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Kim Carr addresses Pacific Rim senior university staff meeting at University of Melbourne

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In his address to the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) 6th Senior Staff Meeting, Senator Carr will outline the Australian Government's agenda in relation to the conference theme of "Changing Trends in Higher Education in the Pacific Rim: Realities and Opportunities".

Twenty-nine APRU member universities will be represented at the conference which runs from 18 – 20 March 2009.

APRU is a consortium of 42 leading research universities in 16 countries around the Pacific Rim that aims to foster education, research and enterprise, thereby contributing to economic, scientific and cultural advancement in the region. The Melbourne meeting provides an opportunity for senior staff to discuss key issues affecting the APRU member universities.

**** Senator Carr will give his address at 9.00am on Thursday 19 March 2009 to conference participants, members of the APRU Secretariat, Senior Executive members and Deans from the University of Melbourne, and Victorian Government representatives.

The conference will also feature an Open Panel Session on "The Asia Pacific Higher Education Market" in which speakers will explore trends in the regional market for higher education, and their implications on policy decisions, funding and resource allocation.

**** The APRU Open Panel Session will be held from 3.00pm on Wednesday 18 March in the Coles Theatre at Melbourne Business School, 200 Leicester St, Carlton.

**** Media wishing to attend Senator Carr's keynote address and/or the Open Forum should contact Christina Buckridge or Zoe Nikakis (details below) to ensure a place is available.

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