PERSPECTIVES OF THE FEDERATION OF ASIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATIONS ON VETERINARY EDUCATION

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Abstract

Over 100 years of the veterinary education in Asia, since it has been established in 1910. There is at least one veterinary School in one country which are depending on their system. In addition, there is an accreditation system of the veterinary school in some countries, such as Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Thailand by the accreditation body in their countries. The veterinary school in Hongkong, Singapore, Laos, Cambodia and Brunei have not been established yet. The Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations was organized in 1978, which is now recognized as an unified veterinary association serving the needs of the region. One of the FAVA missions, is to develop strong regional cooperation in veterinary education for the progress of veterinary profession through the FAVA Strategy Plan 2010-2015. FAVA continue its efforts to unify the veterinary education of the veterinary schools among its member countries. The FAVA's veterinary Training program was started and supported by Japan Veterinary Medical Association, JVMA in 1994, that a total of 46 veterinarians from the countries have been trained under this program. FAVA Congress was held every two years as well. FAVA also facilitate as a working group co-ordinator on veterinary Education. Which collaborate with Asian Association of Veterinary Schools (AAVS) and South East Asia Veterinary School Associations (SEAVSA) on the unify veterinary education in the region in the direction that harmonize with the global and regional trends.

FAVA-ASEAN Collaboration, the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 ASEAN become one community, that we should be readiness for the change in many aspects. This diversity is also reflected in the consumption and production trends in livestock products. FAVA facilitate the academic collaboration and knowledge exchange among ASEAN veterinary Schools to discover the ways of addressing future challenge of how important of one veterinary education in AEC will be in the near future.

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