



# **CONSOLIDATED REPORT**

## **Summary of Activities 2021**

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# Preface

ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) is a regional grouping of parent groups in ASEAN to share information and awareness on autism. The past two years have been particularly challenging as the world was facing a very deadly virus in COVID-19.

With this virus growing and spreading throughout the world, we have no choice but to adhere to various restrictions such as avoiding social contact as to limit the spread of the virus. Hence, all outdoor activities and school classes had to resort to online platforms. We were left to accept the new normal of wearing face masks and sanitizing ourselves to keep the virus at bay.

As you can see in the enclosed Annual Report, all member countries have more or less the same programs being done online and conducted meetings via Zoom platform.

On behalf of AAN, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all member countries and our partner, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), for their continued support for each other and our shared goal of advocating the cause for autism.

Thank you.

17<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong  
AAN Chairperson



# Brief Report of Main Activities

## I. JANUARY

- **Handover Tasks of ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) Secretariat from Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) to London School Centre for Autism Awareness (LSCAA)**

A briefing was held on the additional management responsibilities of the ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) that London School Centre for Autism Awareness (LSCAA) has taken up when its regular operations resumed. In addition to its function as a key partner, the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) also served as a mentor to AAN Indonesia periodically passing on lessons learned, challenges, and future directions to AAN Indonesia following the secretariat turnover.

For the future of AAN, the organization commits to being a long-term, self-sufficient, and independent self-advocacy network for people with autism, as well as an international self-advocacy network for people with autism, to improve the lives of people with autism on a larger scale, and to further promote an inclusive community for everyone.

- **APCD conducted a Workshop on Handover Tasks of AAN Secretariat from APCD to LSCAA on 20 January 2021**



Past experiences and lessons learned by APCD – both logistical and activity-related matters – were exchanged.





The workshop was attended by core management team members from the LSCAA, including the AAN Chairman, Honorary Chairperson, and AAN Secretariat team.



Empowering messages to support the moving forward of AAN for the next decades were shared.

- **Distribution of Reusable Masks (Corporate Social Responsibility – CSR)**

In December 2020, the AAN Secretariat received 26 boxes of 800 pieces each, for a total of 28,800 washable face masks from ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre). Starting in January 2021, these masks were distributed to autism communities in Indonesia through the help of LSCAA.



Masks from the AHA Centre were sent to Yayasan Bhakti Luhur located at Nangka Lebak Bulus St. in South Jakarta on 4 January 2021



Masks from the AHA Centre were delivered to Assalam Special School, located at Ciater Raya St., South Tangerang, Banten on 4 January 2021



AAN Secretariat Jakarta represented by LSCAA donated 4,000 washable face masks, which were subsidized to 7 of Rumah Autis in Jabodetabek and Karawang on 4 January 2021.



AAN Secretariat relayed the packets of reusable masks to the Raudlatul Makfufin Foundation on 4 January 2021.



Masks from the AHA Centre were delivered to Yayasan Sayap Ibu school, located at Graha Raya Bintaro St., South Tangerang on 4 January 2021.



Masks from the AHA Centre were delivered to Syiamil Islamic School, located at Usup Jaka Setia St., South Bekasi, West Java on 6 January 2021.



Masks from the AHA Centre were sent to the AGCA Special Education School, located at Pulp Permata Sari St., Pekayon, South Bekasi, West Java on 6 January 2021.



Masks from the AHA Centre were sent to Yayasan Galuh, located at Bambu Gang at Cut Mutia St., Rawa Lumbu, West Java on 6 January 2021.



Masks from the AHA Centre were delivered to Tri Asih Special Education School on 6 January 2021.





Masks from the AHA Centre were delivered to SLB DIAN GRAHITA, located at Sawah Besar, Central Jakarta on 8 January 2021.

## II. FEBRUARY

- **Update of AAN Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Booklet**
- **Preparation of World Autism Awareness Day**

Plans for World Autism Awareness Day celebrations remained limited to social media and virtual spaces due to social alienation.

- **Collaboration with APCD to implement the JICA Special Project (Community Empowerment Program)**

Submitted survey results and registration forms regarding the APCD/ JICA partnership project.

- **APCD provided an interactive workshop for the new AAN Secretariat on 4 February 2021**



The new AAN Secretariat in Jakarta had a virtual training organized by APCD. AAN's Bangkok Secretariat was the focus of the meeting, with the goal of exchanging experiences, challenges and lesson learned. Together with our new AAN Chairman, Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, and former Chair, Dr. Adriana Ginanjar, APCD presented them with their working experiences and proposed action plans for the future direction of the AAN's Secretariat together. It has been a pleasure working with APCD team! “APCD Team Has Our Hearts!” Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Ms. NuNu Supaanong, Mr. Watcharapol Chuengcharoen, and Ms. Siriporn Praserdchat, thank you for their assistance.

- **APCD requested collaboration with AAN country partners to implement the project “Empowering Parents Groups of Children with Special Needs on Physical Activities and Health Promotion to cope during COVID-19 in ASEAN Countries and Japan” under the Community Empowerment (From February to July 2021)**



AAN, United ID (Intellectual Disability) Network in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, and other organizations for individuals with psychosocial disabilities in ASEAN countries were intimately involved in this initiative.



APCD explained the Project presentation included objectives, expected outcomes and activity plan to the partners.

APCD Meeting is presenting

ACTIVITY PLAN

APCD JICA

	Pre	While (Implementation)		Post	
Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. – Apr.	Apr. – May.	Jun.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings among APCD Networks and stakeholders</li> <li>Translation of Questionnaires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct Online Survey</li> <li>Conduct interview, if any</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop I: "Workshop on Identification of Current Situation regarding physical activities in the ASEAN Region"</li> <li>Workshop II: "Workshop on how to use the manual via online in ASEAN"</li> <li>Workshop III: "Workshop on the Recommendation of Manual and Physical Activities in Friendly Movers"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize Manual and Report</li> <li>Translate to English and Local Languages from ASEAN Member States</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation</li> <li>Activity Report and Financial Report</li> <li>Monitoring Project</li> </ul>

Project timeline implementation from January to July 2021 was displayed.



Lastly, Q&A Session and several interesting feedbacks from the collaborators in ASEAN countries were shared.

- **AAN Executive Committee Meeting organized by the AAN Secretariat Office in Indonesia, 25 February 2021**



APCD provided inputs on preparation of regional event on Celebration of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) 2021 by AAN meeting on virtual platforms.





Ms. Supaanong Panyasirimongkol, Networking & Collaboration Officer, updated AAN country members responding with the numbers of baseline survey questionnaire submitted to APCD for the JICA Special Project.

