National Higher Education Conference 2010
Transforming Malaysia into a High Income Nation through the Development of Human Capitals
27-28 July 2010, Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur

PROGRAMME

Day One (27 July 2010)

8.00-9.00am  Registration

9.00-9.10am  Opening Remarks:
Y.Bhg. Datuk Ir (Dr) Mohd Annas bin Mohd Nor
Chairman, Organising Committee

9.10am  Session 1
Leading the Way towards 2020: How Malaysian Universities are Coping with the Transformation Agenda?
- What are the gaps identified by the government in the present higher education system?
- Is the lag in the higher education system the cause of the national secondary education system? What are the current and future steps of the relevant parties?
- What do these gaps mean? How does it affect the local higher education scene?
- What are the steps taken to mitigate these gaps?
- What can be expected from the higher education system in the next 5 years?

Moderator:
- Ms. Nor Salinun Mohd Ghazali, Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Planning, CareerXcell Sdn. Bhd

Speakers
- Y.Bhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Ibrahim bin Ahmad Bajunid, Deputy President, INTI University College
- Dr. Theva Nithy, Senior Lecturer, School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia

10.20am  Refreshments

10.50am  Session 2
Recent Trends in Higher Education: Beyond Efforts to Remain Relevant
- What are the recent trends in higher education in the country?
- What are the trends of those in country’s who are more developed in their higher education system?
- What does this trend imply? What steps must higher education providers take to achieve desirable results in line with keeping abreast with these trends?

Moderator:
Speakers
- **Prof. Marco Polo**, Director for University Development, De La Salle University, Dasmarias, Phillipines
- **Mr. Peter Clack**, Director, Education and Programmes, British Council, Malaysia

12.00pm
Lunch

2.00pm
Session 3
**Bridging the Education to Industry Skills Gap: Increasing Employability and Productivity: Industry’s Perspective**
- What are employers looking for in graduates? How can they improve productivity in the real world?
- How can they be prepared before entering the working world?
- How can industry and higher education providers collaborate to align their expectations of graduates?
- Are internship programs effective enough to prepare graduates? What needs to be incorporated in these programs to ensure effectiveness?

Moderator:
- **Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Hj Yahaya Ibrahim**, Chairman, Board of Governors, Institut Megatech

Speakers:
- **Jun Maria Tun Abdullah**, Vice President, Corporate Human Resource, MIMOS
- **Ms. Shahnaz Al-Sadat**, Executive Director, Strategic Human Capital Management, Khazanah Nasional Berhad

3.30pm
Session 4
**Emphasising the Student Experience: Towards achieving the Nation’s Aspirations to be the Regional Higher Education Hub**
- What are current orientation programs like in higher education institutions? Should there be a standard program across the country?
- What is the current support available for international and local students? Is it sufficient to facilitate student’s learning in the higher education settings?
- What makes universities really good today? How can Malaysian universities transform to elevate its overall student and learning experience?

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Speakers:
- **Dr. Logendra Stanley Ponniha**, Acting Director, Teaching & Learning, Taylor’s University College
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Santhi Raghavan**, Director, Centre for Student Management, Open University Malaysia

5.00pm
End of Day One
Moderator:
- Assoc. Prof. (Dr) Vikneswaran Nair Sehkan, Director, Research and Development, Taylor’s University College

Speakers:
- Dr. Lee Boon Hua, Deputy Director, Curriculum Development Division, Ministry of Education
- Prof. Dr. Ishwar Parhar, Director of Brain Research Institute, School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Monash University, Sunway Campus
- Prof. Asma Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Universiti Sains Malaysia

5.30pm
End of Conference