

**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

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, NUS 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.