### **III. MARCH**

#### **○ Preparation of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)**

Documentations and media files regarding each member organization's AAN Autism Month activities were uploaded into the AAN Autism Month shared directory.

Dr. Samreng "Sam" Virachanang, Vice President on International Relations, AAN Thailand, AU Thai, shared the rundown of AAN Thailand's upcoming meeting/workshop with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) in Bangkok with the meeting participants. Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of AAN Secretariat, noted that this event is a "good addition" to be added to AAN's social media platforms.

Ms. Erlinda Uy Koe, Chair Emerita, AAN Philippines, ASP announced "Angels Walk" event's highlights to be streamed live on Facebook. Ms. Dang Koe also promoted other upcoming ASP events to the conference attendees.

Mr. Nay Myo Naing, Chairman, AAN Myanmar, MAA reported that due to the country's current situation, AAN Myanmar can only promote the "Blue Light" event to individuals on the spectrum across the nation while sharing photos of the events.

Due to the pandemic, Mr. Syvang Xayyavong, President, AAN Lao PDR, Association for Autism in Laos reported that the monthly Autism celebration activities in Lao PDR were behind schedule due to the pandemic and waiting authorization from the government.

Due to other pressing matters, Mr. Karnadjaja Panji Putra, AAN Indonesia, YAI, could not present AAN Indonesia's event plans for Autism Month.



Ms. Candy reported that LSCAA started their Autism Month activities in April. Ms. Candy also suggested that all AAN representatives upload their Autism Month activities to represent AAN to the world.

Mr. Cason Ong noted that other countries had observed AAN's activities, and any country was welcome to join and expand AAN.

- **Distribution of Reusable Masks (CSR)**

AAN country member by Yayasan Autisma Indonesia (YAI) in Indonesia and the AAN Secretariat facilitated mask donations from AHA Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia on 10 March 2021.



Mask donation at Rumah Autis, with AAN Secretariat representatives, Ms. Candy, Ghivar and Irwan together with Rumah Autis representatives.

- **Online meeting of AAN Executive Committee organized by the AAN Secretariat Office in Indonesia on 26 March 2021**



The meeting finalized content preparation of regional event on Celebration of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) 2021.



Each country representative confirmed the check list of preparation.

## **IV. APRIL**

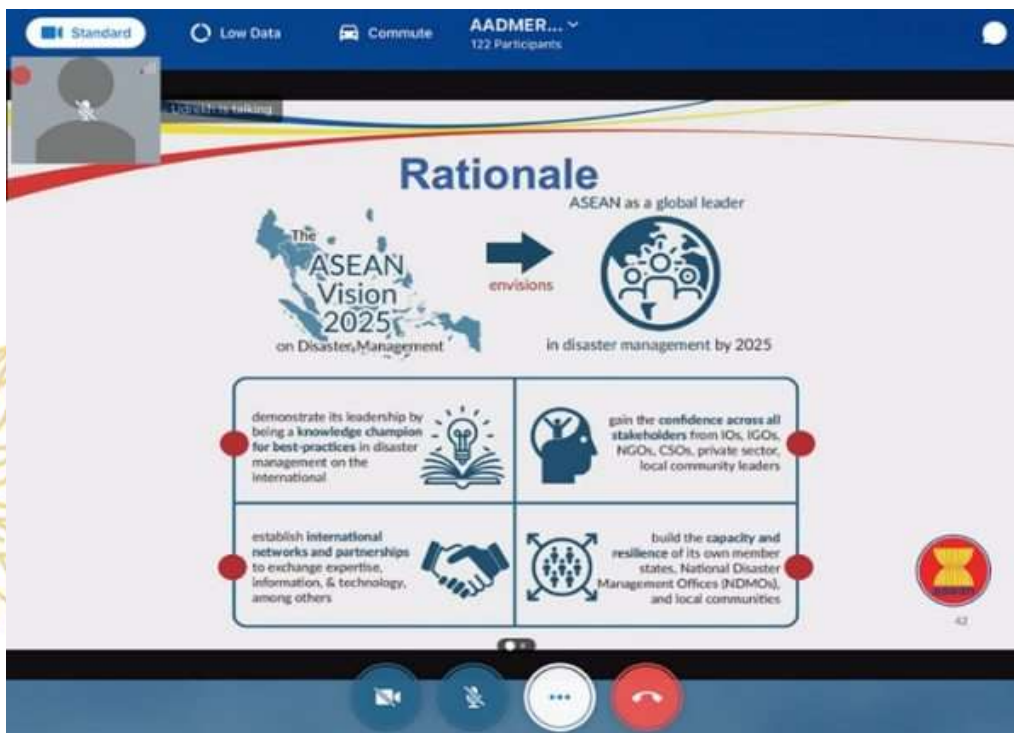
- **AAN Activities Documentation/Showcase for 54<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day.**
- **Discussion on Autism-Friendly Inclusive Practices in Airports Across ASEAN initiated by Mr. Cason Ong.**
- **Discussion on SOP for Inclusive Practices for Police Forces initiated by Ms. Dang Koe.**
- **Representatives from AAN and APCD joined the Meeting on Programme for Sharing Session on ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme organized by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) of the ASEAN Secretariat**



There were over 130 participants from relevant partners and stakeholders working in the disaster management sector, including AAN representative, Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Community Development Manager and APCD representative.

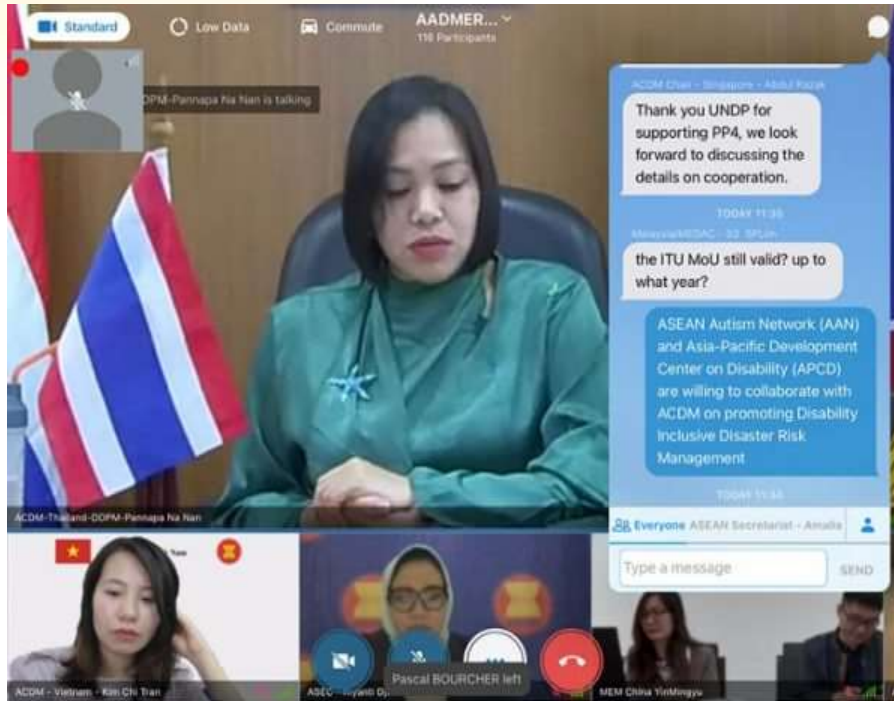


Mr. Cason Ong, AAN Chairperson, and Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of AAN Secretariat, as the entity associated with ASEAN, also joined the meeting.



