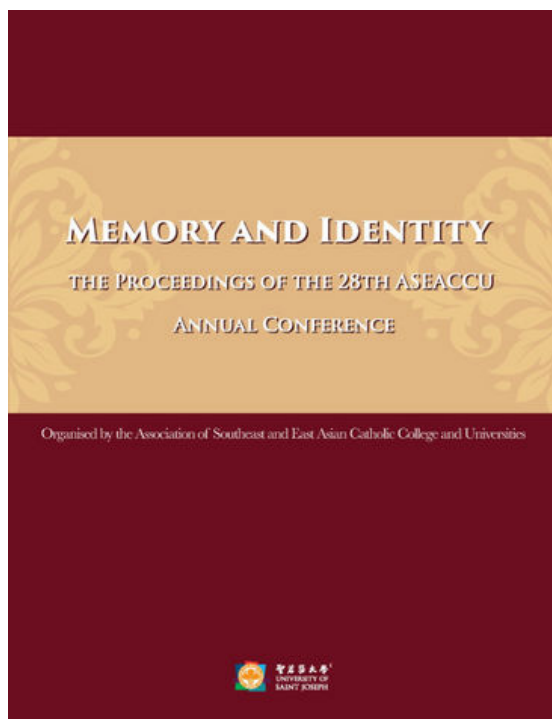
### USJ and University of Santo Tomas Benchmark Student Affairs Services

August 16, 2022 | Online

As active members of ASEACCU, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao and the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas (UST) engaged in a virtual benchmarking session focused on student services and affairs. The exchange highlighted shared Catholic values in supporting student well-being, leadership, and integral formation. This initiative reflects ASEACCU's mission to promote collaboration and mutual learning among member institutions in the region. The fruitful session has opened doors for continued cooperation and specialised exchanges between the two institutions.

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### The Proceedings of 28<sup>th</sup> ASEACCU Annual Conference

May 25, 2023 | Lisbon, Portugal

Launch of the Proceedings for the 28<sup>th</sup> ASEACCU conference at IFCU event at the Macao Scientific and Cultural Centre in Lisbon, Portugal.

Inspired by John Paul II's 2005 book "Memory and Identity: Conversations at the dawn of a New Millenium", staff and students of 38 member universities of the ASEACCU met at the St Paul's Institute in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in August 2022 to reflect upon memory and identity.

This book contains four of the keynote papers given at that conference, addressing the major themes of the conference.

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### USJ Hosts Regional Faculty Development Programme on Internationalisation

July 10-12, 2023 | Macao

The University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, in partnership with the Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), hosted the 3rd Faculty Development Programme under the theme “Internationalisation in Higher Education.”

The event brought together professionals from across the Asia-Pacific to explore strategies for strengthening global academic collaboration. Keynote speakers included Dr. Anoop Swarup and Dr. Peter P. Laurel, with reflections from Rev’d Prof. Stephen Morgan and Prof. Álvaro Barbosa highlighting the value of international engagement in Catholic higher education.

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### 29<sup>th</sup> ASEACCU Annual Conference

August 21 - 26, 2023 | Baguio City, Philippines

The 29<sup>th</sup> ASEACCU Annual Conference brought together over 200 faculty, staff, and students from Catholic higher education institutions in Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

With the theme “Global Goals in the Core of our Common Home: A Catholic Response,” the conference served as a platform for international educational dialogue and collaboration. The program featured keynote lectures, open forums, and cultural performances, allowing participants to explore how Catholic universities can respond to global challenges through shared values, social engagement, and care for creation.

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### UNISERVITATE Global Symposium

Cultivates Service Learning in Catholic Higher Education Institutions

November 9, 2023 | Philippines

Several ASEACCU member institutions participated in the IV Uniservitate Global Symposium, hosted by De La Salle University in November 2023. Centered on “Transformative Service-Learning,” the event explored how solidarity-based service-learning enhances student engagement, community partnerships, and spiritual reflection. It provided ASEACCU members a meaningful platform to share best practices and advance the integration of faith, service, and education in Catholic higher education globally.

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### USJ and DLSU–Dasmariñas Collaborate on Sustainability Education

January 13-28, 2024 | Macao

Following their MoU signed during the 2023 ASEACCU Annual Conference, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao and De La Salle University–Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), Philippines advanced their partnership through a two-week engagement focused on sustainability.

Prof. Marlon Pareja of DLSU-D led lectures, workshops, and community activities at USJ, promoting knowledge exchange and collaboration in sustainability education. The initiative reflects both institutions' commitment to academic cooperation and environmental responsibility within Catholic higher education.

