AIEA Forum Detailed Schedule and Session Descriptions

Day One (November 12, Thursday)

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Welcome Luncheon

Welcoming remarks from forum host - Dr. Hong Yang - Vice President for International Affairs, Bryant University; 2015 AIEA Neal Presidential Fellowship Recipient. Welcome and introducing keynote speaker

Keynote speech “Engaging Asia: Opportunities and Challenges for SIOs” - Dr. William Brustein - Vice Provost for Global Strategies and Global Affairs, Ohio State University; former President of AIEA, 2015 AIEA Neal Presidential Fellowship Mentor

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Session I: The Dynamics of East and South Asian Education Systems

Chair: Dr. Duleep Deosthale, Co-founder & Vice President, Admission Table

Lectures and panel discussion will cover the current changes happening in East and South Asian educational systems. It will explore what kind of students are evolving in this new atmosphere and discuss how SIOs may want to adapt their strategies in this changing environment.

Panelists:
Mr. Steve Barclay (Director, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office of New York)
Dr. Jongsung Kim (Professor of Economics, Bryant University)
Dr. Duleep Deosthale, Co-founder & Vice President, Admission Table

3:30pm – 3:45pm – Break – A consortium of Asian tea and coffee

3:45 - 5:45 PM

Session II: Student Recruitment and Student Mobility

Chair: Mr. John Eriksen, Director, International Admissions, Bryant University

Experienced international admission professionals will share their knowledge of recruiting in East and South Asia. They will also delve into exchange programs and their impact on the institution, both on campus and overseas. A discussion panel will address the participants’ questions and talk about some of the different strategies they have for different Asian countries.

Panelists:
Mr. Kongli Liu (Associate Director, U.S.-China Institute at Bryant University)
Mr. John Eriksen (Director, International Admissions, Bryant University)
Ms. Tricia M. Bergantino (Assistant Dean of Admissions, Providence College)
6:00pm – 8:00pm – Dinner Reception and Networking

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6:30pm - Welcome remarks by Honorable Ronald K. Machtley, President, Bryant University

Dinner Reception, networking, and Traditional Asian Musical Performances by Bryant students

Day Two (November 13, Friday)

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Session III: Challenges for Asian Students in American Universities

Chair: Dr. Ronald Suleski, Professor and Director, Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies

A lead speaker and panel will cover the challenges many Asian students face in assimilating into the communities of U.S. universities. In order to get an overall assessment of what the challenges are and how to address the challenges, the session will cover the topic from different perspectives including faculty, the students, student affairs staff, and the supporting staff of the university. This session will also cover some unique programs that universities can implement in order to better assimilate their international population.

Panelists:
Dr. Mailee Kue (Executive Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Bryant University)
Dr. Ronald Suleski (Professor and Director, Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies)
Dr. Mariko Itoh Henstock (Director of Outreach & Co-Curricular Activities for Japanese, Boston University)
Bryant International Students

10:35 – 10:45am – Break - A consortium of Asian tea and coffee

10:45 - 12:00 PM

Session IV: Permanent Presence in East and South Asia (Branch Campuses & Centers)

Chair: Dr. Hong Yang, Vice President for International Affairs, Bryant University

Speakers and a discussion panel will cover topics that SIOs need to be knowledgeable about and different models of permanent presence in Asia. Speakers and panelists will share their experience in preparation, operation, and outlook of their own collaborations, ranging from Intellectual property rights, academic freedoms, governance, accreditation, and government relations.

Panelists:
Dr. William Brustein (Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Ohio State University)
Dr. Duleep Deosthale (Co-founder & Vice President – Admission Table)
Dr. Hong Yang (Vice President for International Affairs, Bryant University, Director – U.S. China Institute & Confucius Institute, Bryant University)

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Concluding Lunch

Keynote speech with support from the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program, which is funded by The Henry Luce Foundation and The Starr Foundation


1:30 – 8:00 PM

Optional Cultural Trip to Newport, RI

The U.S. – China Institute will offer an optional half day trip to Newport, Rhode Island, to explore one of the state’s most renowned cultural sites and its historical connection to Asia. The trip will conclude with a seafood dinner.

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