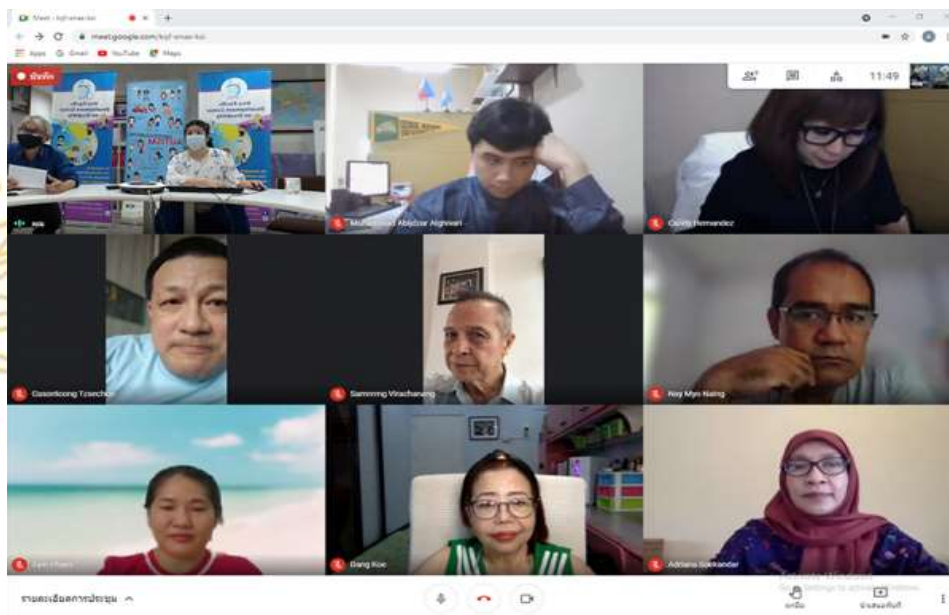
The virtual chart showed the strategy direction that ACDM is following to achieve the goal by 2025.





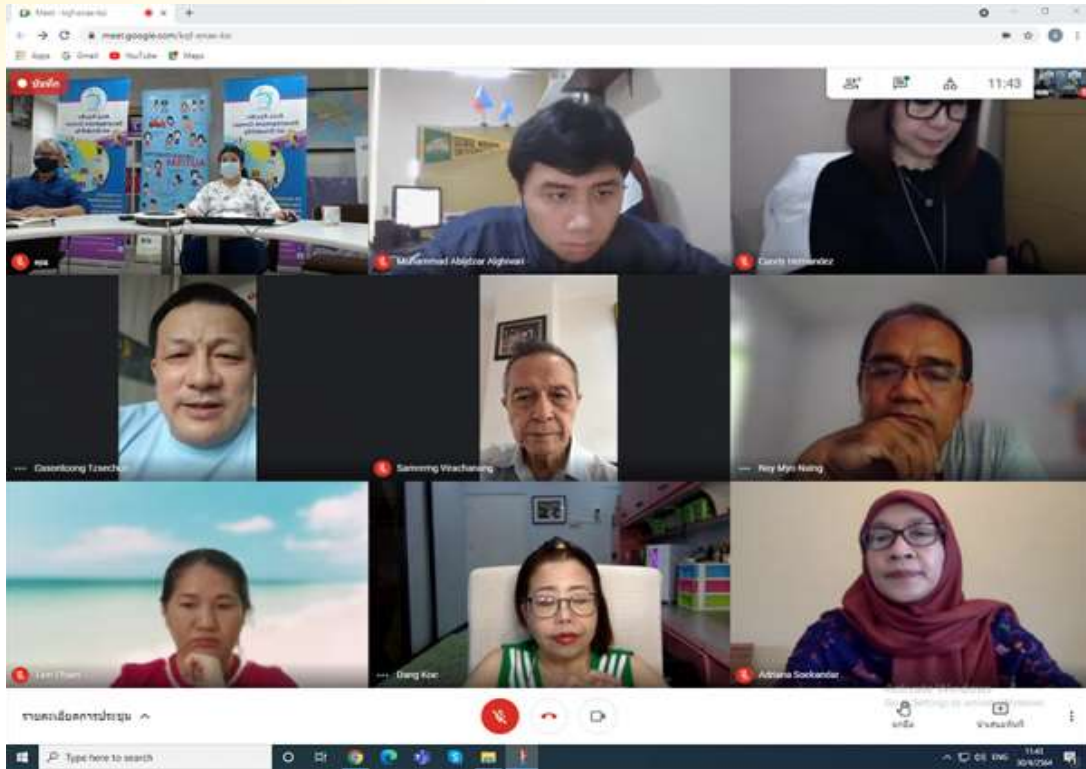
Mr. Somchai shared experiences on working on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR) to ACDM and showed willingness to cooperate with ACDM and partners for further implementation.

- **Virtual meeting of AAN organized by the AAN Secretariat Office on 30 April 2021**



Discussions were held on AAN involvement for the ASEAN Day 2021.





APCD shared a Summary Report of the Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region as well as its outcomes to celebrate ASEAN Day, and AAN country members produce video clips on Happy ASEAN Day for this celebration.

