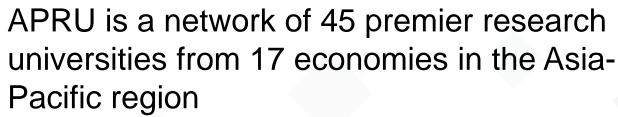
WHO WE ARE







- 140,000 faculty members and 2 million students
- Culturally dynamic and diverse
- Formed in 1997 by 4 US universities as an advisory body to international organizations, governments and business such as APEC economies.



- 1 Shaping Asia-Pacific Higher Education and Research
- 2 Creating Asia-Pacific Global Leaders
- 3 Partnering on Solutions to Asia-Pacific Challenges
 - Global Health Program (Lead: University of Southern California, Institute of Global Health)
- Multi-Hazards Program (Lead: Tohoku University, International Research Institute of Disaster Science)
- ◆ Internet Governance Program (Lead: Keio University, International Project for the Internet & Society)
- Population Ageing Program (Lead: UNSW Australia, ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research)
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- ◆ Brain and Mind Research in the Asia-Pacific



NETWORK ANALYSIS: APRU









- Diversity/specialization
- Collaborative model in place
- Interdisciplinary research, international collaboration and cross-cutting research
- Collective voices effective advocacy
- Link with APEC and other stakeholders

- Geographic spread, logistics
- Cultural and language differences – a benefit but also challenge



Opportunities

- Internationalization of trade, economic development demand for education
- Interconnected ss of the global economy working together on threats or sallenges
- Cultural bridges being built by academic institutions based on shared values around learning
- Universities increasingly asked to provide thought leadership

Threats

- Natural hazards & disasters
- Impacts of humans on the environment

Universities

- Funding pressure due to global financial setting reducing financing per student
- Increasing pressure to fulfil wider variety of roles without additional resource



APRU Multi-Hazards Program

ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC RIM Universities

- 1. Campus safety program: BCP for universities
- Contribution to international and regional discussions: AMCDRR / UNWCDRR
- 3. Education / Training: summer school to learn about the 2011 Great East Japan EQ and Tsunami
- 4. Annual symposium: Kyoto declaration









THANK YOU





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