4th International Conference on World-Class Universities
(WCU-4)

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Introduction

In the past decade, the term “world-class university” has become a catchphrase. Not simply because it represents excellence in teaching and research, but more importantly because it also signifies university’s capacity to compete in the age of global higher education marketplace. Consequently, many national governments have developed policies and special initiatives to promote and support the creation of “world-class university”, and an increasing number of universities have included becoming “world-class” in their mission statements and have begun implementing various measures.

It is in the above mentioned context that the 1st International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-1) was initiated and organized in June 2005 by the Center for World-Class Universities of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Subsequently, the 2nd and 3rd International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-2 and WCU-3) were convened in 2007 and 2009 respectively. These conferences have attracted hundreds of participants, including university presidents, government officials, top scholars and policy researchers, from more than 40 countries.

Contributions to previous WCU conferences are indexed in Conference Proceedings Citation Index - Social Science and Humanities (CPCI-SSH) by Web of Science. Three volumes of WCU conferences proceedings are:

WCU-1: The World-Class University and Ranking: Aiming beyond Status.
WCU-2: The World-Class University as Part of a New Higher Education Paradigm: From Institutional Qualities to Systemic Excellence.
WCU-3: Paths to a World-Class University.

The Center for World-Class Universities of Shanghai Jiao Tong University is pleased to announce that the 4th International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-4) will be held from October 30 to November 2, 2011 in Shanghai, China [arrival on October 30 and recommended departure on November 2]. The conference will again bring together researchers, university leaders, policy makers and other stake-holders from various regions to discuss major developments related directly and indirectly to world-class universities.

Theme

The theme of WCU-4 is “Different Approaches to a Shared Goal”. The conference sessions will address the issues concerning World-Class Universities from national perspective, institutional perspective and ranking perspective. The preliminary program is available at http://gse.sjtu.edu.cn/WCU/program.html.

Registration

Those who intend to participate in WCU-4 are required to register on the conference website before August 1, 2011.
Venue and Accommodation

Conference Venue
The conference will be held at the Hua Ting Hotel & Towers, Shanghai.

The Hua Ting Hotel & Towers is situated in the heart of Xu Jia Hui commercial and shopping center in Shanghai. As the five-star Expo 2010 official reception hotel, the hotel is an exquisite combination of luxury and convenience with elegant and comfortable guest rooms, quality event spaces, and a great selection of bars and restaurants. The transportation of the hotel is very convenient, which is direct access to two metro-lines (Line 1 and 4), 10 km from Hongqiao International airport, 46 km from Pudong international Airport, 10 km from Shanghai Railway Station and 3 km from Shanghai South Railway Station.

Address: No. 1200, Cao Xi Bei Road, Shanghai
Post Code: 200030
Tel: 86-21-6439 1000
Website: http://www.huating-hotel.com/en_index.asp

Accommodation
Participants of the WCU-4 are advised to stay at Hua Ting Hotel & Towers (conference venue) for the sake of convenience. The Conference organizers have booked a limited number of rooms in Hua Ting Hotel & Towers at a reduced rate. Participants who would like to stay at Hua Ting Hotel & Towers should indicate their hotel reservations in online registration form. Accommodation is not included in the registration fee and should be paid by participants directly to the hotel.

Participants can choose other hotels at their convenience and make their reservations directly with the hotel.

Contacts

For up-to-date information, please visit the conference website at:
http://gse.sjtu.edu.cn/WCU/WCU-4.htm

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