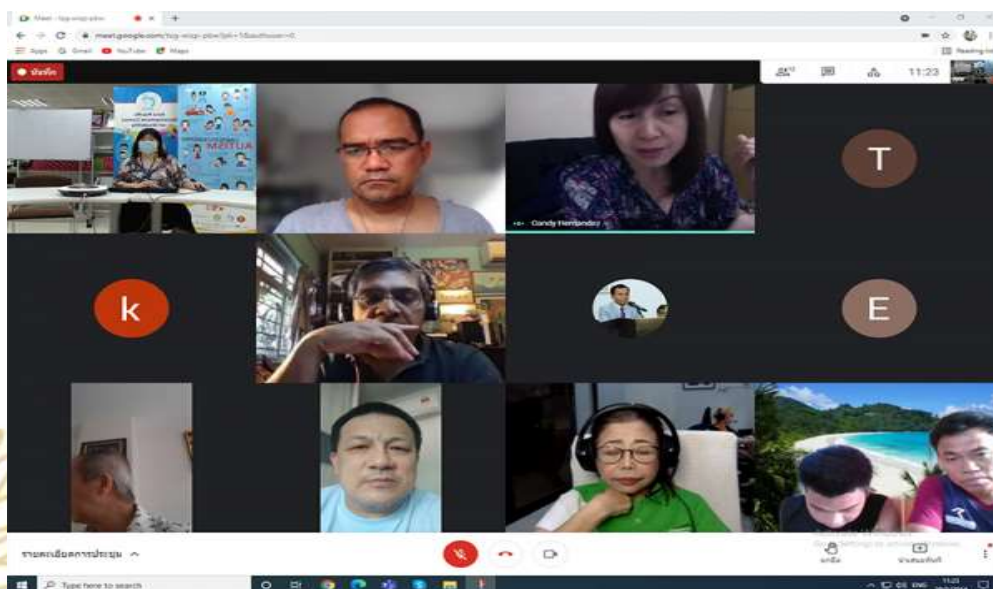
## V. MAY

- **Updates to the AAN Activities Documentation/Showcase for 54<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day**
- **Updates to the AAN Congress Report**
- **Online meeting of AAN Executive Committee organized by the AAN Secretariat on 28 May 2021**





During the meeting, Ms. Siriporn Praserdchat, Logistics Officer, and Ms. Supaanong Panyasirimongkol, Networking & Collaboration Officer, APCD Representatives, provided an update on the submission of the Autism Mapping Project Summary Report in the ASEAN Region to the AAN Secretariat in Indonesia.



Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of AAN Secretariat, followed up AAN country members to submit photos and video clips to be compiled for celebrating AAN ASEAN Day.

## VI. JUNE

### ○ AAN Fundraising Event for Myanmar

Ms. Candy Hernandez, M. Si, LSPR/ LSCAA, AAN Secretariat, Indonesia suggested organizing a fundraiser event for Myanmar, to support Families with Autism Members who are displaced and got affected by the continuous conflict in Myanmar.

### ○ Funding Handover from APCD to LSCAA

Mr. Somchai announced that AAN funds were transferred from APCD to LSCAA (around 4-11 July), including collected membership fees. Ms. NuNu suggested that the membership payment should be done by electronic bank transfer to AAN's account. Mr. Somchai reported that after the transfer of AAN's funds to LSCAA was completed, APCD sent the updated financial report as well.

### ○ Virtual monthly meeting of the AAN (AAN) was conducted by the Secretariat Office in Indonesia on 30 June 2021



Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, Chairman of AAN, greeted all attendees and emphasized the importance of the Leaving No One Behind concept in connection with AAN promotion on Inclusive Society for All.





AAN members brainstormed a fundraising effort to benefit people with autism and their families in Myanmar.

## VII. JULY

- **AAN Humanitarian Aid “A Fundraising Campaign” for Myanmar (July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**



AAN organized a social event for our friends on the spectrum in Myanmar. AAN country members in Myanmar is currently in turmoil, and there are plenty of our friends with autism who are in need of help there. For that reason, AAN launched a campaign for donations for our friends in Myanmar, because we believe that in spite of all the conflicts in the world, kind people who cares for others always be there. Let us join hands and extend our support to our friends with autism at Myanmar.



○ **AAN Executive Committee Meeting on 30 July 2021**



AAN country members provided an update on the current situation in their respective countries with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Ms. Supaanong ‘NuNu’ Panyasirimongkol, APCD Networking & Collaboration Officer, provided an update on AAN collaboration with APCD on the guidebook translation from English to the ASEAN member countries national languages.



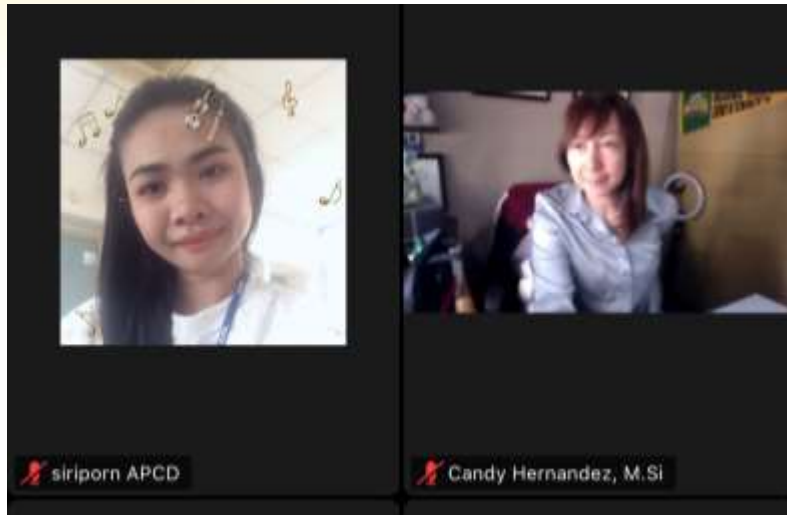
Ms. Siriporn Praserdchat, Logistics Officer, provided an update on the transfer of AAN fund from APCD to the AAN Foundation in Jakarta.

## VIII. AUGUST

- **Updates to the AAN Fundraising Event for Myanmar**
- **Proposal for KODDI “Make the Right Real” Fund**

