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เรื่อง	ขอเชิญเข้าร่วมการประชุมสัมมนาวิชาการนานาชาติ "International Conference on Distance		
		คณะมนุษยศาสตร์และสังคิมศาสตร์ ทะเบียนรับ	

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สิ่งที่ส่งมาด้วย Concept Note

ในโอกาสสถาปนามหาวิทยาลัยครบรอบ ๔๐ ปี มหาวิทยาลัยสุโขทัยธรรมาธิราชร่วมกับ UNESCO Bangkok กำหนดจัดการประชุมวิชาการนานาชาติ "International Conference on Distance Learning: Research and Innovation for a Digital Society" ระหว่างวันที่ ๑-๓ สิงหาคม ๒๕๖๒ ณ มหาวิทยาลัยสุโขทัยธรรมาธิราช อำเภอปากเกร็ด จังหวัดนนทบุรี โดยมีวัตถุประสงค์เพื่อส่งเสริมการวิจัย และนวัตกรรมเพื่อการเรียนรู้แบบเปิดและทางไกลที่มีคุณภาพสอดคล้องกับ SDG4 ทั้งนี้ มีการจัดให้เสนอ บทความทางวิชาการ โดยแบ่งเป็นหัวข้อย่อย ๔ หัวข้อ ได้แก่ Trends Analysis in Distance Learning, Disruptive Innovations in Distance Learning, Subject-specific Research in Distance Learning และ Lifelong Skills Development for a Digital Society รายละเอียดตามสิ่งที่ส่งมาด้วย

ในการนี้ มหาวิทยาลัยสุโขทัยธรรมาธิราช ขอเชิญนักวิจัย นักวิชาการ คณาจารย์ และ นักศึกษาระดับบัณฑิตศึกษาเสนอผลงานทางวิชาการและเข้าร่วมประชุมดังกล่าว ผู้ที่ได้รับอนุมัติจาก ผู้บังคับบัญชาสามารถเข้าร่วมการประชุมดังกล่าวได้โดยไม่ถือเป็นวันลาและเบิกค่าใช้จ่ายได้จากต้นสังกัดตาม ระเบียบราชการ ทั้งนี้ ผู้สนใจสามารถศึกษาข้อมูลเพิ่มเติมได้ที่เว็บไซต์ http://stouconference.stou.ac.th/

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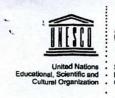
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International Conference on Distance Learning RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR A DIGITAL SOCIETY

1-3 August 2019 Nonthaburi, Thailand

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

Growing demand for knowledge and skills continues to challenge formal education systems and calls for more flexible modes of learning. In this regard, ICT in education is critical to achieve **Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4)**, which aims to ensure equitable access to quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities. In Asia-Pacific, there are concerns about the accessibility, connectivity, quality, and gaps in ICT use, and the recognition of qualifications earned through non-traditional modes of learning. In this context, distance learning must respond and accelerate progress towards inclusive access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU), one of the leading universities in Thailand, provides lifelong learning through distance education. Over 39 years, the university has created various innovations and technologies related to distance learning in order to achieve the mission of excellence as an open university. To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of STOU and to advance the SDG4-Education 2030 agenda, STOU and the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok) will co-organize the International Conference on Distance Learning: Research and Innovation for a Digital Society from 1-3 August 2019. This conference will provide a great opportunity to all attendees including lecturers, researchers, and educators to share their experiences, research expertise and best practices to promote quality open and distance education. The conference will assess the current status of distance learning, share successful initiatives and good practices regarding distance learning and explore innovative strategies, partnerships and mechanisms to promote quality distance learning, research and innovation for a digital society.

Conference objectives

The overall aim of the International Conference on Distance Learning is to promote research and innovation for quality open and distance learning in line with SDG4. In particular, the conference will focus on the following objectives:

- 1. Showcase cutting edge policies and practices on distance learning to achieve SDG4;
- 2. Enhance quality related to distance education based on the use of learning outcomes;
- 3. Strengthen the network of distance education providers in Asia-Pacific;
- 4. Develop an action plan to ensure equitable access for the most vulnerable people through improved institutional governance and strategic partnerships.