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### ASEACCU Members Join 3<sup>rd</sup> AUAP Faculty Development Programme in Thailand

April 21-24, 2024 | Thailand

Co-organized by AUAP and ASEACCU, the programme aimed to equip higher education staff with the knowledge and skills needed to lead internationalisation efforts at their institutions.

Key contributions included a keynote by Prof. Álvaro Barbosa, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation at the University of Saint Joseph Macao, who presented on practical models for international engagement, and Dr. Magda Ferro from Universidade Católica Portuguesa, who shared insights on global trends and tools in higher education internationalisation.

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### Free Learning Opportunity on Coursera for ASEACCU Members

May, 2024 | Online

In May 2024, ASEACCU announced an exciting partnership with Coursera, offering a free trial licence to its members. Coursera is a globally recognized online learning platform that collaborates with over 300 top universities and companies including Stanford, Duke, Google, and IBM.

This initiative provides ASEACCU members with access to a vast range of courses, degrees, and certification programs, allowing them to enhance their skills and expand their knowledge in various disciplines.

By partnering with Coursera, ASEACCU reaffirms its commitment to supporting academic excellence and lifelong learning opportunities for faculty, students, and administrators across its members institutions.

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### ASEACCU Members Collaborate in English Teaching Programme in Cambodia

June 17, July 20, 2024 | Cambodia

As part of ASEACCU's commitment to collaboration and service, students from the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), Macao, participated in a volunteer English teaching programme at Saint Paul Institute (SPI), Cambodia, from June 17 to July 20, 2024. The initiative supports USJ's Macao Diocese Scholarship outreach and reflects ASEACCU's values of global engagement and community impact.

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### 30<sup>th</sup> ASEACCU Annual Conference

August 21 - 24, 2024 | Sydney, Australia

The 30th ASEACCU Annual Conference, hosted by Australian Catholic University in North Sydney, brought together over 200 delegates from across Asia and the Pacific. Centered on the theme “What Makes a Catholic University Catholic?”, the event offered parallel programs for students and staff, featuring keynotes, discussions, and cultural activities. It fostered deeper regional collaboration and reaffirmed the shared mission of Catholic higher education.

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### USJ and Assumption University Host Joint Workshops in Media Production

February 20-24, 2025 | Thailand

USJ Macao and Assumption University in Bangkok co-organized “Audio & Video Production Workshops” aimed at enriching media education and strengthening academic ties between Catholic universities in Asia. Held at Assumption University’s studio, the sessions covered sound design and video production, led by Dr. Mladen Milicevic and Prof. João Nuno Brochado from USJ. Twenty-five students from the Imagineer Media Entrepreneurship programme participated and received joint certificates. This initiative reflects an ongoing partnership, with Assumption students scheduled to visit USJ for a follow-up Creative Experiences Workshop.

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### USJ and DLSU-D Collaborate on Nature-Based Solutions Workshop

May 15, 2025 | Philippines

The Institute of Science and Environment (ISE) of USJ Macao led a Nature-Based Solutions Workshop on Floating Wetlands at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), as part of their academic collaboration under a signed MOU. Conducted by Prof. Karen Tagulao (USJ) and Prof. Cristina Calheiros (CIIMAR/University of Porto), the workshop engaged over 100 students in building floating wetlands with sustainable materials. This hands-on initiative highlighted both institutions' commitment to environmental education, research, and international cooperation.