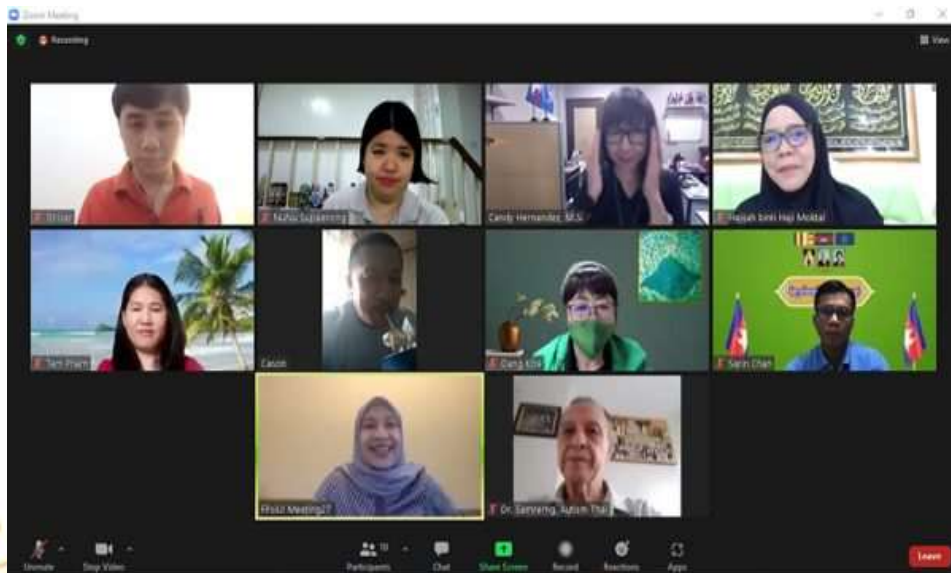
Ms. Supaanong (NuNu) Panyasirimongkol, APCD presented a brief summary about KODDI (Korea Disabled People Development Institute) “Make the Right Real” Fund Grant announcement, which could prove beneficial to future AAN projects.

- **AAN Secretariat attended regional workshop on “Strengthening the Self-Help Group of Person with Disabilities in ASEAN plus Three countries, organized by Department 19 to 20 August 2021**



Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of AAN Secretariat gave feedback in breakout room.

○ **AAN Executive Committee Meeting on August 31, 2021**

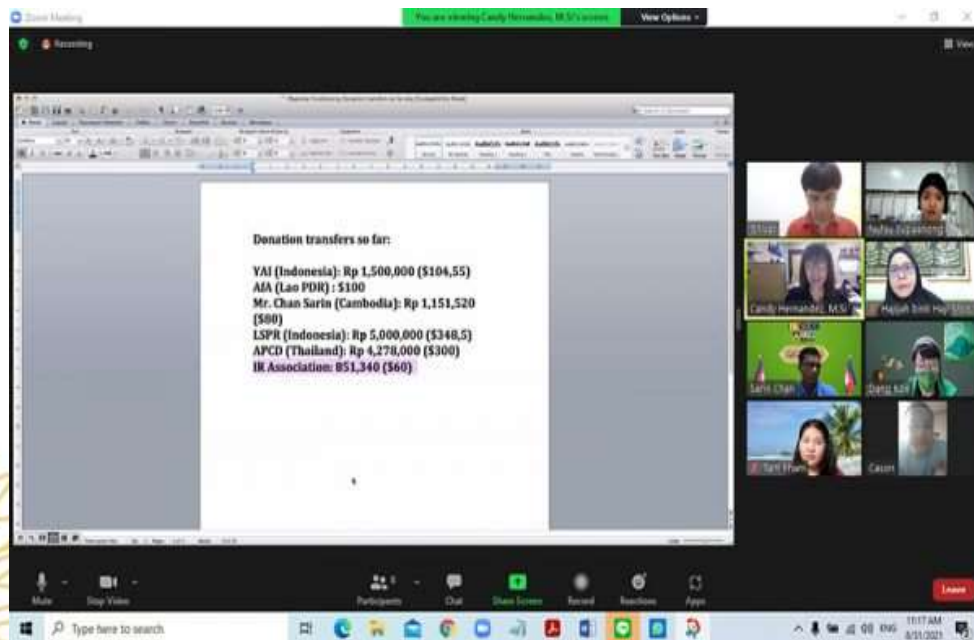


AAN country members delivered an update on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in their respective countries.





The participants were showed an illustration layout for Special School in Kandal Province, Cambodia, for children with disability. Mr. Chan Sarin, Chairman of Cambodia Autism Network (CAN) introduced the proposal.



Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of the AAN Secretariat's Indonesian office, provided an update on a fundraising initiative for persons with autism and their families in Myanmar with AAN country representatives.

## IX. SEPTEMBER

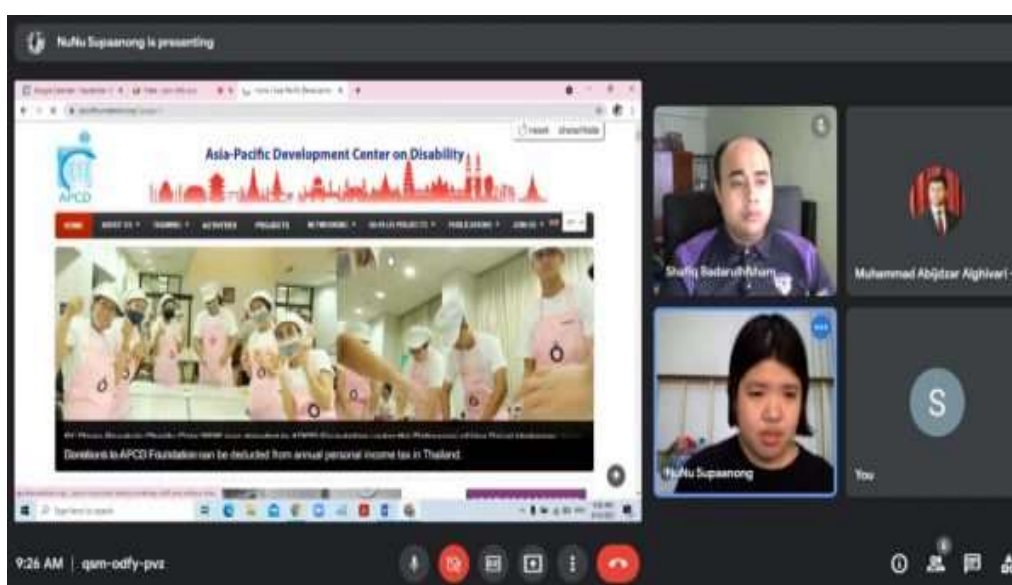
- **The Conclusion of AAN Fundraising Event for Myanmar**

The fundraiser has accumulated around USD \$1,300 and was processed in 2-3 days before a transfer to MAA can commence.

- **Updates to the Proposal for KODDI “Make the Right Real” Fund**

AAN Secretariat completed and submitted their KODDI “Make the Right Real ” Fund proposal for AAN Secretariat project.

- **First training with ASEAN Autism Self-Advocacy Network (AASAN) for Autism Self Advocate Network Indonesia Chapter (18 September 2021)**



AAN announced the beginning of the Autism Self Advocate Network Indonesia Chapter's inaugural training with the ASEAN Autism Self-Advocacy Network. Ms. Supaanong, AASAN's Secretary General, is joined by self-advocates from Malaysia and Singapore. Shafiq Badarulhisham, Malaysia's Education Representative, and Wesley Loh, Singapore's Representative,

Self-advocacy is critical for those on the autism spectrum to speak up, raise awareness, and create opportunities. The AAN Secretariat launched the ASEAN Autism Self-Advocacy Network's first training of self-advocates (AASAN). This training also served as the kick-off for the establishment of a self-advocacy group in Indonesia. Congratulations to Ghivar and Amanda on their appointment as the AASAN Indonesia Chapter's leaders!

