



REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Strategic Choices for Higher Education Reform

December 3 – 5, 2007

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Agenda

Sunday, December 2, 2007

12:00 – 12:00 am **Arrival, Hotel Check In and Registration**

Day 1 – Monday, December 3, 2007

08:00 – 09:00 am **Registration**

09:00 – 09:45 am **Opening Remarks**

- Mr. Ian C. Porter, Country Director – Malaysia, World Bank
- Y.B. Dato' Mustapa Mohamed, Hon. Minister of Higher Education Malaysia

09:45 – 10:00 am **Break/Press Conference**

10:00 – 10:30 am **Keynote Address**

Higher Education and Human Capital Development

- Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Wan Mohd. Zahid bin Mohd. Noordin, Former Director General, Ministry of Education Malaysia

10:30 – 10:45 am **Q & A**

Session Chair: Dr. Emmanuel Jimenez, Sector Director, East Asia Human Development Sector Unit, World Bank

10:45 – 11:05 am **Introduction to the Conference**

- Dato' Professor Dr. Hassan Said, Director General, Department of Higher Education Management, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia

- Dr. Christopher Thomas, Sector Manager Education, East Asia Human Development Sector Unit, World Bank

11:05 – 11:30 am **Constructing Knowledge Societies: New Challenges for Higher Education**
– Presentation by Dr. Jamil Salmi, Tertiary Education Coordinator, Human Development Network, World Bank

11:30 – 11:40 am **Q & A**

11:40 – 12:10 pm **Country Case: Vietnam Higher Education and Growth Strategy**
– Presentation by H.E. Nguyen Thien Nhan, Minister of Education and Training, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam

12:10 – 12:20 pm **Q & A**

12:20 – 12:50 pm **Country Case: Pakistan: National Strategy and Vision for Higher Education**
– Presentation by Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Executive Director, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan

12:50 – 01:00 pm **Q & A**

Session chair: Dr. Mona Valisno, President Assistant for Education, Office of the President, The Philippines

01:00 – 02:15 pm **Lunch**

02:15 – 02:45 pm **Universities and National Innovations System**
– Presentation by Dr. Alfred Watkins, Science and Technology Program Coordinator, World Bank

02:45 – 03:00 pm **Q & A**

03:00 – 03:30 pm **Country Case: Malaysia: Issues on Research, Development and Commercialization**
– Presentation by Prof. Dr. Asma Ismail, Universiti Sains Malaysia

03:30 – 03:40 pm **Q & A**

Session chair: Dr. Christopher Thomas, Sector Manager Education, East Asia Human Development Sector Unit, World Bank

03:40 – 04:00 pm **Break**

04:00 – 04:30 pm **Linking Higher Education to the Labor Market: Systemic Issues**
– Presentation by Dr. Hong Tan, Labor Economist, World Bank

04:30 – 04:40 pm **Q & A**

04:40 – 05:10 pm

Country Case: Vietnam : Higher Education and Skills for Growth

- Presentation by Dr. Emanuela Di Gropello, Senior Human Development Economist, World Bank

05:10 – 05:30 pm

Q & A

Session chair: Mr. D. H. C. Aturupane, Senior Economist, World Bank

08:00 – 10:30 pm

Welcome Dinner Hosted by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia

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Day 2 – Tuesday, December 4, 2007

08:30 – 09:00 am **Governance: Systemic Issues, Autonomy, Oversight**

- Presentation by Dr. John Fielden, Director, Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service (CHEMS), UK

09:00 – 09:15 am **Q & A**

09:15 – 09:45 am **Country Case: Indonesia – Lessons on Higher Education Autonomy Reform**

- Presentation by Prof. Dr. Satriyo Soemantri Brodjonegoro, Director General Higher Education, Ministry of National Education, Indonesia

09:45 – 10:00 am **Q & A**

Session chair: HE Dr. Kol Pheng, Senior Minister, Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, Cambodia

10:00 – 10:15 am **Break**

10:15 – 10:45 am **Financing Reforms**

- Presentation by Dr. Jamil Salmi, Tertiary Education Coordinator, Human Development Network, World Bank

10:45 – 11:00 am **Q & A**

11:00 – 11:30 am **Resource Mobilization for Higher Education Institutions**

- Presentation by Dr. Kai-ming Cheng, Chair Professor of Education and Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

11:30 – 12:00 pm **Q & A**

Session chair: Dr. John Fielden, Director, Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service (CHEMS), UK

12:00 – 12:30 pm **Quality Assurance**

- Presentation by Dr. Alenoush Saroyan, Professor, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, McGill University, Canada

12:30 – 12:45 pm **Q & A**

12:45 – 02:15 pm **Lunch**

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02:15 – 02:30 pm **Country Case Sri Lanka: Quality Assurance Reform**
– Prof Colin N. Peiris, Quality Assurance Specialist Quality Assurance & Accreditation Council, University Grant Commission

02:30 – 02:45 pm **Country Case: Malaysia Qualification Agency : Enhancing Quality and Accreditation**
– Dato’ Prof. Dr. Syed Ahmad, CEO, Lembaga Akreditasi Negara, Malaysia

02:45 – 03:00 pm **Q & A**

Session chair: Mrs. Girlie Abeyratne, Secretary. Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka

No break – Coffee and tea will be available

03:00 – 05:30 pm **Group Technical Discussions – These are parallel sessions**

Universities and the National Innovation System – Dr. Alfred Watkins, and Prof. Dr. Asma Ismail

Labor Market – Dr. Hong Tan and Dr. Emanuela Di Gropello

Governance and Financing – Dr. Jamil Salmi, Dr. Kai-ming Cheng, Dr. John Fielden and Prof. Dr. Satryo Soemantri Brodjonegoro

Quality in Higher Education – Dr. Alenoush Saroyan, Dato’ Prof. Dr. Syed Ahmad and Professor Colin Peiris

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Day 3 – Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Borderless Higher Education: Challenges Ahead

Presentations:

- 08:30 – 09:00 am Dr. Hans de Wit (Dean Windesheim Honours College, University Amsterdam): Recent Trends, Issues and Challenges in Borderless Higher Education
- 09:00 – 09:15 am Professor Asha Gupta (Director, Directorate of Hindi Medium Implementation, University of Delhi): The Case of India
- 09:15 – 09:30 am Dato' Professor Ansary Ahmad (CEO Asia E-University): The Case of Malaysia

Panel:

- Dr. Francis Verillaud (Deputy President, Institute of Political Sciences, Paris)
- Dr. Hena Mukherjee (International Consultant)

Q & A

Session Chair: Dr. Benoît Millot, Lead Education Specialist, World Bank

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 – 11:45 am Day 2 Group Technical Discussion Reports (15 minutes per group)

11:45 – 12:15 pm Analytical Summary of the Conference Discussions and Next Steps

- Dr. John Fielden, CHEMS

12:15 – 12:30 pm Closing Remarks

- Dato' Prof. Dr. Hassan Said, Director General, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia

12:30 – 02:15 pm Lunch

02:15 – 05:00 pm Four groups will visit four Malaysian universities: University Malaya, Multimedia University (private), Open University, and Nottingham University (private university and a branch campus of Nottingham University UK)