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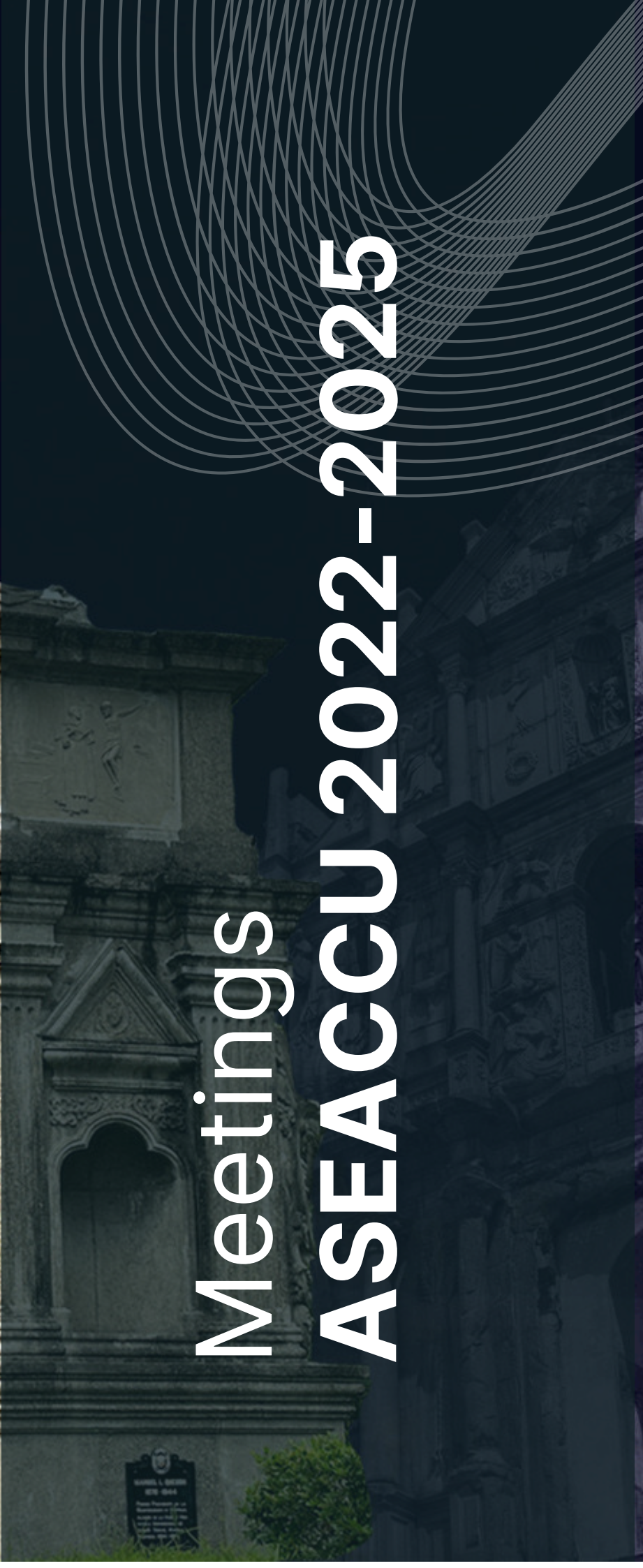


### 31<sup>st</sup> ASEACCU Annual Conference

August 18 - 21, 2025 | Taichung, Taiwan

The 31st ASEACCU Annual Conference will be held in Taichung, Taiwan, hosted by Providence University. Centered on the theme “Pilgrims of Hope: Spiritual Development and Action of Gen Z,” the conference will bring together students, faculty, and university leaders from across Asia and the Pacific to reflect on the role of younger generations in living out faith through action.

This edition will also mark the final Annual Conference organized under the Executive Secretariat of the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) Macao, closing a chapter of committed service and collaborative growth among member institutions.



# Meetings ASEACCU 2022-2025

# ASEACCU Governance Meetings

Strengthening Regional Collaboration through Regular Engagement



The governance structure of ASEACCU is grounded in the active participation of its member institutions through three key bodies: the General Assembly, the Executive Board, and the Steering Committee. Each of these meetings plays a distinct and complementary role in ensuring the effective coordination, strategic development, and operational execution of the Association’s mission.

- The General Assembly is ASEACCU’s highest decision-making body, composed of representatives from all member institutions. It convenes annually during the ASEACCU Annual Conference to vote on critical matters such as membership, leadership appointments, and strategic initiatives. It is also where official reports are reviewed and future plans are ratified.

# ASEACCU Governance Meetings

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## Strengthening Regional Collaboration through Regular Engagement

- The Executive Board acts as a strategic advisory body to the Secretariat. It includes one representative per country with member institutions and is tasked with guiding ASEACCU's direction between General Assemblies. The Board meets multiple times throughout the year to discuss key developments, partnerships, and governance decisions.
- The Steering Committee is responsible for planning and organizing the upcoming Annual Conference and General Assembly. It brings together members from the host institution, previous host(s), and the Secretariat to ensure continuity, coherence, and innovation in ASEACCU's yearly flagship event.