○ **AAN Executive Committee Meeting 29 September 2021**



AAN conducted its monthly Executive Committee Meeting on September 29, 2021. The meeting was held online.



At the meeting, AAN officials provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic's current status in their various nations. Ms. Candy Hernandez, Executive Director of the AAN Secretariat, provided an update on the AAN Humanitarian Aid Fundraising Campaign for Myanmar, the proceeds of which be transferred to Myanmar in the near future.

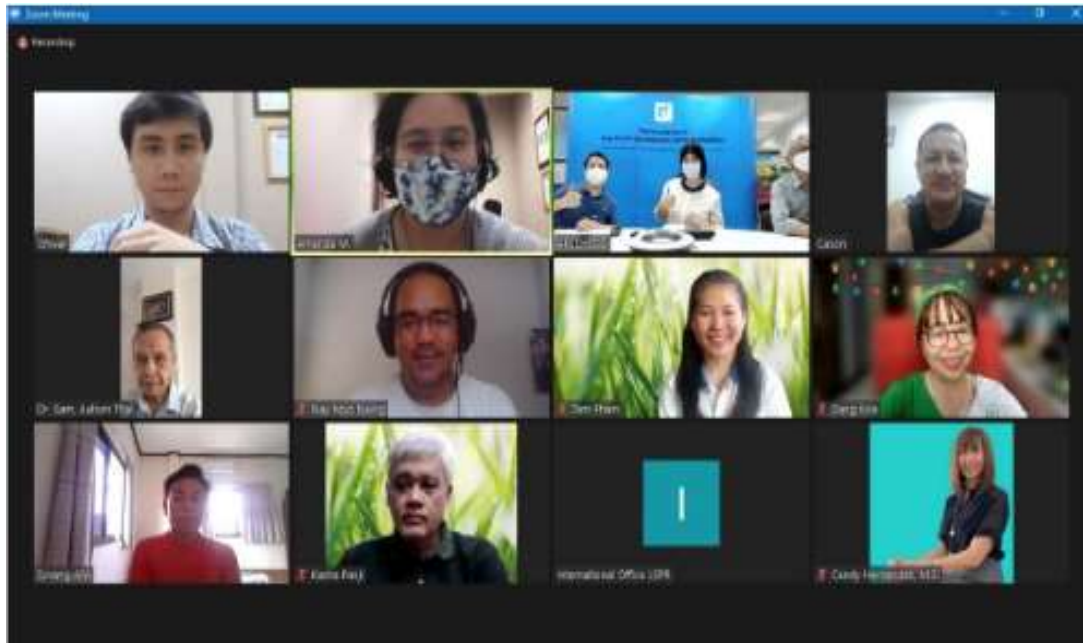
Ms. Candy also discussed the ASEAN Autism Self Advocate Network (AASAN) and the organization's newly established Indonesian chapter. Mr. Syvang Xayyavong, Chairman of the Committee on Learning, Education, and Training, expressed a desire to establish a self-advocate network in his country. APCD offered to collaborate on organizing self-advocacy training in Lao PDR.



Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, Chairman of AAN, also mentioned the AAN SOP Booklet project, which is nearing completion. Mr. Cason advised that a digital copy be created, but that hard copies be provided to each member countries.

## X. OCTOBER

### o AAN Executive Committee Meeting 28 October 2021



AAN held its monthly Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The meeting was conducted virtually via online platform.

Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, Chairman of AAN, finalized and accepted the 5<sup>th</sup> AAN Congress Report during the meeting. Ms. Candy Hernandez, Head of the AAN Secretariat, presented the redesigned AAN website with an offline link and invited members to provide feedback on the website's future growth.



Afterwards, each AAN representative gave an update on the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in their respective countries. Mr. Cason talked about the importance of highlighting mental health issues related to the pandemic, especially identifying mental health issues and anxiety problems experienced by autistic people during these times.

- **Launch of “Opinion about AAN” Campaign**



AAN Secretariat launched social media content called “Opinion about AAN”, which consists of a series of posts containing opinions and insights from AAN Members. It is hoped to introduce AAN to broader communities, give a deeper view, and let people know more about inside AAN.

## XI. NOVEMBER

- **Updates to the AAN Official Website**
- **Finalization of AAN SOP Booklet**
- **AAN Secretariat attended ASEAN Event the Briefing by the Secretary-General of ASEAN on the Outcomes of the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits**



On 1 November 2021, ASEAN Secretary-General H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi briefed the ASEAN community on the outcomes of the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits. The AAN Secretariat was invited to the briefing as an ASEAN-affiliated body. Apart from representatives of ASEAN Centers and ASEAN-Associated Entities, the briefing was also open to Missions, Embassies, and Organizations. The briefing was conducted entirely online on a virtual platform.

- **AAN Executive Committee Meeting 25 November 2021**

AAN conducted its monthly Executive Committee Meeting on November 25, 2021, via online.





Opening the meeting, Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, AAN Chairman, discussed the SOP Booklet and suggested adding a clause about conflict of interest. Then, Ms. Supaanong ‘NuNu’ Panyasirimongkol, APCD's Networking & Collaboration Officer, talked about the possibility of observers in the next AAN meeting, an ambassador, and an intern.

Afterwards, each AAN representative gave an update on the activities in their respective countries. Dr. Adriana Ginanjar, AAN Honorary Chairman, introduced a series of webinars that she is planning about A to Z on Autistic People to be Productive. This event is also prepared with the consultation of APCD, and Mr. Cason gave a short speech at the event.

Ms. Erlinda Uy Koe, Chairperson of the Public Relations and Information Committee, was also preparing for an event, a webinar about Nurturing Care. She also announced that the Philippines, unfortunately, was not going to hold the Angels Walk in January because the type of event cannot be duplicated online. Therefore, they moved on to other events.

Ms. Supaanong and Mr. Watcharapol from APCD Community Development Department Team, also announced that the CEP Guidebook was ready to be released, and it is available in 10 languages, including English, Thai, Khmer, Bahasa Indonesia, Laotian, Bahasa Melayu, Burmese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Japanese. The book is a guidebook on physical activities for autistic people, people with intellectual disabilities, and people with psychosocial disabilities during lockdown. The AAN Secretariat was also received a complete box set that contains all 10 languages.

