

# APRU Presidential Statement

## Our Digital Future in a Divided World: APRU Commitment to Action

*APRU Presidents vote to approve a Presidential Statement at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Presidents' Meeting as a commitment to action on issues raised by "Our Digital Future in a Divided World."*

As a consortium of leading research universities of the highly diverse Asia-Pacific region, APRU universities, we are committed to promoting the public good locally and globally.

While each university faces challenges in its own context, APRU universities acknowledge the similarity of many issues across national borders and appreciate the significance of addressing regional and global challenges of increasing cultural parochialism and institutional complexity.

By providing world class environments that facilitate teaching, learning, research and social inclusion, we translate leading-edge research and produce the next generation of leaders to address the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **APRU universities can network and collaborate on:**

- sharing resources (e.g. data and online courseware)
- sharing best practices in teaching and learning
- enhancing faculty, staff and student performance
- crafting narratives that address issues of social justice, diversity, equity and access
- sharing practices on how to address these issues both within and beyond the network
- crafting narratives that support higher education and best represent our engagement and impact.

### **Specifically, APRU could facilitate across the network:**

- student and faculty mobility (e.g. APRU Scholars Program, group-based study abroad program);
- multi-disciplinary and cross-border collaboration in both teaching and learning; and
- narratives that best represent impact to diverse stakeholders.