

WHO WE ARE



APRU is a network of 45 premier research universities from 17 economies in the Asia-Pacific region

- 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

Strength

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

Challenges

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

Opportunities

- Internationalization of trade, economic development → demand for education
- Interconnectedness of the global economy → working together on threats or challenges
- 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

1. Campus safety program: BCP for universities
2. 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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