## **XII. DECEMBER**

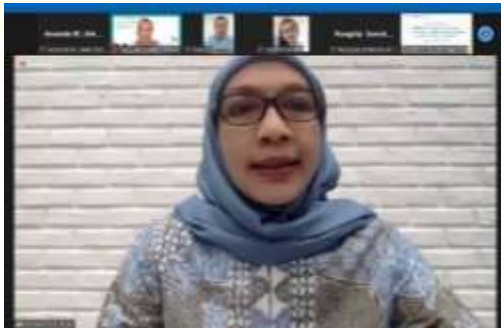
- **AAN presented voice of mother of son with autism in "the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities" of UN ESCAP Social Development Division**
- **AAN Executive Committee Members gave their input on Reviewing the AAN Official Website**
- **Launch of Hapi-ie Guidebook on Physical Activities for Persons with Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Psychosocial Disabilities**
- **AAN Participated in Webinar Series "A-Z Preparing People on The Autism Spectrum to be Productive" Opening Ceremony & First Session on 5 December 2021**

The Indonesian Autism Foundation (Yayasan Autisma Indonesia/YAI) started a Webinar Series that discusses the complete process of preparing persons on the autism spectrum to be productive in life. In organizing the event, YAI worked together with Terapeutik and collaborated with the Asia Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) and the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (KEMENSOS RI), featuring 9 speakers from Indonesia, Thailand, and the USA with professional backgrounds, expertise, experiences, and different perspectives. ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) is also one of the partner institutions that supported this event.



The first webinar on the series of "A-Z Preparing People on The Autism Spectrum to be Productive" was held on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. This first session was also marked by the Opening Ceremony for the series. It opened with remarks from Dr. Adriana Ginanjar (YAI & AAN Honorary Chairman), Mr. Muhammad Luthfi (Terapeutik), and Ms. Eva Kasim (KEMENSOS RI). Dr. Adriana addressed the importance of being productive,

because lack of productivity in people on the spectrum could lead to emotional and behavioral problems.



In the Opening Ceremony, Mr. Cason Ong (AAN Chairman) and Mr. Piroon Laismit (APCD Executive Director) also gave their remarks. Mr. Cason explained how the issue is especially relevant in the post COVID-19 world, since it is important to include everyone in workforce, to help rebuild the economy. Meanwhile, Mr. Piroon Laismit highlighted how being productive could improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities, including persons in the autism spectrum. Last but not least, Ms. Aiko Akiyama from UN ESCAP described that there are a number of programs for people with disabilities in the Asia Pacific, however, those that addressed persons on the autism spectrum specifically are still lacking. Therefore, she expressed her wish to collaborate more with institutions and organizations focused on autism in the region in the future.

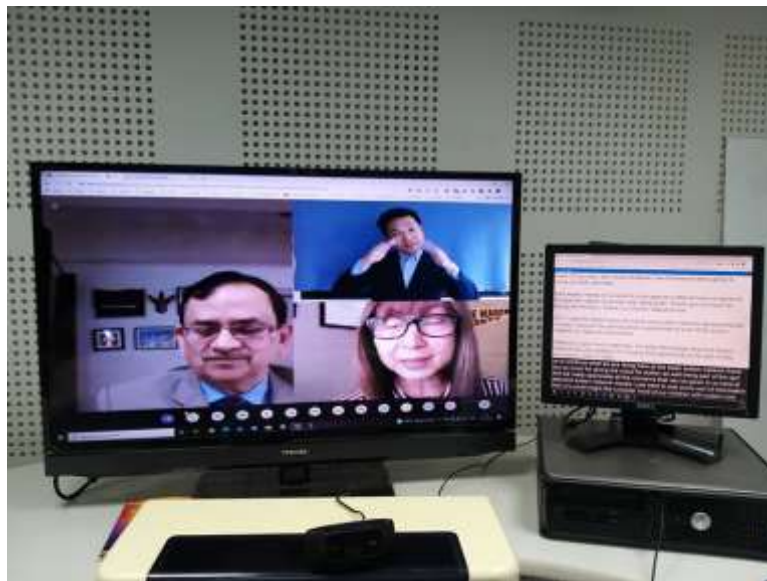


- **AAN chairperson and Head of AAN Secretariat attended "the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities" of UN ESCAP Social Development Division on 8 – 9 December 2021**





Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, AAN Chairperson attended the meeting on 8 December 2021



Ms. Candy gave an intervention that was touching and made participants aware on self-advocates with Autism on 9 December 2021.

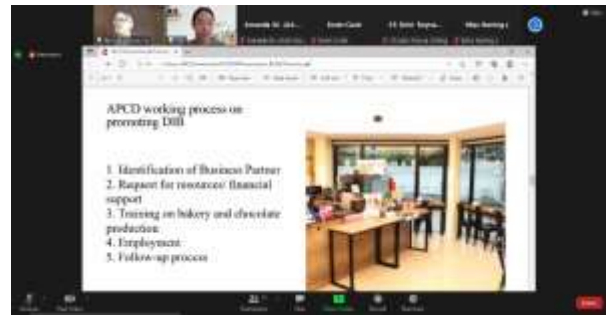


○ **AAN Participated in Webinar Series “A-Z Preparing People on The Autism Spectrum to be Productive” Session on Best Practice of Disability Inclusive Employment featuring APCD & Vocational Consultant from USA on 18 December 2021**

The Webinar Series “A-Z Preparing People on The Autism Spectrum to be Productive” organized by Indonesian Autism Foundation (Yayasan Autisma Indonesia/YAI) and Terapeutik continued with a session by professionals on disability inclusive employment. The session was held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, focusing on Best Practices in Thailand and USA from the perspective of Vocational Consultants from each country. ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) is also one of the partner institutions that supported this event.



The first speaker was Kevin Cook, Community and Vocational Services Consultant, Cape Fear Group Homes and Vocational Services. Mr. Cook shared about job development, job placement, and job training for individuals with disabilities from his experience in Cape Fear Group Homes and Vocational Services, North Carolina, USA. Mr. Cook also has collaborated with US Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, in his work.



The second speaker in this session was Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Community Development Manager, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD). Mr. Somchai introduced the concept of Disability Inclusive Business (DIB), an emerging business trend that strives to incorporate persons with disabilities in work and employment. Persons with disabilities become main customers, employees, employers, and entrepreneurs, which will contribute to creating a “disability-friendly environment”.



Afterwards, Mr. Somchai also invited Ms. Supaanong ‘NuNu’ Panyasirimongkol, Networking & Collaboration Officer, APCD, to share her experience as a person on the spectrum who has achieved successful employment.





