

# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



**Create Collaborative Ecosystems Towards Sustainable Development at the National and International Levels**

NIDA's 5-year institutional development strategy (2023-2027) places an emphasis on collaborating with partners for achieving goals through a variety of policies and programs, as also encapsulated in NIDA's vision: "To be a global university that cultivates society's wisdom and produces leaders to achieve sustainable development goals".

The strategy involved in fostering partnership at both the national and international levels to achieve sustainable development has been translated into concrete and successful initiatives, as detailed below.

## SEP4School

In collaboration with Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), the Sustainable Development and Sufficiency Economy Studies Center (NIDA) offered a 4-day online training component on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy towards Sustainability (SEP4School) on September 6, 2023. A total of 62 people from 7 countries participated in the event: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand. As the leading authority on the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP), SEAMEO SEPS seeks to develop capacity building among SEAMEO Member Countries in order to promote collaboration. Additionally, it strives to establish a network for the exchange of best practices, policies, strategies, and knowledge regarding sustainable development in educational practices and school management.



**Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization**

Note: SEAMEO has 26 specialist institutions located in Southeast Asian countries that undertake training and research programmes in various fields of education, science, and culture.

<https://nida.ac.th/5th-seameo-seps-governing-board-meeting/>





The Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society of the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) in connection with the Department of Women's Affairs and Family Development of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security in collaboration launched a project to research and presented the experiences and lessons from women entrepreneurs that have engaged BCG economic model in their business operation, ranging from start-ups to large businesses, in Thailand and selected APEC economies. To publication brings together the best practices on how women's economic empowerment and BCG interact, specifically how BCG is primed for women's economic empowerment and how it contributes to the sustainability outcomes of BCG. From June to Oct 2022, the CPCS embarked on the path of empowering women and girls by hosting the meetings for APEC's Policy Partnership on Women and Economy (PPWE) under Thailand's new model of Bio-Circular Green economy. The meetings took place virtually among 21 countries. In APEC 2022, Thailand hosted a series of meetings to discuss issues and progress on APEC's women and the economy agenda. The meetings were held under the theme of "Women's Empowerment through the Bio-Circular-Green Economy". The integration of the BCG economic model is envisioned to advance sustainable and inclusive growth including addressing the imbalances of economic participation of women and girls in our economies.

<https://cpcs.nida.ac.th/home/index.php/2016-04-06-11-15-57>

## Inauguration of the YUNUS-NIDA Center

NIDA has established a significant partnership with the Yunus Foundation Network of Social Business Educational Institutions (SBAN), helmed by Professor Muhammad Yunus, the visionary behind the concept of social business and the founder of Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. To put it differently, NIDA has joined forces with the Yunus Center in Dhaka to create the YUNUS-NIDA Center, an initiative launched on July 27, 2023, at a Social Business Day event on Langkawi Island, Malaysia. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was jointly signed by Professor Dr. Tippawan Lorsuwanarat, President of NIDA, and Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Chairman of the Yunus Center. This collaborative endeavor is aimed at fostering social innovation, advancing social business development, and nurturing social capital, all in support of education, research, and academic services with over 136 universities worldwide which are associated with the Yunus Center in Dhaka.



<https://nida.ac.th/en/mou-nida-yunus-center/>  
<https://nida.ac.th/yunus-nida-center/>



## Campus-wide Course for SDGs: ND 4000 Foundation for Graduate Studies

NIDA is committed to providing meaningful education on SDGs throughout the university by offering an orientation course titled "ND 4000 Foundation for Graduate Studies". All first-year students are required to take this course covering SDG-related subjects, including 1) Sustainable Development 2) Digital Literacy 3) Global Citizenship and 4) Leadership Development.



<http://edserv.nida.ac.th/th/student/nd4000>

NIDA also offers several courses on sustainability (both in full degrees and electives). For example, the School of Environmental Development Administration offers a Master of Science program in Sustainability Science and Management. Several courses in this program include SDG-related topics, namely Sustainability Framework and Strategy Development, Sustainability Performance Evaluation and Measurement, and Sustainability Leadership and Change Management.

