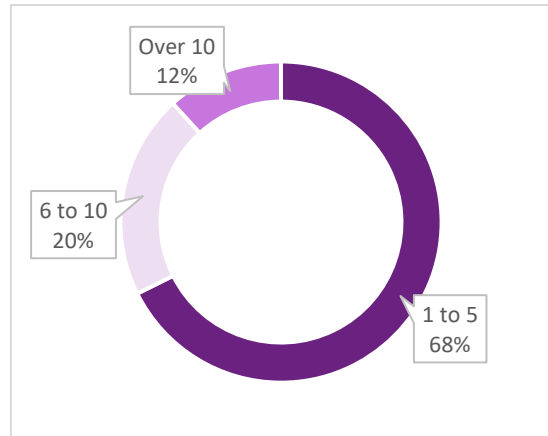




Overall Program Thoughts and Future Plans

How many new connections did you make that you intend to follow up with as a result of your participation in this initiative?

"I made over 30 connections throughout the AIEA conference. I have already followed up with more than 10 of these contacts. I have begun planning a visit to a partner in Thailand. I hope to create a virtual course with one of the Indonesian partners."



Briefly, what did you like best about this program? What stands out as particularly meaningful for you?

- The combination of practical training, conference, networking and university visit is ideal for such program.
- The U.S.-ASEAN University Connections Initiative allowed me to spend valuable time with colleagues from a variety of universities across the ASEAN region: Getting to know each other, learning about our institutions, and talking about potential opportunities to collaborate. **It was a rare instance of an in-person program where I walked away with a number of connections that, I believe, will materialize as new partnerships with clearly defined and focused collaborative activities.**
- I greatly appreciated being introduced to colleagues from a region about which I have little direct knowledge. The structure of the program enabled the partners to have meaningful conversations over several days and allowed potential friendships to be formed. I also appreciated the reminder of what goes into effective, productive and mutually beneficial partnerships.

What are you MOST excited to discuss with your leadership/colleagues when you get back to campus?

- Two things: 1) There are many opportunities for international partnerships. We can find ways to find suitable partners 2) There should be stronger links between our university and industry (as a result of what I saw at the universities I visited)
- I was eager to engage with our Deans in approaching our partners in a slightly different ways.
- The many programs that the Dept of State offers and understanding how my institution can become a bigger player in these programs.
- [...] I am most excited about cultivating relationships with a smaller set of universities in the ASEAN region that hold the most potential for mutually-beneficial activity.
- The networking opportunities and also how we can restructure for better opportunities.
- Possibilities for new cooperation-exchange of students and faculty members.
- How we can connect with some of the countries that are not traditionally considered initially for partnerships [...]



- I would like to advance a regional representative model, whereby we employ a local university official who is entirely based out of the region.

What tools, support, or training do you need to act on the ideas or initiatives discussed throughout the week-long event?

Analysis: Most of the tools, support, or training mentioned by all Fellows can be grouped into five main subject areas: networking support, funding, examples of case studies and successful projects, access to tools and materials on partnerships and internationalization, and getting institutional support.

Topic	Quotes
Networking support	<p>“More networking/matching sessions.”</p> <p>“better understanding of institutional structures in other countries, partnership priorities, alignment of academic programs and global challenges”</p> <p>“I would have liked to see more one-on-one time [...] maybe in a structured training to discover each other’s university systems?”</p> <p>“Identifying mutually beneficial partnership areas.”</p>
Funding	<p>“Seed-money (financial resources) to kickstart new ideas would be an important next step.”</p> <p>“funding for partnership development”</p> <p>“funding models for academic partnerships”</p>
Examples of case studies and successful proposals and projects	<p>“Access to samples of projects/proposals that worked [...]”</p> <p>“I do think that it would be helpful to talk about suggested specific opportunities for collaboration (“here is what a short-term program/faculty exchange might look like”--case studies in partnership activities that work).”</p>
Access to tools and materials	<p>“I need to have materials to further understand community colleges’ model or framework”</p> <p>“Presentations and recorded videos as references.”</p>
Institutional support	<p>“Support from faculty and Provost”</p> <p>“I need to discuss the ideas with my leaders and with the US embassy”</p>

Please briefly share plans and ideas (if any) that you have for future work as a result of this program:

Analysis: Student mobility and exchanges and exploratory faculty trips were the top two areas for future work as a result of this program. Also mentioned multiple times were academic and research collaborations, COIL and virtual exchange programs, joint-degree programs, international conference attendance, and sharing information with colleagues and institutional management.