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Title of Keynote

Leveraging on New Technologies and Their Impact on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

Biodata

Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Anuwar Ali, currently the President/Vice Chancellor of Open University Malaysia (OUM), has been holding the post since January 2004. OUM, the first open and distance learning institution in the country, was established in 2000 as a private university under Multimedia Technology Enhancement Operations Sdn. Bhd. (METEOR), which is a consortium of 11 Malaysian public universities. He is also the Group Chief Executive of this holding company, METEOR. Prior to the current appointment, he was the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) for a period of five years (1998-2003).

Within a span of 35 years since 1973, when he joined UKM as a tutor, he has established himself not only as an economist (in the areas of industrial planning and human resource development) but also as an academic leader. He was the first academic being posted to the Ministry of Education as its Director of Higher Education (1996-1998). Before that, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, UKM and thereafter as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs).

Currently, he is also the Chairman of the Advisory Panel of the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER); Member of the Governing Board of the International Medical University (IMU); Board Member of the Capital Market Development Fund (CMDf); and an Executive Committee Member of the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU).

His previous experience include being the Chairman of the Southeast Asian Open Learning Centre (SEAMOLEC) based in Jakarta; Member of the Griffith Asia Pacific Council (GAPC) Griffith University, Australia; Board Member of the Association of Southeast Asian Institute of Higher Education Learning (ASAIHL); Chairman of the Malaysian Examinations Council; Board Member of Bank Pembangunan Malaysia (Malaysia Development Bank); Member of the Securities Commission Malaysia; Board Member of INTI University College; Board Member of SIRIM Training Services Sdn. Bhd. and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia.

He was appointed as Economic Consultant to a number of national and international projects such as UNIDO Consultant to the Industrial Master Plan, Malaysia (1986 – 1995); UNIDO Consultant to the Industrial Development of Bhutan, 1990 – 1991; Consultant to the Action Plan for Technology Development, Malaysia and the Action Plan for Small and Medium Scale Industries, Malaysia.