

First Circular Announcement and Call for Papers
8th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society
of Asia (CESA)

*Education at the Dawn
of the New Decade:
When the Quality and Sustainability
Movements Converge*

in Celebration of
the 55th Anniversary of the Establishment
of the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University
Bangkok, Thailand
8-11 July 2012

CONFERENCE THEME & SUB-THEMES

The newest decade of the 21st century has been characterized by very rapid and at times drastic changes in socio-economic, political, scientific and technological, as well as philosophical, ethical and moral domains worldwide. Although the changes and their impacts are more pronounced in western and developed countries, the wind of change has been felt even in the developing regions of the Asia-Pacific. Many, if not all, countries have enthusiastically responded to these changes by undertaking highly crucial reforms at the national level. This has resulted in a series of reform schemes that have touched on politics, economics, finance, bureaucratic systems, and education.

Changes that have occurred have important implications for reforms in the organization and content of education and schooling. Education, or more to the point quality education, is, in turn, seen by countries as a powerful potential change agent that should be proactive rather than just reactive for the betterment of the social, economic, and political environment. In addition, there has been a shift in paradigm from a concentration on economic development to that of sustainable development. The latter is development that not only generates economic growth but distributes its benefits equitably; that regenerates the environment rather than destroys it; that empowers people rather than marginalizes them. It is the type of development that gives priority to the poor, enlarging their choices and opportunities and providing for their participation in decisions that affect their lives. This paradigm shift has major implications for the way in which countries view the role of education and schooling in the development process. And the ultimate aim of those education reforms is the sustainability of the nations, which will enable them to develop as a nation of wealth, stability, and dignity and with the ability to compete with other countries in the world community.

Considering the need to face a perpetually changing world of education and training, the conference will explore avenues for adapting to the diverse changes for the ultimate aim of quality education and sustainability under the following thematic streams:

- Contemporary Issues and Trends in Comparative Education
- Internationalization
- 'Asianness' in the 21st Century
- Promoting and Improving Basic Education
- Teacher Education and Development
- Current Issues in Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation
- Women, Girls and the Disadvantaged
- Ethics, Values, Culture
- Quality and Relevance of Education
- Education for the World of Work
- Preventative Education
- Education for Peace and International Understanding
- Restructuring and Reforming of Secondary Schooling
- Delivery Systems
- Cultural and Social Dimensions vs. Individual Needs
- Higher Education
- Quality Assurance and Reform
- Language Education
- Non-Formal Education
- Aesthetic Education

- Qualifications and Characteristics of Teachers and Students
- Global Issues and Education

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The conference organizers are the Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA) and the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Official events of the Eighth Comparative Education Society of Asia Biennial Conference will be held at the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Phayathai Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Day 1 (8 July 2012)

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| 1300-1600 | Registration |
| 1530-1700 | CESA Board of Directors' Annual Meeting |
| 1730-1930 | Exclusive Welcome Reception for CESA Board of Directors & Invited Guests |

Day 2 (9 July 2012)

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| 0800-0900 | Registration |
| 0900-1030 | Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speech I |
| 1030-1045 | Coffee Break |
| 1045-1230 | Panel Discussion I |
| 1230-1330 | Lunch |
| 1330-1430 | Panel Discussion II |
| 1430-1445 | Coffee Break |
| 1445-1700 | Parallel Sessions |
| 1730-1930 | Welcome Reception for All Conference Participants |

Day 3 (10 July 2012)

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| 0800-0900 | Registration |
| 0900-1000 | Keynote Speech II |
| 1000-1015 | Coffee Break |
| 1015-1200 | Panel Discussion III |
| 1200-1300 | Lunch |
| 1300-1530 | Parallel Sessions |
| 1530-1545 | Coffee Break |
| 1545-1630 | Wrap-Up Session & Closing Ceremony |

Day 4 (11 July 2012)

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| 0800-1200 | School Visit (s) |
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1. A workshop on Comparative Education Research Methods to be conducted by a leading international authority has tentatively been scheduled from 1330 to 1530 on 8 July 2012.
2. The Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, will be celebrating the 55th anniversary on 10 July 2012 with a Buddhist religious ceremony as early as 6:30 in the morning. Conference participants are invited to observe or participate in the ceremonial activities, including morning monk offerings and other merit making ceremonies.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Welcome Reception

The welcome reception for all conference participants will be held at the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University. Light dinner will be served and a cultural show will be the highlight of this event.

Cultural/Optional Program

A selection of optional tours at special conference rates, which highlight unique aspects of Thai culture, history, and religion, will be arranged upon request at the end of the conference program.

School Visit

School visits will be arranged for a limited number of participants during the conference. School visits include observation of classes and activities at one notable school in Bangkok (TBA) and/or the two laboratory schools affiliated with the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, located nearby the conference venue.

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Proposals for conference presentations are invited from scholars and practitioners working in, supporting or researching comparative education as well as all other related areas. Your conference presentation can take one of several forms, which are described below. When you submit your proposal, please make sure you include your name, address, institution, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, the names and institutional affiliations of all presenters/authors, and the title of your proposed paper or session.

The full papers having met the requirements of the journal *Asian Education Journal*, after careful reviewing, will be published in the periodical in the order of their submission.

Refereed and non-refereed academic papers (Parallel Session)

Papers submitted individually (not as part of a panel or symposium) will be grouped thematically by the conference programming committee. Paper sessions provide authors with an opportunity to formally present their papers, followed by critique and discussion. Paper sessions will be allotted a total of approximately 90 minutes. Each paper session has three presenters. Therefore each presenter has about 20 minutes to deliver his/her paper, and 10 minutes for critique and discussion.

