

Workshop on Enriching the Ministry of Higher Education's Concept Papers

IPPTN was recently requested by the Ministry of Higher Education to prepare five concept papers related to higher education. The institute subsequently formed five committees comprising several researchers from public and private institutions of higher learning to discuss and prepare the following papers.

1. Consolidating Research in Public Institutions of Higher Learning (IPTAs)
2. Assigning Niche of Public Institutions of Higher Learning (IPTAs)
3. Restructuring Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs)
4. Study of the Competitiveness of selected Faculties of Universities in Asia
5. Study of the Competitiveness of Graduates of Local Institutions of Higher Learning vis-a vis Graduates of Foreign Universities

In order to enrich the papers before they were presented to the Ministry, a workshop was conducted for two days at Grand Plaza Parkroyal, Penang from 30 November to 1 December 2005 gathering all committee members involved in the preparation of the papers and representatives from various public and private institutions of higher learning.



Caption

The workshop, which was chaired by IPPTN's director, Professor Morshidi Sirat, was attended by 42 participants. The Vice Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia, Professor Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak and the Head Assistant Director of Higher Education Department, Ministry of Higher Education, Encik Mohd. Anuar Mohd. Zainun, were also present.

Following presentations by each committee chairman, various proposals and plans were put forward by the participants to strengthen the concept papers. The five concept papers were duly revised after the workshop session and forwarded to the Ministry.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Skills & Competencies in
Education **2005**



Date: 29 & 30 November 2005
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Objectives

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- To revisit and review the meaning of skills and competencies in education and industries.
- To provide practical and theoretical insights into the links between education, students and the workplace.
- To instill interest among educators on the development of skills among students.

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School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia.

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