- **Arrival and Launch of Online Campaign for “Hapi-ie Guidebook on Physical Activities for Persons with Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Psychosocial Disabilities”**



The Hapi-ie Guidebook arrived at the AAN Secretariat. It is a guidebook on physical activities for people with autism, intellectual disabilities, and psychosocial disabilities under the JICA Community Empowerment Programme (CEP) 2021 on "Empowering Parents Group of Children with Special Needs on Physical Activities and Health Promotion to Cope during COVID-19 in ASEAN Countries". It is available in 10 languages (English, Thai, Japanese, Khmer, Bahasa Indonesia, Lao, Bahasa Melayu, Burmese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese).

The Guidebook aims to improve the quality of life and promote a healthy lifestyle through physical activity during the pandemic. The online campaign is also being promoted using the hashtag #HapiieInASEAN.

○ **AAN Executive Committee Meeting on December 23, 2021**

AAN held its monthly Executive Committee Meeting on December 23, 2021. The meeting was conducted virtually via online platform.



At the meeting, Mr. Cason Tzse Chun Ong, Chairman of AAN, suggested writing an official letter to the ASEAN Secretariat about the fundraising campaign for Myanmar. The letter could convey AAN's concern for the wellbeing of autistic people in Myanmar and could affirm that AAN is a close family who wants to help and support members in their times of need. One way is by collecting and donating money to the people of Myanmar, especially families of autistic people.

Mr. Cason also suggested the return of the ASEAN Autism Games in 2022, which Malaysia would like to host. However, it would largely depend on the development of the COVID-19 situation, so the situation would still need to be monitored.

Ms. Supaanong Panyasirimongkol, Networking & Collaboration Officer, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), offered a few recommendations from APCD for AAN activities in the New Year: (1) AAN and APCD need to make a Yearly Plan/Annual Plan and (2) make a proposal to the ASEAN Secretariat about Autism Mapping Project Phase 2. Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Community Development Manager, APCD, concurred and advised that the report should consist of 2 levels: (1) Annual Report, i.e., a consolidated report on what each AAN member accomplished during the fiscal year; (2) Annual Planning. Mr. Cason agreed and asked each member to submit a report on their own country and ideas for the yearly plan by the end of January.

Last but not least, the AAN Secretariat presented the offline link for the new website and asked Executive Committee members to review the website. Dr. Adriana Ginanjar, AAN Honorary Chairman, gave the input that the About Us section should be added with a short profile or a brief description of all 10 organizations under AAN. The short profile could be like the one contained in the book Commemorating 10 Years.





# Appendices



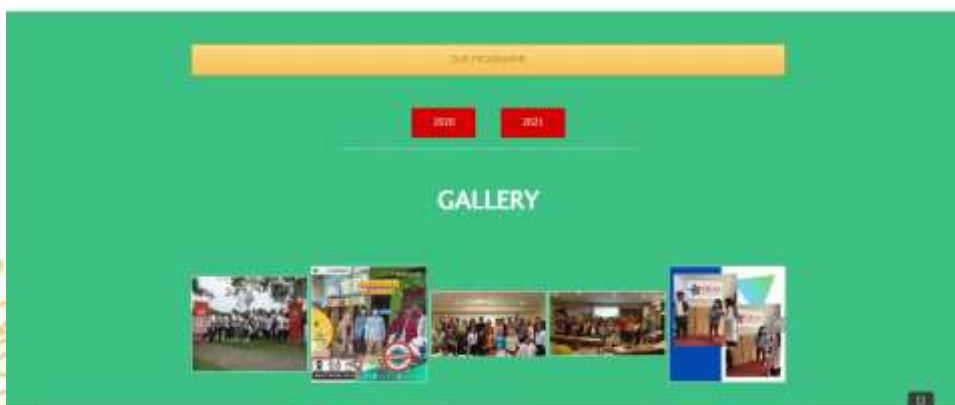
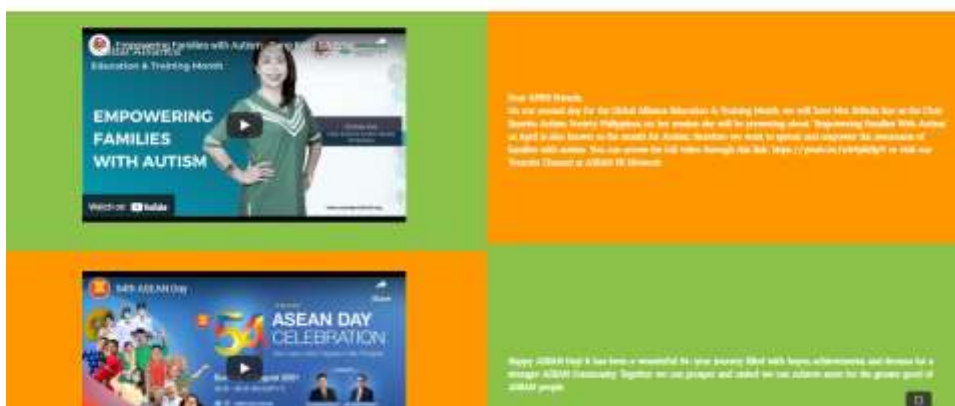
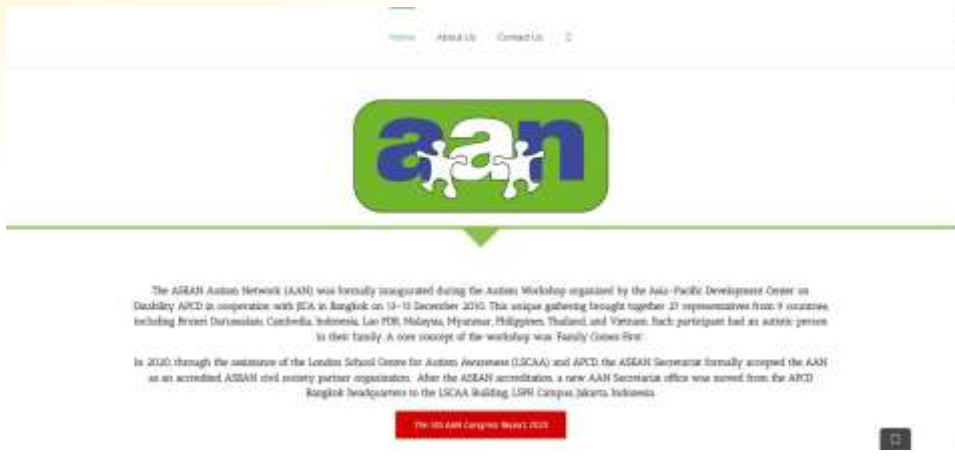
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