Deadline: Refereed paper full manuscripts: 18 May 2012.

Non-refereed paper 250 word abstracts: 18 April 2012.

Symposium (Parallel Session)

Symposia provide a less-structured venue for examining problems or topics in comparative and international education from a variety of perspectives. Symposia may present alternative solutions, interpretations, or contrasting points of view on a specified problem or topic or in relation to a common theme. The focus in symposia should be on discussion and interaction among presenters and audience members. While the total number of presenters is not limited, we will allocate approximately 90 minutes divided as necessary among presenters for these sessions.

Deadline: Symposia proposal abstracts (500 words): 18 May 2012.

Panels (Parallel Session)

Panels are proposed by a single participant around a common subject or theme. Formal papers are presented, followed by discussion. Panels will be allotted approximately 90 minutes, which will be divided as necessary among presenters in the panel. The panel proposer will be responsible for introductions of the panel members and the topic.

Deadline: Refereed paper panels (Full manuscripts of each paper to be presented): 18 May 2012.

Non-refereed paper panels (250 word abstract for each paper to be presented): 18 April 2012.

Country Reports (Parallel Session)

Country reports are opportunities for delegates to describe and discuss development, issues and problems in the education development in one particular country. Country reports should be proposed by a single participant, and list details of all proposed participants and the issues to be covered. Three country reports will be grouped within a single 90 minute session, allowing 30 minutes for each report.

Deadline: Country Report Proposal (250 words): 18 April 2012.

Posters

A poster allows a teacher, administrator or researcher to present on some topic related to one of the subthemes. Presenters produce a paper that shows the main features of their topic, and during the poster session the presenter is available to discuss the work with visitors to the poster session (tentatively scheduled during coffee/lunch breaks). Poster dimensions will be detailed in the final announcement.

Deadline: Poster Proposal Abstract (250 words): 18 April 2012.

Please submit abstracts and manuscripts to the address below either by E-mail in electronic format using a recent version of Microsoft Word, fax, or air mail.

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REGISTRATION AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

Registration: Please visit <http://cesa2012.edu.chula.ac.th> to register for the conference. You can also register by using the paper Registration Form. Please use one form for each person to register. Please type or print clearly, completing the form in full, and send it together with your payment to:

Conference Secretariat
Office of Foreign Affairs
Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University
Phyathai Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand
Fax: +66 2216 8805 E-mail: intered@chula.ac.th

Registration Fees:

All prices are in US dollars.

| | Before 1 April 2012 | 2 April- 6 July 2012 | At the conference |
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| Thai students | 50 | 75 | 80 |
| Foreign students | 130 | 150 | 160 |
| CESA members/local participants | 150 | 200 | 210 |
| Foreign participants | 200 | 250 | 260 |

NB Special rate is available to group registrants. Please contact the Conference Secretariat.

The registration fee covers:

- Entry to all Conference sessions, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- A bag containing Conference materials
- Refreshments and lunches during the conference
- Receptions according to the program.
- Complimentary school visits (TBA)

Cancellation Policy:

Written notice of cancellation must be mailed or faxed to the Conference Secretariat by 1 April 2012. The registration fee will be refunded with a 50% reduction. No refund for cancellation after 1 April 2012.

Methods of Payment:

Registration fees must accompany all Conference registrations. Payment should be made in advance, in US dollars, in one of the following ways:

- Banker's Draft, which should be sent together with the registration form, should be purchased at your bank and made out in US dollars to 'Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, for CESA 2012.' Please do not forget to endorse or cross the draft and send it by registered mail. We regret that we are unable to accept personal cheques, company cheques or Eurocheques.

- Bank transfer to the Account No. 939-0-04186-2, Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited, Siam Square Branch, Bangkok 10330, Thailand.

- Credit Card holders of American Express, Visa or MasterCard/Eurocard may use their cards for the registration. Please indicate the name of cardholder, number and expiry date on the Registration Form.

For students, a copy of valid certificate should be sent together with payment.

Confirmation Letter:

Registration will be confirmed ONLY when payment has been received by the Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. In order to receive a confirmation or registration by e-mail, please make sure to indicate the e-mail address on the registration form. Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment. The confirmation letter will include your registration number and other important information. Remember to bring this confirmation letter to Bangkok. The confirmation letter is required (along with proof of identification, such as a passport) to receive your conference badge, bag, and documents.

Conference Language:

The official language of the Conference will be English.

ACCOMMODATION

Please visit the Conference web site: <http://cesa2012.edu.chula.ac.th> to make hotel reservations. Confirmation will only be sent upon receipt of payment of the deposit.

Participants are requested to settle their own hotel bills directly. All hotels require a cash deposit of one night's accommodation or credit card number to secure the room. Please contact the hotel of your choice for details.

The following hotels offer a special discount on hotel rates for Conference participants. Please inform the hotel that you are a conference participant. However, the hotels reserve the right to amend any of the rates indicated if changes in circumstances so require. All hotels are either in the vicinity of Chulalongkorn University or within walking distance to the Conference venue. For transportation between Bangkok International Airport and the hotel of your choice, please contact your hotel directly.

1. Sasa International House (www.sasin.edu/life/accommodation.html)
2. Montien Hotel, Bangkok (www.montien.com/bangkok)
3. Pathumwan Princess Hotel (www.pprincess.com)
4. Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square (www.novotelbkk.com)
5. Asia Hotel Bangkok (www.asiahotel.co.th/thai/bangkok)
6. The Siam Heritage (www.thesiamheritage.com)