

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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It is my great pleasure and privilege to invite you to join the 31<sup>st</sup> Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific Conference (31<sup>st</sup> AUAP), which will be held on January 21-22, 2016 in Kaohsiung, the "Harbor Capital" of Taiwan. This conference is hosted by I-Shou University (ISU) and will be held at Royal Hotel, which is located at E-Da World and in the same vicinity of I-Shou University



The AUAP conference intends to create a platform for all universities that are interested in future development of higher education and related research fields. The theme of the conference is **"Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Their Roles in the Rapid Development of Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific."** We have invited distinguished guest speakers from Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and USA to share their experience and lead the discussion on how higher education institutions could expand their capacity through innovation and how they could bond themselves with local and international enterprises to support their institutional development.



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In addition to the conference, we will organize the 1st Inter-university Basketball Competition (IBC), which will be held prior to and alongside the 31<sup>st</sup> AUAP Conference, extending from January 18 to 22, 2016.

To promote the interaction among AUAP members, we will organize the "Get to Know You" session in which the universities that wish to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote further exchange in research, students, and faculty may freely choose their



potential partners and promptly establish their institutional linkages.

During your stay in our beautiful harbor city, Kaohsiung, you will discover the wide range of different natural attractions as well as the historical sites and monuments: the Love River, the bay of Xiziwan, the largest Buddhist temple in Taiwan, the Foguangshan Temple, night market and newly developed leisure parks such as the Pier-2 Art Center and the E-DA Theme Park.

On behalf of the hosting university, I warmly invite all leaders in the field of higher education to join this 31<sup>st</sup> AUAP conference at I-Shou University. We value your participation and expertise which are essential for the success of this commendable conference.

I cordially welcome you to join us in Kaohsiung for a very significant and unique event.



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