<http://gseda.nida.ac.th/nida/2021/07/29/sustainability-management/>

Sustainable Development and Sufficiency Economy Studies Center (NIDA), Center for Reform and Evaluation on Public Affairs Research (NIDA), Association of Subdistrict Administrative Organizations (SAO) of Thailand, and the alumni group of the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) collaborate to create and develop the curriculum. Additionally, on January 19-20, 2023, in room 3002, third floor, Nawaminthrat Building, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), a training project for staff members of the Subdistrict Administrative Organization (SAO) with the title Preparing the Subdistrict Administrative Organization for the New Era will be held. The training was organized for the Subdistrict Administrative Organization. There are important issues: 1) Subdistrict Administrative Organization (SAO) in the new era, moving forward in a sustainable, 2) open-mindedness, closeness to the people, and effective public participation; and 3) public service and efficiency in the government sector. The direction of development of the Subdistrict Administrative Organization (SOA) in the new era supports the national strategy,

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## Outreach Teacher Development Certificate Program for Myanmar Teacher Trainers



The military coup d'état in Myanmar resulted in a serious disruption of the education system in the country. The military leaders' fear of student-led uprisings led to very stringent policies. These policies included the closure or relocation of universities away from the cities, strict control of curricula, and the shortening of the academic year. Recognizing the urgent need for quality education in this challenging environment, NIDA, in partnership with Indiana University (IU), jointly organized a 45-hour outreach training program for 17 'academically displaced' Myanmar teacher trainers who were facing academic challenges in different regions of Myanmar.

The workshop, co-facilitated by professors from both IU and NIDA, focused on areas critically needed or even absent in the Myanmar education system. These areas included the effective use of technology in STEM and English language teaching, content-based instruction, as well as other related subjects, namely discourse strategies in classroom communication, the use of storytelling, and the recognition of diverse identities within the classroom. The program was conducted on-site on the NIDA campus and concluded successfully with a certificate-awarding ceremony.

It is important to note that the participating teachers were by no means displaced in the sense of being refugees. Rather, they came to NIDA for a short training period, seeking to enhance their teaching skills in response to the educational challenges or due to the academic disruption in Myanmar. They are thus merely displaced in the academic sense.

<https://nida.ac.th/en/nida-ui-usaid/>

## Institutional Visits

Since the beginning of 2023, NIDA has diligently established new partnerships through overseas on-site visits to prestigious institutions in Asia and Oceania. This endeavor has resulted in the signing of active MOUs with seven high-ranking institutions, including Yunus Center (Bangladesh), Beijing Normal University (China), Singapore Management University (Singapore), Gadjah Mada University and Airlangga University (Indonesia), Monash University (Australia), and Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand). These partnerships have led to numerous collaborative activities, such as the SDG dialogues presented below.

The main objective of institutional visits is to enhance opportunities for working in tandem with universities that have strong commitments to sustainable development. For instance, Victoria University of Wellington contributes to the SDGs through its research, teaching, engagement, and operations. Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia has activities relevant to the UN SDGs. Beijing Normal University has conducted sustainability projects as a United Nations partner for sustainable development. Renmin University has established the Policy and Regulation Research Institute on Environmental Emergency Management in cooperation with UNEP. The Institute for International and Area Studies (IIAS) of Tsinghua University seeks to support the establishment of comprehensive ties between China and the rest of the world, and to promote world peace, conflict resolution, and sustainable development.

During a visit to the Institute of New Structural Economics (INSE) at Peking University, NIDA's management team had an academic discussion with Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Dean of INSE, regarding collaboration on joint research and academic projects related to sustainable development.



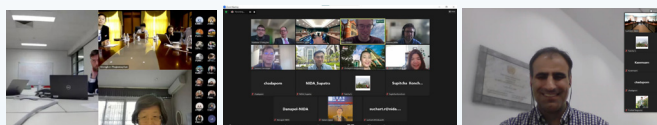
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## SDG Dialogues with Partner Organizations

In August 2023, NIDA faculty members and administrative staff attended virtual meetings with SDG experts from our top-ranking partner universities, including Monash University, the Victoria University of Wellington, and ESCAP. We thank these institutions for sharing with us their expert knowledge and experiences on SDGs impact rankings. Both sides had engaging and beneficial conversations that fulfilled our SDG impact ranking endeavors.



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