***Call for Papers:***

***2020 ASEAN-Korea Academic Essay Contest***

**Organized by**

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**Background:**

The 2019 ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit was a diplomatic milestone that demonstrated the thriving partnership between the 10 ASEAN Member States and Korea over the past three decades. As ASEAN and Korea advance into the next 30 years of heightened relations, however, COVID-19 pandemic swept across the globe, interrupting collaborations between ASEAN and Korea in almost every fields. Amid the unprecedented challenges that require a collaborative response more than ever, ASEAN-Korea partnership should be adaptive to the post-COVID-19 era.

Against such backdrop, **the 2020 ASEAN-Korea Academic Essay Contest** invites students to conduct in-depth intellectual works on how ASEAN and Korea can navigate through the present uncertainties and turn this crisis into an opportunity. This year, the Contest seeks to enhance academic and professional quality of submissions by engaging professor’s ad advisors for the essays and allow co-authorship (up to 2 students).

**THEME**

**ASEAN-Korea Digital Partnership in the Post-COVID-19 Era**

Under the pandemic, physical or social distancing has been actively promoted to counter the spread of the disease. This has in turn accelerated rapid digitalization in every aspect of daily lives, and cooperation in digital field has become more important than ever. ASEAN and Korea have been partnering in many areas in the digital sphere including e-commerce, e-learning, IT startup and social media. How can ASEAN and Korea strengthen their digital partnership in the post-COVID-19 era? What are the areas of ASEAN-Korea digital cooperation to be eyed on?

**ELIGIBILITY**

The contest invites all ASEAN and Korean undergraduate and graduate students

* Submissions must be endorsed by an academic advisor (professor)
* Applicants can submit as a team consisting up to 2 students

\*For team entries, all members must meet eligibility to participate in the Contest

**LANGUAGE**

* English or Korean

\*Abstract must be written in English for both English and Korean essays.

**DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

Submission by: **8 November 2020** (Korea Standard Time)

Winner Announcement: **10 December 2020**

Required Documents:

1. Essay
2. Abstract
3. Application form (by participants)
4. Recommendation form (by advisor)

**FORMAT**

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| English | Korean |
| Max. 4,000 words or 10 pages  Times New Roman  12 points  1.5 interlinear | Max. 3,000 words or 10 pages  한컴바탕  11 points  1.5 interlinear |
| \*Abstract: Max. 500 words / 1 page | |

- Essays must be submitted and formatted in Microsoft Word.

- In-text citations must be made in APA (seventh edition).

**WINNERS**

* 5 teams to be awarded

\*Less than 5 teams may be selected depending on the quality of entries

**PRIZES**

* Grand Prize (1 team): KRW 2,000,000
* Second Prize (2 teams): KRW 1,000,000
* Third Prize (2 teams): KRW 500,000
* Selected teams will be invited to a webinar to present their essays
* Selected winning essays will be considered for publication

**JUDGING**

All eligible entries received will be assessed by a qualified panel of judges chosen by the organizers.

**NOTICE**

* All requirements must be submitted electronically by the submission deadline on http://bit.do/2020akessay
* Reference materials must be properly cited. About the plagiarism policy, refer to [www.plagiarism.org](http://www.plagiarism.org).
* Only original and unpublished essays will be considered for evaluation.
* For any inquiries, contact us at [essay@aseankorea.org](mailto:essay@aseankorea.org)

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