

# The Brunei Dialogue

*Transforming Universities on the Road to Research Excellence*

Across the world, there are calls for universities to play a critical role in developing the skills necessary for global competitiveness by ensuring that they deliver more effective governance, quality graduates and international competitiveness. Less explicit is how university leaders can meet these demands.

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) with the media support of The Alexandria Trust have come together with the ambition of bringing in key institutional leaders from the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions to hold high-level global dialogues around key issues in higher education and research. Participants will be Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Rectors who are interested in sharing their experience and the challenges faced in developing a vision and exploring strategies for the transformation of their university. The Brunei Dialogue will be facilitated by Dr Jamil Salmi, Global Tertiary Education Expert and Former World Bank's tertiary education coordinator.

The inaugural 2013 Brunei Dialogue *University Leadership Workshop* from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 will be held at UBD.

The workshop is a dynamic forum designed to interrogate what it takes to achieve the stature of a world-class research university, and explore the necessary steps in achieving this vision. The workshop's concrete objectives will be:

- To analyze what it takes to establish world-class research universities (alignment of drivers and focus on accelerating factors)
- To highlight current issues and challenges faced by university leaders and explore the impact of global trends on universities in the Asia-Pacific and Middle East (opportunities and threats)
- To understand the institutional and human dynamics of change and identify good practices in the design and implementation of transformation strategies (empowerment of stakeholders, assessment and management of resistance, constitution of effective change management teams, etc.)

## Format of Sessions

The workshop will consist of thematic panel sessions and case-study sessions devoted to sharing the lessons of experience from specific universities that have recently undergone or are undergoing a process of transformation. The thematic sessions would cover the following topics: talent development, research planning, governance and financing, and measuring success (rankings, benchmarking and beyond).

## Contact

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