

Code of Conduct

Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School

This Code of Conduct outlines the values that guide working for, collaborating with and participating in the Netherlands-Asia Honours Summer School (NAHSS).

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The NAHSS was founded in 2012 to educate Dutch students, who had little contact with Asia, on this continent and to make them aware of its increasingly important role on the world stage. At the time, the decision was made to focus on China, given the enormously growing position of this country. China is now one of the largest economies in the world. Regardless of the type of career that students pursue, they will come into contact with China and its influences. At the same time, the relationship between 'the West' and China is rapidly changing. Because of this development, the NAHSS has broadened its scope to Southeast Asia in addition to China. Moreover, since the 2024 edition the NAHSS is open to students of all nationalities studying at the participating universities. To prepare students for a world with strong Asian influences, the NAHSS strives to increase knowledge about Southeast Asia and China among students. The purpose of the NAHSS is to highlight different perspectives on current topics and to facilitate discussion. The NAHSS operates completely independently in this regard.

Every year, seventy to one hundred ambitious students from participating universities are selected to participate in the programme. All programme components are designed with a clear mission and vision to provide these students with a comprehensive view of Asian cultures, societies and international relations.

Mission

The NAHSS aims to prepare top students of Dutch universities for their careers in a world in which Southeast Asia and China play a major role in all sectors by:

- Increasing knowledge about Southeast Asia and China among students by making them aware of all facets of this continent;
- Facilitating discussions on topics where different perspectives are highlighted;
- Setting up and strengthening a network of NAHSS alumni with knowledge and experience with Asia.

Vision

The NAHSS strives for a future in which:

- Students are prepared for their future careers with Southeast Asia and China as major players on the world stage;
- A significant proportion of students possesses knowledge about Southeast Asia and China;
- Students engage in open and well-informed debates on geopolitical issues.

Core Values

Independence

The NAHSS provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of Southeast Asia and China through an academic, business and cultural programme. During this programme, the NAHSS strives to present a complete picture of this part of the world by highlighting various perspectives. The NAHSS operates independently and does not take specific positions.

Integrity

Professionalism requires integrity of the organization, participants, alumni and partners. All those involved in the NAHSS work meticulously and reliably. This diligence and reliability are also central to mutual collaboration.

Respect

The NAHSS and its participants treat everyone with respect. Only when there is respect for each other's opinions and interests can personal development and learning processes occur for participants and partners. The NAHSS also stands for full inclusivity of all involved parties.

Connection

The NAHSS introduces students to universities, companies, and ministries. Through this introduction, students learn about the different properties of these parties. In addition to connecting with external parties, the NAHSS attaches great importance to its connection with alumni.

Participants

Active and interested

Participants are interested in Southeast Asia and China and actively participate in all parts of the NAHSS programme. In addition, they actively look to get the most out of the experiences that the NAHSS facilitates. Their active attitude enables them to create an optimal learning experience for themselves and make useful contacts.

Scientific integrity

Participants adhere to the standards of good research practices, prioritizing independence, transparency, honesty and diligence.

Open-minded

Participants are open to different ways of thinking and to people and institutions with different norms and values than their own. The NAHSS, its participants, alumni and partners strive to create an open atmosphere and inclusivity.

Representative

Participants are aware that they represent the NAHSS and its partners. They adjust

their behaviour and presentation accordingly, adhering to agreements, punctuality and appropriate attire.

Responsible

Participants take responsibility for delivering good results and for their own behaviour within and outside the Netherlands.

Alumni

Engaged

NAHSS alumni remain involved in the programme. Having gained knowledge about Asian (business) culture through their participation, they form a valuable network for other participants, alumni and partners. By keeping alumni involved in developments relating to Asia and the NAHSS even after participation, the knowledge of alumni remains up to date.

Partners

Trust

Trust is paramount in the collaboration with and among partners. Effective collaboration towards a common goal can only happen when there is mutual trust.

Honesty

The NAHSS and its partners are honest and transparent with each other about their working methods and the goals they pursue.