

## INTERNSHIP INFORMATION FOR GRASPP STUDENTS

Name of Institution	<a href="#">Asuene Inc</a>
Department	Global Sustainability Consulting & Business Development
Period of Internship	Up to 8 weeks in February to March, 2024
Language	Main: English Capacity in Japanese or language from an ASEAN country is a plus
Number of Interns	Up to two
<b>Job Descriptions</b>	<p>Considering its limited duration, this internship will consist of a well-defined deep-dive research assignment, covering two topics related to sustainability reporting and disclosure in Asia, with a focus on climate change.</p> <p>Depending on whether 1 or 2 interns are recruited, the confirmed duration and the number of hours of internship per week, the above 2 topics may be arranged in different ways, to be discussed at a later date. All candidates must feel comfortable with both topics.</p> <p>Depending on company needs and intern profile, recruited intern(s) may be involved in other tasks including online communication, additional research/intelligence, however the research described below will constitute the core of the internship.</p> <p><b>Topic 1: Assessment of climate-related financial disclosure quality in Japan and Singapore</b></p> <p>Japan boasts the higher number of companies having declared support to TCFD recommendations, and TCFD is gaining popularity in other countries in the region, such as Singapore. However, in its 2023 report, the TCFD initiative showed that globally, only 4% of companies disclosing under TCFD follow all the 11 TCFD recommendations. Your research will consist in assessing the level of alignment of climate-related financial disclosure by companies in Japan and Singapore, declared as TCFD supporters, and the recommendations of the TCFD. You will identify gaps between recommendations and actual practices, and produce a report that Asuene may publish as a white-paper or use for other outreach activities. The conclusions of your study will help Asuene better promote its services (Asuene carbon accounting platform, AsueneESG supply chain assessment platform) as a way for companies in the region to better align with TCFD recommendations, to be integrated within ISSB disclosure from 2024. Other ASEAN countries may be included in your research depending on our updated priorities and your capacity.</p> <p><b>Topic 2: Review of sustainability reporting regulations in APAC countries</b></p> <p>Asuene conducted a basic review of the reporting regulations and practices in a selection of APAC countries in 2022. This review needs to be reviewed and expanded to more countries.</p> <p>Your research will consist in researching the current status of regulations (or official recommendations) regarding sustainability reporting/disclosure, with a focus on GHG emissions / climate change. You will also identify plans announced by governments for future new regulations to be implemented up to 2030. Additionally,</p>

	<p>you will suggest recommended actions for companies (Listed/Unlisted/Enterprise/SMEs) in each country, regarding their alignment/preparation for new regulations.</p> <p>You will produce a series of slides summarizing the situation for each country, supported by explanatory notes.</p> <p>You will also pick up some key regulations (eg. “Capital Market Masterplan” in Malaysia) and further introduce them in 1-2 additional explanatory slides.</p> <p>Countries to be covered in this research are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority 1: Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia</li> <li>- Priority 2: Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam, South Korea</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant must be a GraSPP student.</li> <li>2. Ability to perform duties in English with a TOEFL score above 90 or an equivalent level</li> <li>3. Strong interest in climate change issues.</li> <li>4. Strong capacity to work autonomously.</li> <li>5. Comfort with online collaborative tools (Slack, Google Suite, etc.)</li> </ol>
Comments from the institution	<p>This internship will take place within the Global Sustainability Intelligence and Consulting team in our head office in Toranomon, Tokyo, under the supervision of Stéfan Le Dû, General Manager. This small team was established this year to enhance the capacity and legitimacy of Asuene on global policies and frameworks related to corporate sustainability.</p> <p>You will work with other members of the team, as well as with the Japan Consulting Team (who is offering TCFD consulting support to clients in Japan) and the APAC Team (based in Singapore, who is dealing with ASEAN clients).</p> <p>Telework may be allowed for around 1 day per week.</p> <p><b>About Asuene:</b> Established in 2019, Asuene is a Japanese startup committed to driving sustainable transformation in businesses. With over 4,000 clients in Japan and Asia using our cloud-based carbon accounting platform, we've expanded our services to offer a comprehensive suite of sustainability solutions. These include consulting, ESG supply chain assessments, decarbonization guidance, and climate education. Asuene is also taking its expertise to a global stage, with offices in Singapore as part of our international expansion.</p>
Conditions	<p>A compensation equivalent to the minimum legal hourly wage in Tokyo and a commuting allowance are offered to interns.</p>
Selection	<p>GraSPP selects candidates for the internship from applicants and provides the host with a list of recommended candidates for the host's final decision to take them as interns. An interview by the host will be done for the final selection.</p>