Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)
Inaugural Provosts Forum
April 26 – 27, 2011

Hosted by
National University of Singapore

Meeting Program

Arrival and Check-in Monday, April 25

All Day  Registration of delegates upon arrival and check-in at Hotel
Venue: The Regent Hotel

Participants should pick up their meeting folios at the hotel upon check-in. Uncollected folios may be picked up at National University of Singapore before the Forum begins.

For delegates attending the NUS pre-event reception:

Dress Code: Smart casual

5:30pm  Delegates to meet in The Regent Hotel lobby, Coach Bay
         Bus departs The Regent Hotel for The Baba House

6:00pm  Museum Tour and Buffet Dinner
         Venue: The Baba House, 157 Neil Road

8:15pm  Bus departs for The Regent Singapore

Day 1 Tuesday, April 26

Dress Code: Shirt and Tie

9:30am  Delegates to meet in The Regent Hotel lobby, Coach Bay
         Bus departs The Regent Hotel for National University of Singapore

10:15am  Welcome Tea
         Venue: Vista, Level 7, University Hall

10:30am  Welcome and Introductions
11:00am-12:30pm  **Keynote speech by Mr Tsun-yan Hsieh, Chairman and Lead Counselor of LinHart Group**

12:30pm  **Group Photo**

12:40-2:00pm  **Lunch**  
*Venue: Nexus, Level 6, University Hall*

2:15-4:15pm  **Roundtable Session I**  
*‘Faculty Recruitment and Retention’*  
Case Study (30 minutes)  
Group Discussion (1 hour and 30 minutes)  
*Venue: University Hall*  
**Group 1** – Vista, Level 7  
**Group 2** – BOT Meeting Room, Level 6  
**Group 3** – PVO Meeting Room, L501, Level 5  
Sub-topics: Trends/hot areas, cross-institutional appointments, retirement policies, preparation of PhDs for academic careers

4:15-4:30pm  **Afternoon Tea Break**  
*Venue: Nexus, Level 6, University Hall*

4:30-5:15pm  **Plenary reporting of Roundtable Session I**  
*Venue: Vista, Level 7, University Hall*

5:30pm  **Campus (drive) tour and proceed for Welcome Dinner**

6:30-9:30pm  **Welcome Dinner**  
*Venue: Jewel Box, Mount Faber*  
*Participants will enjoy a scenic cable car ride before dinner*

9:30pm  **Bus departs for The Regent Hotel**

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**Day 2 Wednesday, April 27**

**Dress Code: Shirt and Tie**

8:15am  **Delegates to meet at The Regent Hotel lobby, Coach Bay**  
**Bus departs The Regent Hotel for National University of Singapore**

9:00-11:00am  **Roundtable Session II**  
*‘Interdisciplinary research – international perspective’*  
Case Study (30 minutes)  
Group Discussion (1 hour and 30 minutes)
Venue: University Hall
Group 1 – Vista, Level 7
Group 2 – BOT Meeting Room, Level 6
Group 3 – PVO Meeting Room, L501, Level 5

Sub-topics: international interdisciplinary collaborations, best practices, outcomes and success indicators and their measurements

11:00-11:15am  **Morning Tea Break**
Venue: Nexus, Level 6, University Hall

11:15am-12:00pm  **Plenary reporting of Roundtable Session II**
Venue: Vista, Level 7, University Hall

12:00-1:45pm  **Lunch**
Venue: The Scholar, NUSS Guild House

2:00-4:00pm  **Roundtable Session III**
‘Academic quality assurance for study abroad programs’
Case Study (30 minutes)
Group Discussion (1 hour and 30 minutes)
Venue: University Hall
Group 1 – Vista, Level 7
Group 2 – BOT Meeting Room, Level 6
Group 3 – PVO Meeting Room, L501, Level 5

Sub-topics: student exchanges, short programs, fostering global-ready graduates

4:00-4:15pm  **Afternoon Tea Break**
Venue: Nexus, Level 6, University Hall

4:15-5:00pm  **Plenary reporting of Roundtable Session III**
Venue: Vista, Level 7, University Hall

5:00-6:00pm  **Conclusion and Future Directions**

6:15pm  Bus departs National University of Singapore for Farewell Dinner

6:45-9:00pm  **Farewell Dinner**
Venue: Long Beach@Dempsey

9:00pm  Bus departs for The Regent Hotel

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Format of the Forum

Roundtable Sessions

There will be three roundtable sessions over the course of the two days. Each session will focus on one of the three main topics of the Forum. Sub-topics will also be presented to help bring focus and relevance to the overall topic.

Roundtable Sessions (main topics and sub-topics):

I. Faculty recruitment and retention (trends/hot areas, cross-institutional appointments, retirement policies, preparation of PhDs for academic careers)

II. Interdisciplinary research, especially from an international perspective (international interdisciplinary collaborations, best practices, outcomes and success indicators and their measurements)

III. Academic quality assurance for study abroad programs (student exchanges, short programs, fostering global-ready graduates)

Participants will be randomly assigned to a group for each roundtable session. This will allow for maximum interaction between all participants on topics of importance. Each participant will participate in the sessions and separate groups will discuss in parallel on the same overall roundtable topics and sub-topics.

Each roundtable session will be moderated by a participant of the forum. The first 30 minutes of each session will be given to the presentations of case studies and allow a maximum of three participants (10 minutes each) to share a case study on the topic or sub-topics at hand, within their respective institution.

Each group will then have 1 hour and 30 minutes to address any number of the sub-topics within the session. Groups may also discuss relevant issues outside of the sub-topics.

At the end of each roundtable session, groups will have the opportunity to share their findings during the plenary reporting session and present issues arising from their discussion with all participants. This portion will be led by the Chair of the plenary reporting session.