Introducing The Asia Pacific Higher Education Partnership

Asian Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership: Innovation, Policy, Governance and Quality

2014 APHERP Leadership Institute
What is APHERP?

• A membership organization created in 2013.
• It is a successor to the International Forum for Education (IFE) 2020 begun at the East West Center in 2002.
• It’s origins lie in the 2011 APEC sponsored conference on “Quality in Higher Education: Identifying, Developing and Sustaining Best Practices in the APEC Region” held at the University of Hawaii.
Structure of APHERP

• Led by two sets of “core” institutions that also house the secretariat: East-West Center cooperating with the University of Hawaii System, and the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University

• There is a:
  – second tier of “foundational institutions”
  – third tier of “associate members” reserved for developing economies
  – fourth tier of “affiliate members” reserved for quality assurance or accreditation bodies
  – newly formed group of institutions functioning as “adjunct research clusters”
FRAMEWORK OF APHERP

• Research consortium/partnership of interested parties to explore a range of issues associated with contemporary higher education in the Asia Pacific region.

What constitutes quality within the dynamic higher education sector: how to acquire it, measure it, and assure it?

• Our goal is to develop an organization that will bring together in a variety of research and policy related endeavors leading scholars from throughout the region to frame and undertake cutting-edge research and policy discourse, like the issues around cross-border cooperation.
Major APHERP Activities: Senior Seminars

- Annually the International Forum for Education (IFE) 2020 invited senior scholars and practitioners from various fields to focus on new approaches to educational challenges in the Asia-Pacific region. This activity continues in the APHERP consortium.

- 3-4 days / 10-12 scholars. Each scholar presents a paper. These papers are fully discussed and subsequently published either as books or as special journal issues.

- Since 2006 these seminars have focused on the particular challenges facing higher education in the Asia-Pacific region.
Major APHERP Activities: Leadership Institutes

• Offered once each year for 2 weeks and targeted on mid-career professionals.

• 20-25 individuals from APEC economies representing higher educational environments, the media, government, business, and the arts.

• Themes focus on meeting the enormous challenges that will face higher education in the Asia-Pacific region over the next 12-15 years.

• Collaborative teams continue to interact for the year following the Institute.
Major Activities: Adjunct Research Clusters

- Groups of researchers (led by universities) that chose to work at the empirical level on one of the many issues developed through previous senior seminars and explored in previous publications
Past Activities of IFE 2020
Recent Examples


• Senior Seminar on Mobility and Migration in Asia-Pacific Higher Education, July 10-13, 2010, Tokyo, Japan, co-sponsored by J.F. Oberlin University.

• Fifth IFE Leadership Institute, September/October 2010, co-sponsors include Commission on Higher Education of Thailand, and UNESCO Bangkok.

• 2011 Senior Seminar on Mobility and Migration in Asia Pacific Higher Education. Co-sponsor Hong Kong Institute for Education and UNESCO Bangkok.

• Sixth IFE Leadership Institute, October/November 2011, co-sponsored by East China Normal University.
Recent IFE Examples (Con’t)

- Seventh IFE Leadership Institute held September 4-15, 2012 co-sponsored by and held at Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China; additional co-sponsor J.F. Oberlin University.
- Eighth Leadership Institute, October, 2013, National Chang Cheung University, Chia-yi, ROC.
APHERP Launched from IFE, 2013

• Senior Seminar held at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, September 24-26, 2013. Subject: “Research, Innovation and Development in Asia-Pacific Higher Education.”

• Senior Seminar held at East China Normal University, November 14-16, 2013. Subject: “21st Century Work Skills and Competencies.”
New APHERP Activities for 2014

• A Senior Seminar will be held at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University, Melbourne, Australia, March 24-26, 2014. Subject: Dynamic changes in graduate education in the Asia Pacific Region.

• A Senior Seminar will be held in October 2014 at the Hong Kong Institute of Education on the subject of the progress of massification in Asia Pacific Higher Education.
IFE 2020 and APHERP Publications

- Journal of Asia Pacific Public Policy, Vol. 1, # 2, June 2007, guest editor Deane Neubauer
- Vol.1, No. 1, Asian Education Development Studies, 2011, Deane Neubauer Guest Editor.
APEC Proposal

• Seek funding to enlist and ensure participation of APEC developing economies in full range of APHERP activities as Foundational Members across range of current issues that includes curricular adequacy, migration and mobility, innovation, finance and others.

• Seek cooperative relationship with newly proposed APEC Higher Education Research Center (China)
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- Receipt of monthly summary of key events taking place in Asia Pacific Higher Education—provided by web-link;
- Participation in **all** subject matter specific webinars generated and conducted by consortium staff;
- Organization role and central participation in annual scholarly meeting of consortium members;
- Participate **fully** in the “virtual college” that will be developed to explore the substantive research and teaching interests of the consortium;
**ORGANIZATION & OPERATION**

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- Receipt of bi-monthly occasional papers written by internationally recognized scholars focused on issues of interest and concern to consortium members;

- Identification as co-principal investigator on all consortium research grants…

- **Rotational** Membership on consortium steering committee;

- Membership on consortium governing council;

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Benefits for Members

• The ability to attract a network of high quality scholars and researchers from every Economy to tackle issues specific to the region.

• A willingness to work cooperatively on complex higher education issues of the moment and of direct relevance to institutions throughout the region.

• A capacity to transform these into viable policy-relevant discussions of interest to all members.

• The ability to focus high-level proven researchers on problems of regional wide magnitude.

• The promise of identifying and introducing young and emergent scholars throughout the region in these activities, thereby contributing directly to the institutions they represent.
Membership as of January 2014

**Core Members**
- East-West Center and the University of Hawaii System (USA)
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University (Aus)

**Foundation Members:**
- University of Pittsburgh (USA)
- Hawaii Pacific University (USA)
- Hong Kong Institute of Education (UKSAD)
- J.F. Oberlin University (Japan)
- Northeast Normal University (PRC)
- East China Normal University (PRC)
- Fu Jen University (Taiwan)
- University of California, Los Angeles (USA)
- National Center for University Entrance Examinations (Japan)
- National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan)
- King Mongkut’s University of Technology, Thonburi (Thailand) (2014)
- University of Malaya (Malaysia)
- Kasesart University (Thailand)
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia)
- University of Hawaii, Manoa (USA)

**Associate Members:**
- Universidad del Desarrollo Empresarial y Pedagógico (UNIVDEP) (Mexico)

**Affiliate Members:**
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges-WASC (USA)
- Council for Higher Education Accreditation-CHEA (USA)
- Center for Educational Testing and Quality Assessment, Vietnam National University (CETQA)

**Adjunct Research Clusters**
- Waseda University (Japan)
- Doshisha University (Japan)
Thank you