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Conference 2026

Educational Synergies:

Enhancing University Standards across Thailand and Germany

22–24 June 2026
Bangkok, Thailand



When 22–24 June 2026

Where Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside Hotel;
Bangkok, Thailand

Who ASIIN in cooperation with the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA), supported by the Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)

What ASIIN, in collaboration with the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA) and the Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation presents a state-of-the-art conference dedicated to enriching the landscape of higher education and economic collaboration between Thailand and Germany. Together, we will explore multifaceted themes aimed at fostering academic and professional exchange. This conference will address a range of pressing topics that are currently high on the Thai and international quality assurance agendas, providing a platform for insightful discussions and innovative solutions. Join us as we work together to elevate higher education standards and strengthen economic ties between our nations.

Opening Session

After welcoming the participants, the Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)

will deliver a keynote on vision and trends of the Thai Higher Education system.

Session 1: Best Practices in Linking the Thai and German Higher Education Sector with Industry

This session will highlight successful examples of collaborations between higher education and industry. The German model of the dual university/university of applied sciences will be presented as well as Thai role models on how to modernize the Thai higher education system together with the industrial sector.

Session 2: Best Practices in Higher Education Internationalization – How to Foster Academic Exchange Between Thailand and Germany

This session will point out opportunities for higher education exchange between Thailand and Germany. We will discuss the initiation of joint international study programs, and present strategies for modernizing study programs to meet international standards. Successful institutions will share best practices, and representatives from the German Academic Exchange Council and foreign trade associations will discuss the benefits of professional and academic mobility. A particular focus will be also on the advancement of engineering education in Thailand.

Session 3: Deciphering Global Rankings — Implications for Higher Education Institutions in Thailand and Germany

This session will address the relevance of international rankings to the Thai and German higher education sectors. An overview and preliminary results will be provided on a project aiming at the development and implementation of a national rating system for Thai higher education institutions and an international benchmarking tool for systematically comparing Thai higher education institutions with those in Europe and OECD countries.

Session 4: Joint Accreditation, Institutional Accreditation, and International Recognition – Contributions to the Advancement in Thai, ASEAN, and Germany Higher Education

As the closing session of the conference, this session will bring together key insights and conclusions on how joint accreditation models, institutional accreditation, and international recognition can strengthen quality assurance and support higher education development in Thailand, the ASEAN region, and Germany.

A talk on “How the ASIIN and ONESQA International Accreditation Model Can Benefit the Higher Education Sector in Thailand and Asia” will be given, showcasing the results of ONESQA-ASIIN joint institutional pilot accreditations, which could serve as a model for the Thai education system in the future. This will be followed by a panel discussion entitled “How to Move

Towards Institutional Accreditation,” outlining practical steps and next moves for institutions.

At the end of the conference, certificates of attendance will be issued to participants. Throughout the event, there will be ample networking opportunities to foster connections among academia, accreditation bodies, and educational institutions. Additionally, ASIIN and ONESQA staff members will be available to assist representatives from Thai higher education institutions interested in or preparing for an ASIIN accreditation procedure.

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Schedule

Monday, 22 June 2026 – Social Event

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| 15.00 | Social Event (get to know each other) |
| 17.00 | Meet at the Hotel Lobby
Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside |
| 17.30 | Check-in to the River Cruise |
| 18.00 | Dinner and Sightseeing |
| 21.30 | Return to Ramada Riverside Hotel |

Tuesday, 23 June 2026

08.00 **Registration**

Opening Session

08.45 **Opening and Welcome Addresses**

Prof. Dr. Supachai Pathumnakul, Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI);

Prof. Dr. Klaus Kreulich, President of the ASIIN Board of Directors;

Prof. Dr. Tossaporn Sirisampan, ONESQA Board Representative

09.30 **Thai Higher Education: Vision and Trends**

Prof. Dr. Supachai Pathumnakul, Permanent Secretary of the Thai Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)

10.00 *Coffee Break*

Session 1: Best Practices in Linking the Thai and German Higher Education Sector with Industry

10.20 **Innovating Universities – The Model of the Dual University of Applied Sciences in Germany**

Prof. Dr. Klaus Kreulich, President of the ASIIN Board of Directors;

Prof. Dr. Christian Schumann, Vice-President of the ASIIN Board of Directors

10.50 **How to Modernize the Education System together with the Industrial Sector**

Prof. Dr. Bundhit Eua-Arporn, former President of Chulalongkorn University, Board Member, National Science, Research and Innovation Promotion Committee

Session 2: Best Practices in Higher Education Internationalization – How to Foster Academic Exchange Between Thailand and Germany

11.20 **International Exchange Opportunities for Thai HEIs**

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12.00 **The Development and Implementation of Double Degrees/Joint Programs between Thai and German Universities**

Prof. Dr. -Ing. Nisai Fuengwarodsakul, Dean of Sirindhorn International Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering

12.30 *Lunch*

Session 3: Deciphering Global Rankings – Implications for Higher Education Institutions in Thailand and Germany

13.30 **Innovations in Higher Education Rankings: National University Rating and International Benchmarking for Thailand**

Caroline Friedhoff, Senior Consultant of Center for Higher Education, Germany

Session 4: Joint Accreditation, Institutional Accreditation, and International Recognition – Contributions to the Advancement in Thai, ASEAN, and Germany Higher Education

14.00 **How ASIIN and ONESQA International Accreditation Model Can Benefit the Higher Education Sector in Thailand and Asia**

Dr. Iring Wasser, Manager Director of ASIIN

14.45 *Coffee Break*

15.15–16.30 **Panel Discussion: How to Move Toward Institutional Accreditation**

1. Prof. Dr. Peerapong Tekasakul. Chair of Reinventing Committee, MHESI;
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rattachart Monkolnavin, Chair of EQA, Thai Ministry of Higher Education;
3. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Nisai Fuengwarodsakul, Dean of Sirindhorn International Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering
4. Mr. Yutthapan Kote-phan, Director, Bankhai Technical College, Rayong Province
5. Mr. Prateep Chulalert, Former Director Bankhai Technical College, Rayong Province

Moderator: Professor Dr. Phavanee Narattaraksa, Chairman of The Global Standards and International Recognition of Qualifications on Higher Education

18.00 *Joint conference dinner and show*

Appreciation Speech from Prof. Ong-art Naiyapatana, Director of ONESQA

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

09.00–16.00 **Workshop for Thai Universities Undergoing Joint International Accreditation by ASIIN/ONESQA: Gap Analysis (Accreditation and Quality Assurance)**

Participants from Thai Universities that will Pursue Maturity Model Accreditation

Content of the workshop: international QA criteria, the ASIIN maturity model, procedural principles, the Self-Assessment Report, case studies