

**The 1st AUAP and IFCU Joint International Conference**  
*and*  
**the 16th AUAP General Conference**  
*on*

**“Envisioning the Universities of Tomorrow in the Age of Emerging Technologies,  
Disruption and Change”**

**November 18-21, 2018**

**Dusit Thani Pattaya Hotel, Thailand**

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## **RATIONALE**

“Our societies rely on Peace for our growths. An important aspect of our survival and progress had to do with peace initiatives, positive growths of our institutions and their impact to students who are instrumental in our futures ; in good governance, respect of human rights, freedom, trust and in adopting a dynamic intercontinental cultural understanding.” Our challenge in education is the degree to which we contribute to societal transformation.

The Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) in collaboration with the Master's Institute Development Academy and Seminary, Thailand and the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU)-France will organize the 1st Joint International Conference and the 16th AUAP General Conference with the theme “Envisioning the Universities of Tomorrow in the Age of Emerging Technologies, Disruption and Change”. It will be held on November 18-21, 2018 at the Dusit Thani Hotel Pattaya, in the resort city of Pattaya, Thailand.

The “Age of Emerging Technologies, Disruption and Change”, is generally referred to by experts as the Fourth Industrial Revolution or simply “Industry 4.0”. Some of these technologies are, artificial intelligence, large data analytics, Internet of Things or IoT, autonomous robots, 3-D printing and many more that are being developed.

This new revolution will bring about profound changes in our universities as many existing courses will become irrelevant but new courses will have to be created to produce new talents needed by our society. The way we teach these courses will also change.

### **AUAP and IFCU:**

The Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP), an international organization organized and existing under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand under the Regulations of Suranaree University of Technology with office at Suranaree Subdistrict, Muang Nakhorn Ratchasima 30000, Kingdom of Thailand and with consultation status with UNESCO. ([www.aunap.org](http://www.aunap.org))

The International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), an international organization (OING) with members in all the continents, structured and existing under the French Law 1901, having its registered office located at 21 rue d'Assas, 75270 Paris cedex 06, France, with consultative status with UNESCO and ECOSOC.

### **EXPECTED DELEGATES: 250**

- Asia-Pacific and Southeast Asia
- Middle East
- Europe
- United States of America
- Canada,
- South Africa

### **EXPECTED GROUPS TO ATTEND:**

#### **1. Educators (universities, academies, institutes, colleges, language schools):**

- Presidents/ Rectors/ Vice Chancellors
- Management units of universities
- International marketing professionals of universities, academies, institutes, universities, colleges;

#### **2. State, Private sector, Educational organizations & NGOs**

- State agencies (organization) for promotion of education for foreigners;
- Embassies
- Representatives of Ministry of Education Affairs
- Representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES/ADVANTAGES**

- Meet more than 250 Presidents of Colleges and Universities in Asia, the Pacific, Europe, Middle East, South Africa, Canada and the USA who will be coming to this event.

- **ESTABLISH** long-term solid partnerships with them through international exchange and scholarship programmes and consequently respond to students needs to a greater extent.
- **ON THIS EVENT**, a panel discussion will be held on the theme "Envisioning the Universities of Tomorrow in the Age of Emerging Technologies, Disruption and Change".
- **KEYNOTES** speakers from Asia-Pacific, Europe, Middle East, USA, Canada and South Africa have been invited. This will be followed by panel discussions to be led by prominent personalities coming from different regions of Asia and the Pacific and all around the world.
  
- **COMMENCE** academic cooperation in different research and study fields, students and tutors exchange, dual degree programmes.
- **BECOME** more competitive on international education market and increase global awareness of your institution.
- **PROMOTION** of Thai Tourism.

**Venue:** Dusit Thani Pattaya Hotel, Pattaya City, Chonburi Province, Thailand

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES:**

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**Paper Submission: August 30, 2018**

**Notification of acceptance: September 15, 2018**

**Final Paper Submission: September 30, 2018**

**Registration as participant: July - September 30, 2018**

## **PAPER SUB-THEMES:**

**“Envisioning the Universities of Tomorrow in the Age of Emerging Technologies, Disruption and Change”**

**Relevant sub-themes include but not limited to:**

1. Ensuring Access, Equity and Quality in Higher Education,
2. Greater Student Participation and Better Mechanisms in Quality Assurance in Education,
3. Strategic Job Placements, Employability and Enhancing ‘Employers-Students’ Dialogues,

4. Disparities and Accessibility Issues in Quality Education,
5. Effectively Integrating Inter-University Activities into The Curriculum,
6. Instilling Social Conscientiousness In Higher Education,
7. Conflict Resolution, Nonkilling, Change and Peace Education,
8. Creative Entrepreneurship and Change Management in The Digital Age,
9. The Role of Universities In Environmental Conservation in the 21st Century,
10. Accountability of Higher Education in Reformative Social Change,
11. Fostering Innovation and Creativity in Higher Education for the New Age,
12. Universities as Engines for Equality, Social Justice and Youth Empowerment,
13. Integrating Industry Expertise for Cutting Edge Curricula in Higher Education,
14. Enhancing Leadership and Commitment in the Universities
15. Block Chain Interventions in Higher Education
16. Artificial Intelligence and the Reshaping of Higher Education

## **GUIDELINE FOR PAPER SUBMISSION**

Papers for presentation are of two kinds: research-based and reflective kind. All papers should be around 4,000 words of text, including tables, graphs, and bibliographies.

The operating language will primarily be English. Participants should submit an abstract of no more than 300 words in English before July 30 2018. Please submit your abstracts electronically to Ms. Supaporn Chuangchid at e-mail: [supaporn@ aunap.org](mailto:supaporn@ aunap.org); [auapheadquarters@ aunap.org](mailto:auapheadquarters@ aunap.org)

We cordially invite colleagues from AUAP, IFCU and interested professionals to join the conference and submit papers. Selected papers will be scheduled for presentation at the Conference.

## **CONFERENCE SECRETARIATS:**

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