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UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE: ACHIEVING GREATER EXCELLENCE IN MALAYSIAN INSTITUTIONS

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4 October 2016, Tuesday
9.00am – 12.00pm

Venue:

Lecture Theatre 5, Level 1,
Sunway University

This seminar brings 3 distinguished speakers from East and West to discuss the issue of university leadership and governance. It will be shown that the success of leading global universities has a lot to do with the system of institutional leadership and governance that promotes greater autonomy, innovation and freedom to its academic body especially to staff and students. The best practices from the East and West will then be brought into the context of Malaysia to see how Malaysian institutions could rise to a higher level of academic achievement.

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Speakers:



Governance, Leadership and Environment: *The Heart, Soul and Existence of a University*

by Professor Da Hsuan Feng

The governance, leadership and environment are the heart, soul and existence, respectively, of a university. Just as a body, the heart without a soul is meaningless, a soul without a heart is a mirage, and both without a proper nurturing environment could be a toxic and/or non-sustaining existence. Just as the successful operation of a holistic body requires a seamless interdependence of heart and soul, and both needs a nurturing environment for healthy growth, so is the university. In this talk, the speaker will elaborate on a possible optimum governance structure of a university and the manner which university leadership, a la president, is selected. He will emphasize the fundamental importance of cultivating a proper, meaningful and mutually beneficial interactions between the institution with its environment, be it the society or the funding stakeholders.

Currently, Professor Da Hsuan Feng is the Director of Global Affairs and Special Advisor to the Rector of University of Macau (UMacau) and a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He develops global strategies to bring UMacau to attain new level of international recognition. He was Russell Wehr Chair Professor of Physics at Drexel University, Director of Theoretical Physics of the US National Science Foundation, Vice President (Research & Economic Development) of University of Texas at Dallas, Senior Vice President of National Tsing Hua University and National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan. He was advisor/board member at numerous US labs/companies; professorships at 13 top universities in China; and board member/advisor for several universities in China, Malaysia and Indonesia.



The Changing Global Marketplace: *Leadership Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education*

by Professor Alma Harris

Higher Education is now a global enterprise and the demand for a University education across the world, particularly in developing countries, is growing rapidly. This lecture will consider some of the trends, challenges and opportunities for private and public Universities in the next decade. The lecture will argue that there is a need for Universities to embrace social media and new technologies in ways that will radically transform teaching and learning processes. It will also propose that strategic collaboration between universities may afford an important competitive advantage in an increasingly crowded global market place. Issues of effective leadership and governance of universities, especially in the UK, Europe and USA will be highlighted along with some of the generic leadership issues associated with running effective modern universities.

Currently, Professor Alma Harris is the Director of the Institute of Educational Leadership, University of Malaya. She was Professor of Education Leadership and Pro-Director at the Institute of Education, University College London. She was a Senior Policy advisor to the Welsh Government reporting to the Minister of Education. She is a visiting professor at the University of Southampton and the Moscow Higher School of Economics. An Honorary research fellow at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. She is past President of the 'International Congress of School Effectiveness and School Improvement' and is leading a major research study on leadership and system improvement in Asia.



Effective University Leadership and Governance: The Malaysian Case by Tan Sri Professor Ghauth Jasmon

The seminar will outline the current state of University Leadership and Governance in Malaysia. Malaysia, like many other countries, is currently facing tremendous economic and social challenges after having enjoyed many decades of economic and social progress and development. Academic institutions in this country are not spared from the negative impact of the global economic uncertainties arising from the challenging times. Hence it is especially important during these challenging times that the leadership and governance of Malaysian academic institutions should be able to perform in order to see the institutions ride through the challenges successfully. The seminar will elucidate the extent of autonomy granted, governance structure and line of authority given to Malaysian academic institutions and will discuss the issues related to leadership and governance. The seminar will propose possible changes to the governing system, acts and practices that can help to achieve better progress and performance of Malaysian institutions.

Professor Ghauth Jasmon is currently a Senior Research Fellow at the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia. He was formerly the Founder President of Multimedia University and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malaya. He is currently the Board Member of International University of Malaya-Wales, Sunway University, Citibank Malaysia, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman International Advisory Council and Chairman of Elite International College. He is also a Chartered Professional Engineer of the UK and Australia, Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (UK), the Fellow of the Institute of Engineers, Australia and an Eisenhower Fellow, USA.