

Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun participates in the Dunman High School Model ASEAN Summit 2010

Dr Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Lead Researcher for Political and Strategic Affairs of the ASC, has been invited as a panelist of the expert judging panel in the Dunman High School Model ASEAN Summit 2010.

The Dunman High School ASEAN PLUS 2010 is a model ASEAN summit for 150 high school students aged 16-17 from local schools, Singapore international schools as well as its partner schools in the region. Students will play the roles of diplomatic leaders representing their country of origin, engaging in debates regarding regional issues. They will also be tested on their ability to react to crisis events.

The three-day conference was held successfully for the first time in 2008, with more than 150 youths from Singapore and five countries in the region in attendance. Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, former Secretary-General of ASEAN, was the guest-of-honour and keynote speaker. In 2009, despite the H1N1 epidemic, the conference was successfully held with much positive feedback. This year, the students have once again come together to organise the 3rd Dunman High ASEAN Plus Summit 2010, and the organisers has extended the invitation to Dr Pavin to participate in this event.

The theme for this year's event is '**Forging Ahead**'. This theme, chosen by the student organisers, reflects the awareness that ASEAN in this globalising era needs to reinvent and reconfigure its shared political, economic, social and cultural spaces in order to remain relevant. The need for ASEAN to adapt so as to better deal with the world today is examined through the lenses of some of the most pressing issues currently facing the region – the shifts of global power affecting regional dynamics, (re)engagement with the West, the recent global economic malaise and (supposed) recovery, religious extremism, education and bioethics.

The event will be held on **3rd June 2010**.