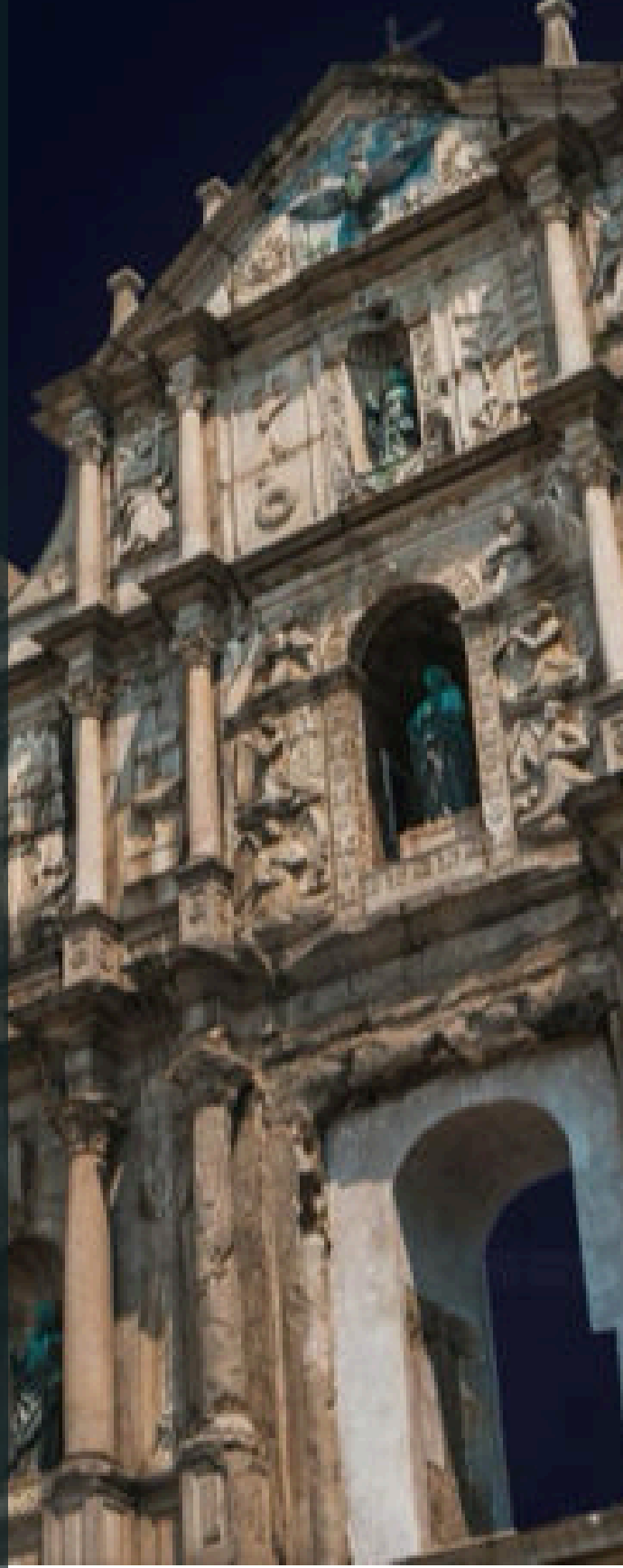
Together, these meetings form the backbone of the Association's collaborative model, helping to sustain momentum, ensure transparency, and enhance institutional cooperation throughout Southeast and East Asia.

# ASEACCU Governance Meetings

Strengthening Regional Collaboration through Regular Engagement

No.	Meeting	Date	Venue
1	Steering Committee	February 9, 2023	Baguio
2	Executive Board	February 10, 2023	Online
3	Steering Committee	March 29, 2023	Online
4	Executive Board	April 20, 2023	Online
5	Executive Board	June 8, 2023	Online
6	General Assembly	August 25, 2023	Baguio
7	Executive Board	August 25, 2023	Baguio
8	Executive Board	December 14, 2023	Sydney
9	Steering Committee	December 15, 2023	Online
10	Executive Board	March 28, 2024	Online
11	Steering Committee	June 4, 2024	Online
12	General Assembly	August 23, 2024	Sydney
13	Executive Board	August 23, 2024	Sydney
14	Steering Committee	October 7, 2024	Online
15	Steering Committee	December 10, 2024	Online
16	Executive Board	December 16, 2024	Online
17	Steering Committee	February 24, 2025	Online
18	Steering Committee	March 24, 2025	Online
19	Executive Board	April 2, 2025	Online
20	Steering Committee	April 28, 2025	Online
21	Steering Committee	May 20, 2025	Online
22	Steering Committee	June 16, 2025	Online
23	Executive Board	June 24, 2025	Online
24	General Assembly	August 19, 2025	Taiwan
25	Executive Board	August 19, 2025	Taiwan

# Membership Directory 2022-2025



Over the past three years, we have had the privilege of working closely with Catholic higher education institutions across Southeast and East Asia. One of our key priorities as the ASEACCU Secretariat (2022-2025) has been to expand and strengthen ASEACCU's network, creating new opportunities for collaboration and deepening connections between member institutions.

Through joint initiatives, academic partnerships, and shared resources, we have helped build a stronger, more engaged community of Catholic universities dedicated to promoting faith-based education, academic excellence, and cross-cultural exchange.

