



Advanced Leadership Seminar for Southeast Asia (ALS-SEA):

Leading the Whole Person Way

3-5 May, 2018

(three full days, with arrival on 2 May and departure on 6 May)

Assumption University, Suvarnabhumi Campus
Bangkok, Thailand

Rationale

Many higher education institutions in Southeast Asia are in a period of transition. This is due to the implementation of education reforms, along with the establishment of the ASEAN Community in December 2015. With the free flow of people, goods and services in the ASEAN regional integration, higher education institutions have been challenged to envision anew their role in preparing young people for a region of easier mobility, but much more competition.

Several institutions are also experiencing a change in leadership, through the appointment of new presidents or rectors and their respective teams of vice-presidents/pro-rectors, deans/directors, etc. In several United Board programs, some participants have expressed the need for leadership programs for new leaders/administrators. They shared that though they went for further studies in order to be better at their teaching and research, upon returning home they get appointed to leadership or administrative positions for which their studies had not prepared them. One described it as like “being made to jump into the ocean with not enough training or preparation.”

Put in a position above colleagues also means finding ways to motivate faculty members and students in situations where teaching and learning have become simply a routine or a chore. Some have also expressed the need for the university administration/management – e.g. the foundation board (e.g. board of trustees/directors) – to share the same vision, mission and goals in order to carry out the university’s role effectively.

This Advanced Leadership Seminar for Southeast Asia (ALS-SEA) is focused on “*Leading the Whole Person Way*.” This affirms the mission of the United Board to promote Whole Person Education (WPE), which is to develop the person intellectually, spiritually and ethically. Yet, WPE is not something that only faculty members are expected to carry out through new teaching-learning methodology. WPE should be in the overall ethos of the institution, practiced also by administrators and governing bodies, teaching and non-teaching staff.

Objective

To gather new administrators of institutions for:

- 1) sharing on issues, challenges and opportunities of higher education, following the ASEAN regional integration;
- 2) envisioning together on how whole person education can enrich the leadership of higher education institutions; and
- 3) enriching skills in human resource management, financial management, resource development, spiritual nurturance and governance in higher education.

Proposed Session Topics:

1. Learning and Leading the Whole of Me – The Leader in Me
2. Leveraging and Living the Potentials of Me – in My Position of Leadership
3. Issues, Challenges and Opportunities as well as Internationalization of Higher Education in SEA
4. Student Programs and Services Development in the Information and Digital Age
5. Human Resource Development/Management – Upgrade and Professionalization of Faculty and Staff
6. Financial Management – Mobilization
7. Spirituality and its Nurture in Higher Education
8. Good Governance and Ethics in Higher Education\
9. Strategic/Systemic Thinking and Action Planning

Expected Participants

Expected attendees are new rectors/presidents, vice-rectors/vice-presidents, representatives of foundations or boards. By “new” is meant those who have been newly appointed, or those with a longer term to serve. Institutions may nominate 2-3 participants. The United Board program team reserves the right to decide on the selection of participants based on representation and balance. Preferred number of participants is 40.

Application

The United Board will cover local costs related to the conference program and venue, including meals and snacks for the duration of the conference; as well as the cost of the accommodation in single-occupancy for 4 nights of the selected participants. Participants or their sending institutions are expected to shoulder all related travel costs.

Online application is now open at <https://goo.gl/forms/1WcxJCKJIG7hThqr2>.

Deadline of application will be **9 March 2018 (Friday)**. For any enquiry on application, please contact Ms. Sarah Wong, Program Administrator of the United Board at swong@unitedboard.org or by phone (852) 3943 9461.