Call for Papers

East Asian Cultures and Higher Education: An AEARU Workshop on the Characteristics of Higher Education in East Asia.

National Tsing Hua University (Hsin Chu, Taiwan) will be hosting a cultural workshop for members of Association of East Asian Research University (AEARU) in mid November, 2008. Focusing on the issues of how culture value and tradition affect the conceptualization and practice of higher education, the purpose of this workshop is to gather a group of social scientists who are familiar with East Asian cultures and have been involved with higher education in this region to examine how their respective cultures have influenced university education in their societies. Topics to be covered include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Policies regulating/controlling the operation of universities in East Asian countries and its manifestations educational practices.
2. Campus culture and how it reflects its sociocultural milieu.

We cordially invite faculty members and university administrators from AEARU and other affiliated institutions who are interested in these topics to join us in this workshop/seminar. We intend to solicit 10-12 papers focusing on the topics listed above and organized them into two panels for a day long workshop/seminar.

Interested persons are invited to submit an abstract (in English) of the paper to be presented and a brief resume before Aug. 15, 2008. Completed papers are due on November 1st. Formal invitation will be issued by the end of August.

Date of Workshop/seminar: November 14-15, 2008.

Venue: International Conference Center, National Tsing Hua University, Hsin Chu, Taiwan.

Agenda: Paper presentations and discussion session on November 14th. A day trip to the famous Sun-Moon Lake in central Taiwan will be organized for international participants on November 15th.

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Travel and Lodging: All participants are expected to pay for their travel to and from Taiwan, and National Tsing Hua University, as the host institution, will be responsible for lodging and meals during the two days of the workshop as well as all the cost of the day trip.