

AeU set in Asia by Asians for Asia

ASIA e University (AeU) is unique university set up six years ago when representatives from the 32 Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) governments unanimously accepted Malaysia's proposal to have it implemented at the 5th ACD Ministerial Meeting held in Qatar on May 23-24 of 2006. It is historically reflected in the Doha ACD Declaration:

"We agree to support the successful implementation of Asia e University (AeU) as an instrument for human capacity building, closing the digital divide, increasing higher education accessibility, and spearheading e Education efforts for the benefit of all member

countries." In the brief space that followed till the present, a span of just over six remarkable years, "AeU has established its reputation as an acclaimed online distance learning (ODL) institution with a forward thinking, market-driven, quality educational cross-border agenda.

"The flexibility to learn as you earn makes online learning very appealing," said the university's President and Chief Executive Officer Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed, AeU is a flexible-mode international university set in Asia by Asians for Asia firmly supported by the 32 Asian member countries.

It is leveraging on the

strengths and opportunities of each nation and it is targeted specifically towards human capital development, alleviating poverty and improving the quality of life in general.

At the 1st ACD Summit held in Kuwait on October 2012, AeU was declared as the best ACD Project.

It is also the main facilitator of the Asian Credit Transfer System (ACTS) which facilitate mutual credit transfer, accreditation and recognition of degrees among Asian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

● Turn to Page D5, col 1

● From Page D4

Flexible, Quality, Relevant & Personalised

Through collective expertise and strategic links with educational partners, AeU is aiming to deliver programmes that focus on flexibility, quality, relevance and personalised learning.

AeU's cross-border and cross-culture programmes had attracted over 700 PhD and 1300 Master's students from Malaysia, Bahrain, India, Vietnam, Indonesia and other countries.

A wide range of choices are given to AeU's learners namely practical education in management, education and information technology.

The most popular programmes include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), MBA and Master of Education.

Faculties/Schools

All academic programmes are accredited by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) under Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE). Students are able to study them fully online or with blended learning; a combination of online and face-to-face classes.

Assessment is flexible with a practical combination of 60 percent assignment and 40 percent examination – ensuring that its more practical rather than theory based. AeU also is one of the few universities allowed to practice Open Entry Systems.

School of Graduate Studies (SGS)

SGS is a one-stop centre for graduate students and researchers worldwide and in Malaysia it helps students in independent research with the guidance of supervisor(s) and workshops as well as personalised support. PhDs in Business Administration, Education, ICT and Arts are available.

Other programmes offered are Industrial Doctorate (IndD), Master of Science Management by Research, Master of Social Science by Research and Master of Humanities & Arts by Research.