

International Meet on transnational Education

January 3-5, 2014
Mascot Hotel
Thiruvananthapuram



THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

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Sir / Madam,

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) is glad to invite you to an International Meet on Transnational Education from January 3 to 5, 2014 at the Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Concept Note and Programme of the Meet are attached.

We look forward to your active participation in the Meet as a delegate. A word in confirmation will be much appreciated.

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Concept Note

Internationalization is an important ingredient of the Higher Education 2.0 we are building in Kerala. An International Relations Group (IRG) set up by the Government of Kerala has been working diligently with the Universities in Kerala to foster international cooperation with foreign Universities, particularly in the US, the UK, the European Union, China, Malaysia and Singapore. Courses are being shaped and facilities are being created to attract foreign students to India and arrangements are being sought to establish exchange programs, twinning of Universities and joint degrees.

Revolutionary changes are taking place in the sphere of higher education due to the confluence of a number of factors. It is believed that education will change more in the next ten years than in the last hundred years. Economic development around the world see an increasing appetite for higher education, improved awareness and globalization of the market place leading to desire for global benchmarking and lowering costs of digital connectivity making it possible to deliver educational content around the world at costs unimaginable even a decade ago. The result is that more students are crossing borders to attain education, more universities are opening campuses outside their country and more courses are offered online with a global audience. The US President recently spoke about the desirability of the US students seeking higher education abroad.

This is both an opportunity and a challenge for practitioners and policy makers around the world. Not every issue regarding transnational education is resolved. There remain areas of uncertainty, both technological and institutional, but what must be clear to all is that transnational education is the future and status quo is no longer possible. The key is how to adapt higher educational goals and practices to this trend and benefit from globalization of education. As the quality of higher education in India matches world standards, it is possible to develop "outsourcing" facilities for education and also educational tourism as our costs will remain much lower than in the developed countries. For several countries, India could become a centre for English studies also.

The State of Kerala, in India, has a long history of taking the lead on educational issues, be it initiating school education, giving education to women, establishing universities or making higher education more affordable to the masses. The benefits of leading from the front on educational trends is here for all to see with people from Kerala able to seek employment all over the world and contribute to the economy back home. It is, therefore, both natural and imperative that we look at the emerging trends in transnational education and analyse what are the opportunities it presents to Kerala higher education sector.

It is in this context that the Kerala State Higher Education Council is proposing to organize an International Meet on "Transnational Education: Global Trends and Local Opportunities."

Objectives of the Meet

- ❖ Raise the profile of "Transnational Education" in Kerala by having an event and gathering attention of media and decision makers in higher education sector
- ❖ Bring international experts with experience in transnational education to Kerala, learn from their experience and discuss how they could be adapted to the Kerala context
- ❖ Stimulate debate on Transnational Education by learning from best practices in other countries and regions
- ❖ Discuss how Kerala could frame policy incentives to promote transnational education and benefit from it.
- ❖ Provide recommendations to the Government of Kerala and Government of India on adaptation of Transnational Education best practices

DAY ONE - 03.01.2014

8:30-9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:30-11:00 a.m.

SESSION-I: Open Education, E-Learning and Massive Online Open Courses

CHAIR: Dr. Jancy James, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala

PANEL

Prof. Lucy L Melbourne, Professor of English, Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Executive Vice President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment

Prof. Bhagavat Shonil, Director, Research Degree Programme, British Open University, UK

Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva

11:00-12:30 p.m.

SESSION II: Credit Transfer and Transnational Education

CHAIR: Dr. M. K. Abdul Khader, Vice Chancellor, Kannur University

PANEL

Prof. Barineme Beke Fakae, Vice Chancellor, Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Nigeria

Prof. Sylvia Heuchemer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Director, Centre for International Academics, University of Kerala

Dr. Maneesha V. Ramesh, Director, Amrita Centre for International Programmes (ACIP), Amrita University

12:30-1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

1:30-3:00 p.m.

