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## *APRU Education Deans Update*

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**Association of  
Pacific Rim Universities  
School of Education Deans  
Inaugural Conference**

University of Southern California  
October 15-17, 2008

# Membership

Twenty-eight (28)  
of APRU's 37 member universities  
have Schools of Education



# Conference Attendees

- Seventeen (17) representatives from eleven (11) APRU Universities
- APRU Secretary General  
Kenneth McGillivray



# Universities Represented

- University of British Columbia
- Seoul National University
- University of California, San Diego
- Peking University
- University of Southern California
- University of Malaya
- Tohoku University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Auckland
- University of California, Davis
- University of Oregon



# From APRU's original goals

- Recognize the potential positive impact that a collaborative network of world-class scholars and researchers can have on issues of vital importance to the Pacific Rim community, including economic development, technology transfer, and the **development of the region's next generation of leaders.**
- **Act as an East-West think tank** of unparalleled breadth, expertise and potential.
- Drawing on the pool of diverse talent at member-universities, **spark collaboration and innovation in education, research and entrepreneurship.**



# Conference Highlights

- Welcome from **USC President Steven B. Sample, Founder of APRU**
- Luncheon presentation from **Emmanuel Jimenez, Director of Human Development in World Bank East Asia and the Pacific Department**
- Lecture and discussion with USC Rossier **Professor William G. Tierney on his book "Globalization of Education: The Next Wave."**



# Agenda Topics

- Addressing the needs of primary and secondary education through graduate programs, including professional doctorates (Doctor of Education)
- Interacting with government ministries and departments of education, and quality assurance organizations
- Building a shared research infrastructure for APRU Education Schools



# Specific Outcomes

- Creation of Steering Committee charged with:
  - identifying areas of research and program collaboration among members
  - finding topic to engage Deans and select faculty in common pursuit of relevance to APRU members and societies they serve
- Establish three-year timeline to determine how best to benefit APRU as a whole and support its goals



# Follow-up Meeting

- Steering Committee met at AERA conference in April, 2009 in San Diego.

Attendee Universities were:

- University of Auckland
- University of Southern California
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Melbourne
- University of Malaya
- University of California, Davis



# Key Commitments

## Research:

- Raise awareness globally of current education research on teaching and learning and how this research base supports APRU's goals
- Involve education faculty of APRU universities in research projects
- Spur creative ways of eliciting value from research



# Key Commitments

## Best Practices Instruction:

- Improve the preparation of teachers across international boundaries
- Reinforce value of teaching across the world:
  - Without effective teaching, other APRU goals in business, science and technology won't be met.



# Key Commitments

- Substantially enhance collaboration between students and faculty
- Improve outreach activities
- Share best practices in areas including:
  - research dissemination
  - alumni relations
  - fundraising



# Next Steps

- Meeting of APRU Education Deans planned for first week of December, 2009
- Auckland, New Zealand –  
University of Auckland



# America's New Education Challenge

*"America's place as a global economic leader will be put at risk unless we do a far better job of educating our sons and daughters; unless we give them the knowledge and skills they need in this new and changing world."*

*"We must challenge America to adopt world-class standards that will bring our curricula into the 21<sup>st</sup> century."*

**President Barack Obama**