

EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR - EHEF2009 SYMPOSIUM

Thailand - EU cooperation in Higher Education: common interests and shared commitments

Dusit Thani Hotel Bangkok, 30 October 2009

Enhanced cooperation between the European Union and Asia in the field of higher education will contribute to improving understanding between the two regions and reinforcing cultural awareness.

EU-Asia Higher Education Platform

The EU-Asia Higher Education Platform (EAHEP) is an initiative of the European Commission to promote cooperation in higher education between Asia and European countries. The project consists of a series of thematic events across Asia and Europe, including round tables, workshops, European higher education fairs, and symposia. Themes to be explored include European partnerships, student/faculty mobility, university governance and management, developing graduate studies, curriculum development and bi-regional cooperation project events.

Objectives

The main objective of the Symposium Bangkok is to address Thai-EU higher education policy and cooperation issues. The Symposium will provide a platform for high-level dialogue between government officials, key senior managers and policy makers from Thailand, the ASEAN region and Europe, and representatives from higher education institutions and academic networks.

The aims of the Symposium are to:

- Facilitate collaboration between EU and Thai higher education institutions
- Exchange information on policy issues and practices through sharing key development issues in academic cooperation between senior educationalists and policy leaders
- Create a forum for strategic and policy dialogue to enhance mutual understanding of priorities and possible future cooperation areas
- Identify common agendas, possible cooperation areas and to develop mutually beneficial collaborative projects.

Matchmaking

A matchmaking activity will take place on 31 October and 1 November 2009 during the European Higher Education Fair (EHEF) at the Royal Paragon Hall, Bangkok, where space has been reserved for possible meetings between different higher education representatives. This will be the ideal opportunity to interact with representatives from other higher education institutions and academic networks from Europe and Thailand and to discuss future cooperation projects. Registration for matchmaking will be possible at the Symposium registration desk or at the EHEF information desk.





LIST OF SPEAKERS, CHAIRS AND PANELLISTS

Speakers

- H.E. LENNART LINNÉR, Ambassador of Sweden to Thailand
- Dr SUMATE YAMNOON, Secretary-General, Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education, Thailand
- H.E. DAVID LIPMAN, Ambassador, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand

Chairs

- Dr SORNPRACH THANISAWANYANGKURA, Vice President for International Affairs, Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Ms HANNEKE TEEKENS, Chair of the Board of the Association for Studies in International Education (ASIE) and Director Nuffic, The Netherlands
- Mr LUIS DELGADO, Deputy Director General of Modernization & Promotion of University-based Research, Ministry of Education, Spain
- Dr CHANTAVIT SUJATANOND, Deputy Secretary General, Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Thailand
- Dr YOUNG WOO PARK, Regional Director & Representative for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Thailand

Panellists

- Ms LESLEY WILSON, Secretary General, European University Association (EUA)
- Mr MICHAL KARPISEK, Vice President, European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE)
- Dr JOHN LAW, British Council, Thailand
- Prof. SERMKIAT JOMJUNYONG, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- Dr SOMWUNG PITIYANUWAT, Director Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assurance (ONESQA), Thailand

- Mr LEENDERT KLAASSEN, Board Member, Netherlands Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO) and Secretary, International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE)
- Dr ACHIM HOPBACH, President, European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
- Prof. NANTANA GAJASENI, Executive Director, ASEAN University Network
- Dr APICHA SOPADANG, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- Prof. PHILIPPE GOURBESVILLE, Polytech'Nice-Sophia, France
- Dr RUI YANG, University of Hong Kong, China
- Ms NIKOLA MACHAROVA, President, European Council of doctoral candidates and young researchers (EURODOC)
- Prof. FRANK VAN DER DUYN-SCHOUTEN, Former Rector Tilburg University, The Netherlands
- Prof. KRISSANAPONG KIRTIKARA, former President, King Monkut University of Technology, Thonburi and former Secretary General, Commission on Higher Education, Thailand
- Prof. SUDJARWADI, Rector Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
- Prof. MARIA HELENA NAZARE, Rector Aveiro University, Portugal
- Dr CHIRAPOL SINTUNAVA, Mahidol University, Thailand
- Dr SITANON JESDAPIPAT, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- Dr ANDERS GRANLUND, Swedish Environment Secretariat in Asia (SENSA)
- Prof. SUDIP RAKSHIT, Vice President, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand



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SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

8.45 – 9.30 **Registration of participants**

9.30 – 10:30 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Master of Ceremony: Mr AD BOEREN

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10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee & Tea break**

11.00 - 12.30 **PLENARY DISCUSSION:**

“Facing global challenges: International collaboration as a prerequisite for relevant education and research”

Chairperson: Dr SORNPRACH THANISAWANYANGKURA, Vice President for International Affairs, Kasetsart University, Thailand

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12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 - 15:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 1: “Collaboration in quality assurance between Thailand and the EU”**

Chairperson: Ms HANNEKE TEEKENS, Chair of the Board of the Association for Studies in International Education (ASIE) and Director Nuffic, The Netherlands

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14:00 - 15:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 2: “Internationalization for quality improvement in higher education”**

Chairperson: Mr LUIS DELGADO, Deputy Director General of Modernization & Promotion of University-based Research, Ministry of Education, Spain

Panellists:

Dr APICHAT SOPADANG, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

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14:00 - 15:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 3: “Governance and management in higher education in Thailand and the EU”**

Chairperson: Dr CHANTAVIT SUJATANOND, Deputy Secretary General, Commission on Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Thailand

Panellists:

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Prof. MARIA HELENA NAZARE, Rector Aveiro University, Portugal

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee & Tea break**

16.00 - 17.30 **PLENARY DISCUSSION: “EU-Asian academic responses to climate change”**

Chairperson: Dr YOUNG WOO PARK, Regional Director & Representative for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Thailand

Panellists:

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17.30 - 18.00 **CLOSING SESSION**

19.00 **Reception, Napalai Ballroom, Dusit Thani Hotel**