SESSION III: Increasing Diversity in Classrooms

CHAIR: Dr. V. Abdul Salam, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut

PANEL

Prof. Syed Shamsul Alam, Former Vice Chancellor, Aliah University, West Bengal

Prof. Mehdi Fakheri, School of International Relations, Tehran

Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Former Director, National Law School of India University, Bangalore

Mr. Shabarinath Nair, Global Migration Expert, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Switzerland

3.00-3.30 p.m

Coffee

4.00-5.30 p.m

INAUGURAL SESSION

WELCOME

Amb.(Rtd) T. P. Sreenivasan, Executive Vice Chairman, KSHEC

INAUGURATION

Mr. Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Kerala

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mr. P. K. Abdu Rabb, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of Kerala

SPECIAL ADDRESS AND RELEASE OF THE KSHEC JOURNAL "Higher Education for the Future"

Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. P. Anvar, Member Secretary, KSHEC

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Cultural Programme

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Gala Dinner

DAY TWO - 04.01.2014

9:00-11:00 a.m.

SESSION IV: Quality Assurance in Higher Education

CHAIR: Dr. A.V. George, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University

PANEL

Dr. Stella Antony, Commissioner, Commission for Academic and Accreditation, Ministry of Higher Education, UAE

Prof. Yves Barthelemy, Paris Est University, France Prof. A.

Gnanam, Former Chairman, NAAC

Dr. Jagannath Patil, Deputy Advisor, NAAC

11:00-11:30 a.m.

COFFEE

11:30-1:00 p.m.

**SESSION V: Maintaining Standards in a Globalizing World
-Ranking of Higher Education Institutions**

CHAIR: Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Actg. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala

PANEL

Prof. Olof Linden, World Maritime University, Sweden

Prof. R.Natarajan, Former Chairman, AICTE and Former Director, IIT, Madras

Prof. Gangan Prathap, Senior Scientist, NIIST and Former Vice Chancellor, CUSAT

1:00-2:00 p.m.

LUNCH

2:00-4:00 p.m.

SESSION VI: Is Transnational Education Acceptable in Kerala?

CHAIR: Mr. M. G. Radhakrishnan, Associate Editor, India Today

THEME PRESENTATION

Prof. Lopus Mathew, Member, Executive Council, KSHEC

PANEL

Mr. E. T. Mohammed Basheer, Member of Parliament and Former Minister of Education, Govt. of Kerala

Mr. M. A. Baby, Member, Kerala Legislative Assembly and Former Minister of Education, Govt. of Kerala

Adv. K. Sivadasan Nair, Member, Kerala Legislative Assembly

4:00-4:30 p.m.

COFFEE

4:30-6:30 p.m.

SESSION VII: Role of Private Sector in Transnational Education

CHAIR: Dr. M. C. Dileep Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady

PANEL

Dr. Joppe Cramwinckel, Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Prof. S. Rajeev, Director, Asian School of Business, Thiruvananthapuram

Mr. G. Vijayaraghavan, Member, Kerala State Planning Board

Dr. G. Vishwanathan, Founder and Chancellor, VIT, Chennai

DAY THREE - 05.01.2014

9:30-11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

CHAIR: Dr. K. Jayakumar, Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Former Chief Secretary, Govt. Kerala

PANEL

Prof. Brian G McAdoo, Professor of Science and College Rector, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

Dr. Mahesh Pradhan, Chief, Environmental Education Training Unit (EETU), United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi

Dr. Scott Simkins, Director, Academy for Teaching & Learning, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, USA

Dr. Leslie Boney, Vice President for International, Community and Economic Engagement, North Carolina, USA

Dr. Guenther Straub, Professor, Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Germany

11:00 a.m.-

INTERACTION AMONG PARTICIPANTS

1:00 p.m.

CHAIR: Dr. Sheena Shukkur, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

1:00-2:00 p.m.

LUNCH

3:00-4:00 p.m.

CONCLUDING SESSION

WELCOME

Prof. R. Jayaprakash, Member, Executive Council, KSHEC

CHAIR

Amb. (Rtd) T. P. Sreenivasan, Executive Vice Chairman, KSHEC

INAUGURATION

Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala

ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS

VOTE OF THANKS

Prof. C.I. Abdul Rahiman, Member, Executive Council, KSHEC

HIGH TEA



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