



Why Are We Changing the School Calendar?

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ABSTRACT: The initial motivation of changing the academic calendar for select universities in the Philippines is to align with the school calendar of higher educational institutions (HEIs) in the ASEAN. Harmonizing school calendar is considered one concrete step towards the promotion of cross border education within the region. It is also being proposed as a building block towards the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), where freer movement of people is envisaged. But more than changing the academic calendar, there are more important things to consider in realizing greater mobility of students and professors in the region. Since cross border education can be pursued via various modes, readiness of our higher education institutions (HEIs) to participate actively is under question. Given these limitations, HEIs in the country can still benefit from cross border education in the ASEAN because these divides can provide pressures to improve, serve as avenues for cooperation and can be instruments in building a regional community.

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