



**Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation**

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Agenda item: 4.4

## **Concept Note: APEC Higher Education Research Center**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: China



**Human Resources Development Working Group  
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**To Establish  
APEC Higher Education Research Center  
Proposal from China**

It is clearly stated in *APEC 2013 Leaders' Declaration* that efforts should be taken to “enhance the mobility of students, researchers, and education providers within APEC through the development of higher education cooperation”. Furthermore, enhancing soft connectivity such as education cooperation within APEC region has become an important topic under the theme---“strengthening comprehensive connectivity and infrastructure development” of APEC China 2014. In order to actively respond to the above requirements, China proposes to establish APEC Higher Education Research Center, by which we can further promote higher education cooperation and enhance connectivity in education among APEC economies.

**I. SIGNIFICANCE**

As a specialized organization and a platform to strengthen higher education exchanges and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, APEC Higher Education Research Center will promote mutual understanding of APEC economies in Asia-Pacific region by strengthening joint studies on higher education theories, systems, policies and practices in this region. It can also provide consultation and advice for APEC economies on higher education reform and development.

**II. AIMS**

1. collect, analyze and share information pertaining to higher education reform and development in the Asia-Pacific region, build an information exchange platform for higher education within the APEC region;
2. enhance Credit Transfer, Qualification Verification, Joint Degree Award and Higher Education Quality Assurance among APEC economies, build a platform for APEC higher education exchanges and cooperation;
3. implement joint research in the field of higher education among APEC economies, acting as a think tank to promote APEC higher education development.

**III. MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

1. establish “APEC Higher Education Leading Experts Alliance” to carry out joint researches and publish influential articles on major issues of common concern of APEC economies in higher education;
2. establish “APEC Higher Education Information Center” to share the latest higher education development and reform with APEC;
3. compose and publish *Annual Report of APEC Higher Education Development*;
4. explore ways to build a feasible system of Credit Transfer, Qualification Verification, Joint Degree Award, Higher Education Quality Assurance within Asia-Pacific economies;
5. host and organize international conference among APEC economies in the field of higher education;
6. provide consulting services to the governments, higher education institutions and organizations of APEC economies.

#### **IV. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

A management committee of APEC Higher Education Research Center will be established to give guidance and advices of its work, consisting of senior officials of Ministry of Education, university presidents, researchers and etc from APEC economies. The Secretariat of management committee will be set up in Beijing, responsible for daily operation.

#### **V. FUNDING SOURCES**

The funding sources of the APEC Higher Education Research Center are expected to come from:

1. Basic operating funds: start-up capital will be provided by China, and long-run operation will be supported by joint investment from interested APEC member economies;
2. Special funds: obtained by conducting international joint researches or relevant projects commissioned by member economies of APEC;
3. Others: income generated by providing social services etc.



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### A Proposal to Establish APEC Higher Education Research Center within APEC Economies

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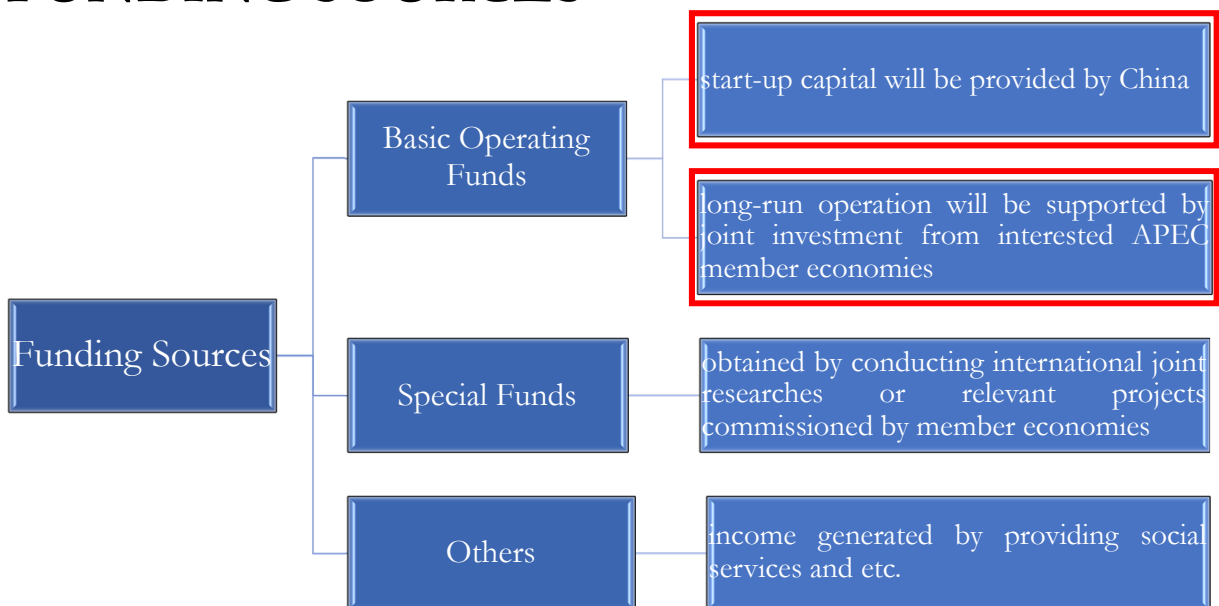
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We welcome all interested APEC member economies to join the management committee of the Center.



## FUNDING SOURCES





APEC Higher Education Research Center is also willing to collaborate with other organizations within APEC member economies.

# THANK YOU!

*Proposal from China*

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