“Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Educational Development” Network (A-A Dialogue)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION
This paperwork sets the framework that will be deployed for carrying out the research plan meeting and seminar of A-A Dialogue. The paperwork details the objectives, activities, and budget for the meeting and seminar which is proposed to be held in Universiti Sains Malaysia on 22nd to 26th of March 2009.

2.0 BACKGROUND OF A-A DIALOGUE
The name of the organization is the “Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Educational Development” Network which is to be referred as “A-A Dialogue”. The School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia is one of the members of the organization which consists of 16 universities from the African continent, 5 Asian universities (including Universiti Sains Malaysia) and 7 Japanese universities.

The purpose of the “A-A Dialogue” is to promote a self-reliant approach to educational development by organizing opportunities for research, faculty and student exchanges, and other activities through dialogue and collaboration among African and Asian universities, research centers, and other relevant institutions. USM is one of the institutions which are the founding members for this Network which has participated in the “Africa-Asia University Dialogue for Basic Education Development”. This project was jointly conducted by African and Asian Universities (including USM) in cooperation with the UNESCO and JICA from 2004 to 2007.
This network was officially established with signed letters of agreement to the Statutes received from African’s and Asian’s members including Universiti Sains Malaysia, to form the founding membership. The first General Assembly was conducted in Hiroshima between 2-4 June 2009 to discuss the following agenda:

1. Management issues such as election of the Secretary
2. Action Plan for financial sources
3. Composition of research groups and draft of initial research plans

Based on the General Assembly agreement, 3 research groups were established to carry out research collaborations of different research themes. USM will lead Group C which will focus on Teacher Professional Development. The road map agreed upon by all members of the group has designated the research plan meeting to be planned and organized by the School of Education Studies, USM in March 2010.

2.0 AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The overarching aim of the meeting is to develop a comprehensive research conceptual framework, milestone, budget and research activity of the research project on teachers’ professional development among pre-service and in-service teachers in Africa and Asia. The meeting will also discuss the approach to international research collaboration and the dissemination of the research findings. In addition, the meeting will also include a one day Seminar on Asia-Africa Education Development to bring a comparative perspective of education in Asia and Africa in a global context. Specifically, the objectives of the meeting are:

1. To discuss research issues that are significant to study in relation to teachers’ education development in Africa and Asia.
2. To get consensus on the research conceptual framework for research collaboration among the members.
3. To find effective strategies and mechanisms for research activities and dissemination of the research findings on teachers’ education program in Africa and Asian.
4. To have a seminar on educational development between Africa and Asian countries.
5. To have a short visit to education institutions in Malaysia including schools, teacher training institutions and the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics (SEAMEO RECSAM).
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This will be a 5 day program consisting of 3 main activities: (a) The research planning meeting (3 days); (b) A seminar on educational development; (c) School and educational institutions visits. We are also trying to bring people from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) and other educational institutions to provide relevant input.

The detail of program itinerary as follow:

(see C/W Program)

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