Sub-themes

To achieve SDG4, innovation is critical to help strengthen education systems, and ensure equal access to quality higher education for all. In order to address different challenges and opportunities for distance learning, the international conference will include the following subthemes:

- 1. Trends Analysis in Distance Learning This sub-theme will analyse trends for open and distance learning to promote inclusive economic, social and environmental sustainability. For example, distance education can increase access, equity, quality and relevance, and can narrow the gap between what is taught, and what economies and societies demand throughout the region. Related issues:
 - Assess the current status of open and distance learning in Asia-Pacific
 - Identify key stakeholders, policies, trends and challenges influencing distance learning
 - Analyse strategies to ensure all learners can benefit equally from quality education in line with SDG4
 - Instructional and evaluation design
- 2. Disruptive Innovations in Distance Learning Rapid and innovative technological advancements must be effectively harnessed to transform distance learning systems. For example, there is significant potential around learner data to guide online learning and improve the design and organization of courses. In this context, education and training providers must innovate to secure appropriate and ethical use of data, including safeguarding the privacy and confidentiality of students' personally identifiable information. This in turn promotes the portability and recognition of learning.
 - Highlight lessons learned from online learning innovations in Asia and the Pacific
 - Showcase practical examples of technological advancements that enhance distance learning, including the use of learning outcomes in the Asia-Pacific region
 - Explore the importance of digital learner data ecosystems (e.g. <u>Groningen</u> <u>Declaration</u>)
 - Impacts of disruptive technology on mode of teaching and learning
- 3. Subject-specific Research in Distance Learning Areas of study in distance learning include a focus on providing teachers with system-wide support for the pedagogical use

of ICT, to incentivize teachers, and to develop networks and platforms that allow teachers to share experiences and approaches that may be of use to peers and other stakeholders.

- Share best practices in diverse areas of study (e.g. agricultural studies, data science)
- Identify fields of study that distance learning can further contribute to and transform
- Assess opportunities for networks and platforms to support diverse areas of teaching
- 4. Lifelong Skills Development for a Digital Society Distance learning can contribute significantly to the development of lifelong learning systems. Effective policies and programmes are required for the provision of quality learning opportunities. These issues are especially challenging given significant implications of demographic shifts throughout the region.
 - · Explore implications of digital advancements for adult and lifelong learning
 - Research on appropriate financing and uses of technology to improve access to quality lifelong learning opportunities with a focus on aging societies
 - Analyse case studies in Asia-Pacific where distance learning has been successful
 - Application of distance learning for aging society

Expected outcomes

At the end of the conference, it is expected that the interactive sessions among open and distance education practitioners and participants will promote an understanding of best practices for research and innovation for a stronger and more cohesive digital society, as well as improving collaboration among national and international stakeholders and actors in open and distance education. An action plan will be developed in consultation with participants to support future collaboration in Asia and the Pacific with technical support from UNESCO's Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education.

Target participants

The conference will be attended by representatives from national and international higher education institutions, open and distance education practitioners and researchers, and other higher education stakeholders.

Organizers

The conference will be jointly organized by Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) and UNESCO Bangkok, Thailand.

Meeting venues and accommodation

The conference will be held at STOU's main campus in Muang Thong Thani, Nonthaburi, Thailand. There are four accommodation choices including STOU Seminar Building II (on campus), Novotel Bangkok IMPACT, Ibis Bangkok IMPACT and Best Western Plus Wanda Grand.

Tentative program

Thursday, 1 August 2019

08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.30 Opening Ceremony

09.30 - 10.30 Keynote Speech 1

10.30 - 11.00 Refreshment

11.00 - 12.00 Keynote Speech 2

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Concurrent Session 1

15.00 - 15.30 Refreshment

15.30 - 17.00 Working groups to develop innovative action plans to achieve SDG4

17.30 - 20.00 Welcome Reception

Friday, 2 August 2019

08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 10.00 Keynote Speech 3

10.00 - 10.30 Refreshment

10.30 - 12.00 Panel Discussion

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 Concurrent Session 2 and Poster Session

15.00 - 15.30 Refreshment

15.30 - 16.30 Concurrent Session 3 and Poster Session

16:30 – 17:00 Closing session: Announcement of action plans, commitments and next steps

Saturday, 3 August 2019

Cultural program (Post Conference Tour)

Speakers and Panel Discussion

The conference will consist of three keynote speakers and one panel discussion which includes three panelists and one moderator who are key resource persons in open and distance education.

Conference Fee

	Conference Fee
AAOU/ICDE Member	US\$ 220
Participant	US\$ 250
Thai Resident	THB 3,000
Thai Student	THB 1,500

For further information and to join the event, please contact:

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