3rd International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-3)

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Introduction

Historically, universities and other higher education institutions have been always paying attention to their academic performance, prestige as well as standings vis-à-vis other institutions. In recent years, for a variety of reasons inside and outside of academia, in particular a growing acceptance that cutting-edge technologies and innovations require and come from the cutting-edge centers of research and learning, this has become a worldwide phenomenon referred to as the “world-class university”. Consequently, more and more universities see their mission and setup their long-term goals in such context while a number of national governments are taking special measures to promote and support the creation of world-class higher education institution[s].

It is in the above mentioned context that 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. Some 30 university presidents, policy experts and researchers were invited to present their views on international, national and institutional developments relevant to this phenomenon. The 2nd International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-2) was convened in November 2007 by the Center for World-Class Universities of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. About 100 participants from more than 30 countries, including representatives of international organizations, presidents of world-known universities and scholars on international higher education, had attended this meeting.

The Center for World-Class Universities of Shanghai Jiao Tong University is pleased to announce that the 3rd International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-3) will be held from 2 to 4 November 2009 in Shanghai, China [arrival on 1 November and recommended departure on 5 November 2009]. The conference will 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.

Themes

Theme 1: The Role of World-Class Universities in National Systems;

Theme 2: Institutional Practices of Building World-Class Universities;

Theme 3: Theoretical and Historical Aspects of World-Class Universities;

Theme 4: World-Class Universities from the perspective of ranking and classification

Special Event

WCU-3 will include a special session during which will be presented by Center for World-Class Universities of Shanghai Jiao Tong University the following rankings:
- Academic Ranking of World Universities – 2009;
- Academic Ranking of World Universities by Broad Subject Fields – 2009; and
- Academic Ranking of World Universities by Subject Fields – 2009 [new ranking by subject fields, proposed subject fields for 2009 include chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering, and economics].
Registration

Those who intend to participate in the Conference are required to fill the Registration Form and email to the Conference Secretariat by August 1, 2009.

Registration Fee

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The registration fee for participant includes admission to all conference sessions, conference proceedings, coffee-breaks, lunches, welcome reception, conference dinners, souvenirs, and sightseeing, but does not include the cost of accommodation. The registration fee for accompanying person includes lunches, welcome reception, conference dinners, souvenirs, and sightseeing, but does not include the cost of accommodation. Accompanying persons who wish to join the academic session should be registered and pay the fee as participants and pay the full registration fee.

Payment Method

Participants are recommended to pay the registration fee through bank transfer. Transactions can be made in EURO’s or US dollars. Our account information is as follows:

Name: SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY  
A/C: 044544-8500-00793828093001  
Bank: Bank of China, Shanghai Grand Gateway Sub-Branch  
Bank Add: No.1 Hong Qiao Road, Shanghai, China  
Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ300

Please indicate clearly payment is registration fee for WCU-3, and your name and nationality on your bank transfer. In order to trace your payment, please provide the Conference Secretariat with the date of your bank transfer and bring a copy of your receipt for remittance with you to the Conference registration desk.

Only cash payment will be accepted for on-site registration. Neither personal checks nor credit cards will be accepted for on-site registration due to technical reasons.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be emailed to the Conference Secretariat. Refund of registrations fees will be as follows:
- Up to and including August 31, 2009: 100% refund (less €80 or US$100 handling fee)
- From September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009: 50% refund
- No refunds will be given for cancellations received after September 30, 2009

Venue and Accommodation

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the Jiangong Jinjiang Hotel, Shanghai.
The Jiangong Jinjiang Hotel is ideally located in the center of Xujiahui, one of the most sophisticated commercial and shopping center of Shanghai. The Hotel is about 50 Km from the PuDong International Airport and 12km from the HongQiao International Airport. With the nearby station of the Shanghai subway system (Line 1, Xujiahui Station, Shanghai Metro Map), the hotel has easy access to almost all the important commercial, business and shopping districts of Shanghai. There are dozens of excellent bars near the hotel.

Address: No. 691, Jianguo Xi Road, Shanghai
Post Code: 200030
Tel: 86-21-64155688

Accommodation
Participants of the WCU-3 are advised to stay at Jiangong Jinjiang Hotel (Conference’s venue) for the sake of convenience. The Conference organizers have booked a limited number of standard rooms at a reduced rate (500 RMB, approx. €56 or US$74 per night according to current exchange rate, breakfast included). Participants who would like to stay at Jiangong Jinjiang Hotel should indicate their hotel reservations in the Registration Form. Accommodation is not included in the registration fee and should be paid by participants directly to the hotel.

Those who would like to stay at other hotels should make their reservations directly with the hotel and inform the Conference Secretariat.

Working Language
The language of the conference will be English.

Contacts
For more information, please visit the website of WCU-3 Conference at:
http://gse.sjtu.edu.cn/WCU/WCU-3.htm

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See you in Shanghai in November 2009!