

Introduction

Globalization, together with social and academic change, has created new and complex tasks for educational organizations throughout the world, especially in higher education institutions in Malaysia. Educational leaders at all levels are faced with new demands and increasingly critical challenges in the area of higher education. Informed and competent educators are therefore necessary to maintain and improve the quality in the educational system to nurture regional centers of academic excellence and to create an educational culture of intellectual, social and personal achievement. To keep abreast with the latest development of transformation in the educational field, there is a need for practitioners, scholars, administrators, policy makers and researchers to meet and discuss research findings and practical experiences, which include the creation and development of new programmes in the field of higher education. Discussions on transformation will provide useful insights to educators in helping them face challenges and obstacles of practising new approaches to education.

ACRULeT (Asian Centre for Research on University Teaching and Learning) is therefore organizing this national colloquium to provide a platform for notable speakers of education to discuss and present critical issues, concerns and recent research in the field of education transformation.

This one day colloquium is open to scholars, administrators, researchers, school practitioners, policy makers and all individuals involved in the field of education.

Objective

- ☛ To provide the latest approaches on the transformation of education.
- ☛ To raise awareness among policy makers, researchers, planners, educators, leaders of education on new approaches to promote education transformation.
- ☛ To share the impact of research and findings on education transformation.
- ☛ To identify the needs, constraints and direction of education transformation.
- ☛ To provide a platform for educators from different backgrounds and institutions to share their opinions and ideas on transformation of
- ☛ To establish and strengthen institutional partnerships between researchers and policy makers working in the field of higher education.

Program Schedule

0800 – 0830:	Registration
0830 – 0900:	Opening ceremony of National Colloquium 2011
0900 – 1030:	Plenary 1 : <i>Mr. Mechai Viravaidya</i>
1030 – 1100:	Morning tea
1100 – 1230:	Plenary 2 : <i>Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Annuar Ali</i>
1230 – 0230:	Lunch
0230 – 0400:	Plenary 3 : <i>Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim</i>
0400 – 0500:	Forum
0500 – 0530:	Closing & Tea

List of Speakers

Speaker 1

Mr. Mechai Viravaidya

For his efforts in various development endeavors, Mechai Viravaidya has been acclaimed with numerous awards, recognition, and honorary doctoral degrees as well as the United Nations Gold Peace Medal (1981), the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service (1994), one of Asiaweek's "20 Great Asians" (1995), the United Nations Population Award (1997), and one of TIME Magazine's "Asian Heroes" (2006). Mechai and PDA have recently been the recipient of the Bill and Melinda Gates Award for Global Health in 2007, the Skoll Awardees for Social Entrepreneurship in 2008, and the Prince Mahidol Award for Public Health in 2009.

Speaker 2

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Annuar Ali

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Annuar Ali, an economist and exponent of higher education, is the second Vice-Chancellor and President of Open University Malaysia. His vast experience in education has spanned for more than 30 years with a humble beginning as a tutor in the Faculty of Economics and Business at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 1973. From then on, with perseverance and dedication he rose in ranks to become the Dean of Economics in 1993 and ultimately the Vice-Chancellor of UKM on 1 May 1998. In addition to this, he was the Director of Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education (1995-1998) and Chairman of the Malaysian Examination Council (2001-2003).

Speaker 3

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim received a B.A., M.A. and a Ph.D. in 1959, 1967, and 1974 respectively from the University of Malaya. His doctoral thesis was entitled *The Beginnings of Political Extremism in Malaya 1915-1935* (1973) and was supervised by Kennedy G. Tregonning - at the time a Raffles Professor of History at the University of Malaya. He is one of the co-authors of *Rukunegara*. He is a highly regarded national academic for his views on local sports and socio-political issues. For his outstanding contributions to the study of Malaysian history, the King of Malaysia decorated him with a federal award, *Johan Setia Mahkota* (Companion of the Most Esteemed Order of the Crown of Malaysia, 3rd Class) in 1982. Till this very moment, he is active and contributing prolifically to the scholarly endeavour of history education for the younger generation in Malaysia.