# Welcoming New Member Institutions

ASEACCU continues to grow, reflecting our shared commitment to higher education, international cooperation, and Catholic values. During our tenure, we actively encouraged more institutions to join ASEACCU, helping to expand our reach and influence.

In 2025, we proudly welcomed five new member institutions, further strengthening the association's presence across the region. These new members bring fresh perspectives, expertise, and collaboration opportunities, reinforcing ASEACCU's role as a hub for academic excellence and cultural exchange.



Australia  
Cambodia  
Hong Kong S.A.R., China  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Macao S.A.R., China  
Philippines  
South Korea  
Taiwan  
Timor-Leste  
Thailand  
Vietnam

## Membership by Countries

As of August 2025, ASEACCU have a total of 93 registered members institutions, from 12 different countries

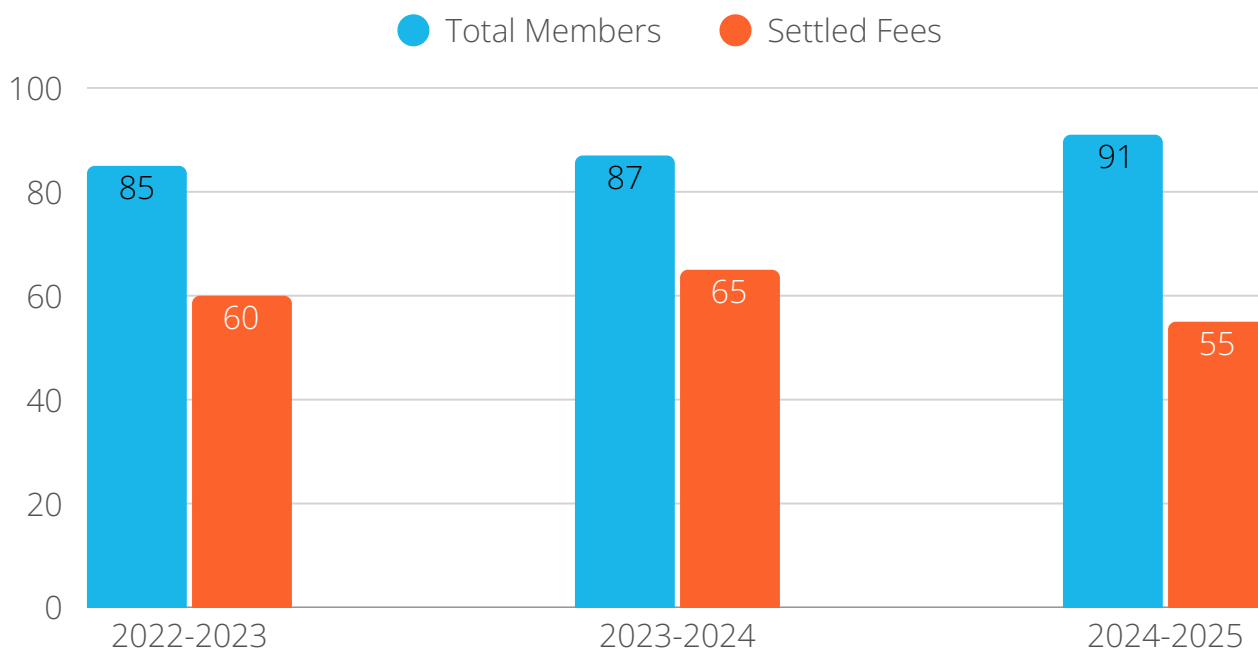
The most represented country within ASEACCU is the Philippines, with a total of 45 members (48.8%), followed by Japan with 15 members (18%), and Indonesia with 11 members (12%).

The newest institutions to join ASEACCU in 2025 are **Saint Francis University** and **Colegio San Agustin – Bacolod**. Their formal acceptance is expected to take place at the upcoming General Assembly.

# 2022-2025 in Review

## Membership Fee Settlement Overview

- **2022-2023:** Of **85** member institutions, **60** have settled their membership fees, resulting in a **70.5% settlement rate**
- **2023-2024:** Of **87** member institutions, **65** have settled their membership fees, leading to a **74.7% settlement rate**.
- **2024-2025** (as of July 28th, 2025): Of **91** member institutions, **61** have settled their membership fees, reflecting a **67.3% settlement rate**.



- As of July 28th, 2025, **57** member institutions have fully settled their membership dues from 2022-2025, resulting in a **62.6% overall settlement rate**.
- A total of **21** ASEACCU members institutions were identified as inactive. To address this, letters were sent to these members between April 15 and April 17, 2025. As of July 28th, 2025, **5** institutions have proceeded with payment:

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