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ASEAN Centre for Energy and Sampoerna University Forge Strategic Partnership to Amplify Youth Voices in ASEAN Energy Transition



*Photo 1. (Left to right) **Dr. Farid Triawan**, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, **Drs. Wahdi Salasi April Yudhi, M.D.A., Ph.D**, Rector of Sampoerna University, **Dato' Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood**, Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy, and **Beni Suryadi**, Senior Manager of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) & Strategic Partnership of ASEAN Centre for Energy, during the signing ceremony.*

Jakarta, 17 July 2025 – The ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and Sampoerna University have formalised a strategic partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to enhance youth engagement in ASEAN's energy and climate agenda. The signing ceremony took place on Wednesday, 9 July 2025, at the ACE headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The collaboration focuses on creating meaningful pathways for students to contribute to ASEAN's sustainable energy development, with an emphasis on advancing a **just and inclusive energy transition**. Activities under the partnership will include visiting scholar programmes, student-led research, internships, joint workshops, and publication opportunities that elevate youth perspectives across the ASEAN energy landscape.

The Centre was represented by Executive Director **Dato' Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood**; **Beni Suryadi**, Senior Manager of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) & Strategic Partnership Department; **Dr. Zulfikar Yurnaidi**, Manager of the Energy Modelling and Policy Planning (MPP) Department; and **Aldilla Noor Rakhiemah**, Project Manager of the ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project (ACCEPT) Phase II. From Sampoerna University, participants included Rector **Drs. Wahdi Salasi April Yudhi, M.D.A., Ph.D.**; **Dr. Farid Triawan**, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology; and **Dr. A.A. Perwira Redi, Ph.D.**, Head of the Industrial Engineering Study Programme.

*“Empowering young people is vital to ASEAN’s journey toward a sustainable, low-carbon future,” said **Dato' Ir. Ts. Razib Dawood**. “This partnership reflects our commitment to building inclusive platforms where youth can contribute actively to regional energy dialogues and solutions. Through this collaboration, we are investing in the next generation of leaders who will carry forward the principles of a just and inclusive energy transition.”*

Drs. Wahdi Salasi April Yudhi echoed the enthusiasm and welcomed the partnership as a step forward in aligning education with ASEAN’s development priorities, stating, *“At Sampoerna University, we believe that transformative change is driven when education is closely aligned with real-world relevance. We are honored to collaborate with the ASEAN Centre for Energy in preparing our students to not only participate in the energy sector but to lead with purpose and awareness. This partnership reaffirms our commitment as a globally minded university in Indonesia—dedicated to fostering international collaboration and equipping our students to contribute meaningfully on a global scale.”*

The partnership is supported by **ACCEPT Phase II**, one of the Centre’s flagship initiatives funded by the Government of Norway. ACCEPT promotes regional cooperation and capacity building to support ASEAN’s shift towards a low-carbon energy system, with a strong focus on mainstreaming youth engagement, knowledge exchange, and inclusivity.

As ASEAN continues to accelerate its energy transition, the Centre remains committed to fostering cross-sectoral collaboration and empowering young leaders to shape a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable energy future for the region.

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About the ASEAN Centre for Energy

Established on 1 January 1999, the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) is an intergovernmental organisation within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations’ (ASEAN) structure that represents the 10 ASEAN Member States’ (AMS) interests in the energy sector. ACE supports the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC), a blueprint for the ASEAN energy sector. The Centre is guided by a Governing Council composed of Senior Officials on Energy from each AMS and a representative from the ASEAN Secretariat as an ex-officio member.

The three key roles of ACE:

- As a **catalyst** to unify and strengthen ASEAN energy cooperation and integration by implementing relevant capacity-building programmes and projects to assist the AMS in developing its energy sector.
- As the ASEAN energy data centre and **knowledge hub**, to provide a knowledge repository for the AMS.
- As an ASEAN energy **think tank** to assist the AMS by identifying and surfacing innovative solutions for ASEAN's energy challenges on policies, legal & regulatory frameworks and technologies.

Keeping the region's improvement, sustainability, and harmless to the ecosystem is a fundamental concern of the ASEAN energy sector. Hosted by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia, ACE's office is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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About Sampoerna University:

Sampoerna University is an educational institution owned by the Sampoerna Schools System in Indonesia. As an international university in Indonesia aspiring to nurture future leaders with strong moral character and a diverse array of international competitive skills, enabling them to actively participate in building a more prosperous, just, dignified, and globally competitive Indonesia.

Sampoerna University manages programs under licenses and permits from the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia. Established with national and international standards, Sampoerna University has unique qualifications to make substantial contributions to society through education.

Sampoerna University is a learning community that prepares students for both academic and professional success. Here, students will not only learn and master academic aspects — they will be challenged to think, achieve, and grow to higher levels. With our programs, students are guaranteed to have better skills and degrees that will open doors for careers domestically or internationally after they graduate.

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