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APEC Prize for the Promotion of Learning and Education - Draft Concept Note

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APEC Prize for the Promotion of Learning and Education

Draft Concept Note

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I. OVERVIEW

The APEC Prize for the Promotion of Learning and Education (**APPLE**) is an annual award which recognizes outstanding individuals or teams that have demonstrated excellence in education and learning with innovative approaches and methods with proven outcome and impact.

Each year the APEC host economy would suggest a theme to guide nominations for the APPLE Prize to be awarded in its host year.

II. RELEVANCE

The APPLE Prize supports APEC's mission to:

- Enhance economic growth, trade and investment opportunities in harmony with sustainable development, through policies, innovative R&D and technologies, and knowledge sharing;
- Improve linkages and efficiency between research and innovation;
- Share knowledge, experience, and skills to strengthen human resources development.

III. AWARDEES

An individual or a team of two to four people who have had outstanding performance in teaching and/or administration, with innovative methods and approaches, and proven results and impact. The selected individual or team will be awarded the prize of "**APEC Educator of the Year**".

Any citizen of an APEC member economy is eligible for the Prize. All the members nominated in a team must be citizens of any APEC member economy.

IV. PRIZE AND AWARDING CEREMONY

There will be two awardees annually:

APEC Educator of the Year: each awardee will get no less than 10,000 US Dollars and travel expenses to participate in the awarding ceremony.

The Awarding Ceremony will be held back to back with the EDNET Annual Meeting.

V. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE S

5.1 Nomination of Candidates

- The information of the APPLE Prize will be posted on the website of the APEC and also circulated through email. APEC member economies are also welcome to spread the information of the APPLE Prize through Internet and social media;
- Institutions, program teams, and educators in all the APEC member economies are welcome to apply for the APPLE Prize through EDNET focal points, more specifically, the applicants will first submit the application materials to the focal points of the EDNET;
- Each economy submit a maximum of three nominations each year.

5.2 Review and Selection by APEC Member Economies

A Review Committee will be established, through nomination of the 21 APEC economies, one member from each economy. The Review Committee will rank the top four candidates through a selection ballot.

5.3 Final Decision on the Awardees

- **An APPLE Council will be established**, composed of representatives—Host Economy Representative, EDNET Coordinator, Program Director from APEC Secretariat and representative of economy that contributes to the budget of the prize.
- The APPLE Council will make the final decision about the two winners of “APEC Educator of the Year” from the top four candidates nominated by the review committee.

VI. MATERIALS AND CRITERIA

6.1 Nomination Materials

- An introduction of the nominee or the nominee team
- CV
- A list of accomplishments in relation to the theme
- The importance of the project and the accomplishments in relation to the theme, including the beneficial population within and outside the APEC economies
- Detailed future development planning
- Evaluation of potential impact in relation to the theme

6.2 Recommendation

Three recommendation letters are required.

6.3 Supportive Materials

Relevant articles or reports, scholarship and awards ever received, pictures, videos, and any other qualitative or quantitative evidence that can prove the candidate's excellence in education and learning with innovative approaches and methods with proven outcome and impact.

VII. CRITERIA AND INDICATORS:

7.1 General

Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to excellence in education and learning innovation and impact to APEC economies through research, teaching and learning in education and development that contribute to quality and equitable education to enable people of all ages to meet the challenges of rapid changes in today's world.

7.2 Indicators

- Innovative
- Replicable
- Sustainable
- Forward-looking

VIII. SPONSOR (S)

- The sponsor could either participate in the initiative on long-term basis or on yearly basis;
- The sponsor could either be a governmental organization, non-governmental organization or a private sector agency. In the latter two cases, their participation has to be endorsed by their economy's government.