



APRU World Institute
Report to APRU Presidents' Meeting
30th May 2007, Hangzhou



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VISION: To be a leader in developing knowledge on strategic issues of importance to academic and business leaders and contribute to policy decisions around the Pacific Rim

MISSION: To contribute to the creation of a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable community of Pacific Rim Societies



Presidents of American, Chinese and Japanese Universities are the hosts and lead Co-sponsors for AWI's three 2007 Workshops: Climate Change, Public Health, and Economic Integration

An excellent set of APRU and non-APRU Intellectual Co-sponsors have been recruited to develop each Workshop.

AWI's Governing Board mandate requires a minimum set of three co-sponsors, including institutions from North America, North Asia and Southeast Asia or Australasia.



Nature of Workshops

- By invitation only
 - Approximately 50 experts who commit to participating in the full two-day program.
- Not limited to APRU members
 - Expertise is invited from all over the world.
- Invitees are prominent scientists, business leaders and policy advisors on Pacific Rim issues, with geographical representation from around the Asia Pacific region.
- Workshops provide unique networking opportunities for leading thinkers to “quietly” share their perspectives on important Pacific Rim public policy issues.



Climate Change: Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Cities

4 – 6 April 2007

Host:

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego

Sponsored by:

National University of Singapore
Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology
The University of Melbourne
The University of Tokyo
University of California, San Diego
University of Southern California

Planning Meeting: 5 December 2006

Website: <http://esi.ucsd.edu/awi/>



Summary Report – AWI Workshop: Climate Change

- Conceptualize universities as “*terrariums of opportunity*” for developing “*environmental sustainability leadership capabilities*” among students, faculty, and community leaders
 - Incorporate sustainability practices into campus operations
 - Incorporate sustainability into curricula throughout institution
 - Develop new environmental sustainability educational programs
 - ✓ professional and executive degrees
 - ✓ online courses
 - ✓ interdisciplinary summer programmes and workshops for APRU students
 - ✓ internships in relevant industry, government and NGOs
 - Incorporate Sustainability as a theme in APRU’s annual Doctoral Students Conference
 - Provide expert, credible scientific information



The Role of Universities in Addressing Emerging Public Health Threats in the Asia Pacific Region

24 – 26 May 2007

Host:

School of Public Health, Peking University

Sponsored by:

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Program

Johns Hopkins University

Keio University

National University of Singapore

Peking University

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The University of Sydney

The University of Tokyo

University of Southern California

University of Washington

Washington University in St. Louis

Planning Meeting: 8 January 2008

Website: http://www.apru.org/awi/workshops/public_health/index.html



Economic Integration among Pacific Rim Economies: Managing the Challenges

7 – 9 November 2007

Host:

Kyoto University

Sponsored by:

Asia Business Consulting (Shanghai)

Asian Development Bank Institute (Tokyo)

Kyoto University

Fudan University

Monetary Authority of Singapore

National University of Singapore

Osaka University

Pacific Council on International Policy

Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)

Seoul National University

Taiwan Institute for Economic Research (TIER)

The University of Melbourne

University of California, Davis

University of Southern California



AWI Workshop Expense Estimates

Net Expense for AWI *	
	Total (USD)
Climate Change Workshop	\$ 42,000.00
Public Health Workshop	\$ 42,000.00
Economic Integration Workshop	TBD

*Two sponsors provided \$18,000 to \$20,000 of support per workshop.



AWI's Next Steps

- Follow up on recommendations from the 2007 Workshops
- Obtain advice from the AWI Governing Board, the APRU Steering Committee, and APRU Presidents during APRU's 11th Annual Presidents' Meeting, 28 – 30 May 2007, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou



University of Melbourne Proposal: “AWI Climate 2030 Project”

1. Develop research collaborations between key research institutes in member universities
2. Establish a Project Steering Committee
 - Chair to report to AWI
 - At least one representative from Australasia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, North America, and Latin America.



University of Melbourne Proposal: “AWI Climate 2030 Project”

3. Report by **May 2008** laying out the project research agenda

- Address key issues of Climate Change
 - E.g. collaborative energy futures for the Pacific Rim, food and water issues.
- Collaborating universities must have strong capabilities to develop co-ordinated research projects
- Should involve developing and developed countries in the Pacific Rim
- Interdisciplinary research aims
- Strategy for engaging with decision makers in government, industry and civil society
- If possible, highlight pilot research activities undertaken



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4. Conditions to Launch the Project

- Each participating university to contribute USD\$10,000
 - ▲ Preferably at least 5 universities
 - ▲ Ideally with matching funds from AWI
- Participation of at least one Chinese university and at least one US university
- In principle University of Melbourne is willing to participate in such a collaboration and pledge USD\$10,000 in support
 - ▲ Under auspices of Climate Adaptation Science and Policy Steering Committee at University of Melbourne

5. AWI Governing Board Authorizes Project- 5/28



Thank you