

ASIA-PACIFIC STUDENT SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Institute of Student Affairs Report For the APSSA Executive Committee Meeting on 15 January 2013

Introduction

1. To enhance better coordination and planning of training work at different locations, with the consent of the APSSA Executive Committee, five Program Coordinators are appointed. They are:
 - a. Ms. Mari Taneichi, Doshisha University (JAPAN)
 - b. Mr. K. Puniamurthy, University of Malaya (MALAYSIA)
 - c. Mr. Ray Lee King Sang, The Hong Kong Institute of Education (Hong Kong SAR, CHINA)
 - d. Dr. Bella Villanueva, Roosevelt College and Organization of Student Services Educators, Inc. (PHILIPPINES)
 - e. Mr. Lin Zhendong, Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Wuhan (CHINA)

Activities Report from August to December 2012

Advanced Training Course for Student Affairs Leaders of the Hubei Province, China

2. The Huazhong University of Science and Technology, The Hong Kong Student Services Association and The Institute of Student Affairs of APSSA co-organized an Advanced Training Course for Student Affairs Leaders of Hubei Province in Hong Kong from 3 to 10 December 2012. Altogether, 24 student affairs leaders from 15 higher education institutions of the Hubei Province, China stayed in Shue Yan University in Hong Kong and engaged in a series of seminars, visitations, workshops, and panel discussions in different institutions. Themes of these sessions included “New Student Affairs Trend to Meet Challenges of the New Undergraduate Curriculum”, “Hall Life Education and Crisis Management”, “Experiential Education and Leadership Development”, “Career Education”, “Community Services for Developing Civic Mindedness”, “Student Community and Organizations” and so on. Favourable and positive feedback was received from the participants.

Planned Activities from January 2013 and Beyond

Study Visit to Kyoto for Student Affairs Practitioners

3. The Study Visit to Kyoto for Student Affairs Practitioners is co-organized by the Student Support Service Department, Doshisha University and Institute of Student Affairs, APSSA. It

is held from 17 to 19 January 2013. The theme of the Study Visit program is “Globalization in Campus Life and Student Affairs” and has the following objectives: (1) to acquire a basic knowledge of the student affairs system in Japan, with special emphasis on campus life involvement in global context, leadership development, career services, and support services for student bodies and international students; and (2) to promote intercultural understanding and exchange of knowledge, ideas and experiences between student affairs professionals from the Asia-Pacific Region and Japan.

4. The program is organized into specific themes for each day through the use of presentations, campus tours, case study and group discussion. Delegates will stay at *Keishikan* of the Doshisha University, Kyoto and will learn about the basic organization of Japanese universities first year education, campus involvement, and how career and counselling services, support services for student bodies and students with disability are delivered. Foreign delegates are encouraged to give short presentations and involve in group discussion to share experiences on good practices. Altogether, there are 26 foreign delegates from 13 institutions and 8 different countries/regions and 4 local practitioners joining the Study Visit.

Inaugural Conference on Student Affairs Governance: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities

5. The Inaugural Conference on Student Affairs Governance: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities is organised by the Student Affairs Division, University of Malaya and Student Experience Department, Taylor’s University, seeks to provide a forum for the articulation and discussion of views relating to the topic of good governance in the context of administrating student affairs and the issues, challenges and opportunities that the higher education institutions are facing in implementing it. The Conference is planned to be held from 26 to 27 February 2013 and focused on the following sub-themes/issues: (1) Setting the Stage for Student Affairs’ Good Governance: Social Consciousness and Institutional Framework; (2) Student Affairs Governance: Managing Social Media; (3) AUKU: Implications and Challenges in the Context of Students Development; (4) International Students: Managing Integration and Security Issues; (5) Students Employability: The Role of Student Affairs; and (6) Cultivating a Culture of Entrepreneurship and Volunteerism.
6. As with many issues, good governance and producing excellent graduates are dynamic, wide-ranging and constantly evolving. It is hoped that this conference will take into account the recent and most up-to-date developments of all relevant matters at the national and international levels. Around 30 local and foreign guest speakers, discussants and moderators are being invited to present and share their experiences in 5 panel sessions and 2 plenary sessions, followed by university visits and dialogue sessions.

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